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Elder G. W. Reaser
Loma Linda, near Redlands, California

Dear Brother:

I was very glad to receive your letter, which was forwarded to us from Loma Linda. You will receive an answer to it just as soon as my workers have time to copy it. Just now they are busy getting off the Australia mail.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 1*

My labors in Southern California taxed my strength to the utmost. I feel very tired all the time, but I trust that this will soon pass away. On reaching home, we found that our housekeeper Sister Mason was sick at the sanitarium and for some time had been unable to do the work of the house. My workers were very glad that I had brought Sister Hannaford with us to take her place. We believe that she is an earnest Christian woman, and I am glad that we can have her as matron of our home. She, too, is pleased to be here.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 2*

On the cars, on my journey homeward, I had a very precious experience. It was a season of perfect peace and trust and confidence in God. I felt so sensibly the peace of Christ in my heart, and the rest that His presence brings, that for a time I had no desire to sleep. The everlasting arms seemed to be around me, and I had the assurance in my soul that we should be kept from accident and harm. This was a blessed assurance to me.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par.*

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All night I was happy and restful; and although in the morning we had to change cars, the peace of Christ remained with me. This peace and joy I wish to express, not only in my words, but in my life. I realized the fulfilment of the precious promises: “At even time it shall be light.” [*Zechariah 14:7.*] “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” [*Psalms 91:1.*]*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 4*

A few days after we reached home, Brother Metcalfe Hare and wife arrived from Australia. They have been connected for several years with the health food manufacturing work at Avondale. On the voyage Brother Hare contracted erysipelas and was obliged to go to the sanitarium for treatment. He has recovered again and has returned to our home.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 5*

There have been many perplexities to meet since our return—perplexities that have kept me awake at night. But troubles will come, and we cannot prevent them. We need to watch and pray and walk constantly by faith. The Lord is the One on whom alone we can safely rely.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 6*

I was very thankful to read your letter, for it seemed to me that it sounded the right note. I believe, Brother Reaser, that you are coming to the place where the Lord would have you be. As you seek the Lord for light, He will be found of you.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 7*

There is danger that in these times the people of God will become absorbed in worldly plans and thus lose their connection with Him. Their thoughts become diverted from heavenly to earthly interests, and they cannot give the trumpet the certain sound, so important for it to have at this time. O so many among us have been unfaithful, and their light is languishing and apparently going out. God has instructed me to present their dangers before His people.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 8*

In the message to the church at Ephesus, Christ is represented as holding the seven stars in His hand and walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks. He is represented as “walking” among them, thus illustrating His constant diligence in behalf of His church. [*Revelation 2:1.*] He that keepeth Israel neither slumbers nor

sleeps. Nor does He become indifferent. These figures are to be carefully studied by the undershepherds, and faithfully applied to their own experience, that they may not lose sight of their great privilege of securing light from the Source of all light and giving it in turn to those for whom they labor.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 9*

If left to the care of those who, while professing allegiance to God, know not the time of their visitation, the light of the candle, or church, will go out in darkness. He who is a true watchman in this time of peril will work with tireless vigilance. He will keep faithfully the courts of the Lord's house.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 10*

Christ, the true Watchman, is the example for all. It is the duty of our workers to seek earnestly to comprehend the progressive work He has outlined for His people. The work is to be established in many places, and Christ is bidding the workers to come into line. They must not be content to see the work of the third angel's message languish, while worldly schemes and interests take up their time and attention.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 11*

The church of Thyatira is represented as full of zeal and activity; but her charities and zeal are endangered by false teachers. This is our danger today. We need now to arouse and let our labors be marked with far greater earnestness than they have been. The Lord's care of His church is shown in the words of the prophet: "I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment; lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day." [*Isaiah 27:3.*] The same diligence and zeal are to be revealed in the labors of those who are His representatives. To those who work in faith and self-sacrifice, the promise is given, "A little one shall become a thousand, and a [small] one a great nation." [*Isaiah 60:22.*]*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 12*

We must hold up before the churches God's great mirror; and as we do so, we need to examine our own lives in its light. Let us give strict attention to the danger signals that are presented to our notice from time to time. Ever bear in mind, Brother Reaser, that man is not to learn his duty of his fellow men. If he does this, his light will surely go out. This is our great danger at the present time.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 13*

The great Husbandman does not localize. He cares for all His

churches alike. Some lines of the work have [not] been moving forward because of limited resources. In some places the cause is struggling for an existence. The “few names” in Sardis, the “little strength” in Philadelphia, forbid that we make any outlay of means that is not positively necessary. [*Revelation 3:4, 8.*] The seeds of truth are to be sown; the missionary settlements are to be tenderly guarded and faithfully supported; the unlettered and lowly are to be given encouragement and help. Not one line of the work is to be bound about or hindered. In every place the shepherds are to watch for souls as they that must give an account. The prayers of all are to unite for the success of the cause of truth. And the Husbandman, with patience and discrimination, will care for the seed sown.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 14*

Later. It is New Year’s Evening. Sara has just come in with your last letter. As I read it, Elder Reaser, my heart was deeply moved; and I wept, and said, Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! My heart was filled with a great joy as I read of your effort to place yourself in right relation to God and His work. I have cause to rejoice that while some are lapsing into apostasy, which almost breaks my heart, others are finding their way to the light. Your letter means much, very much to me; it has lifted a tremendous burden from my heart. I believe that the terrible spell is now broken. I had fully accepted your first letter; but this last, I verily believe, you were moved by the Spirit of God to write. Coming on the first day of this new year, it has made my heart glad. I cannot find words in which to express my gratitude to God.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 15*

Your statement that you feel that you should not be on any of the sanitarium boards I do not fully agree with. Your voice is to learn to give the right note of counsel and advice in unison with your brethren; and this you will be enabled to do if you continue to press to the light.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 16*

Brother Reaser, you can do a grand work for the Lord in Southern California if you will work in His way. Be assured that we will stand with you as you seek to carry out the Lord’s plans in His way. When we receive the meekness of Christ, and labor in His lines, our influence as laborers together with God will tell decidedly for the truth.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 17*

“Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye justice and do judgment; for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the Son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.²³*LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 18*

“Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself unto the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from His people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant; even unto them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters. I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the strangers that join themselves unto the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of My covenant; even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted upon My altar; for Mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people. The Lord God, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.” [*Isaiah 56:1-8.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 19*

Elder Reaser, we have not one worker to spare. We have felt pained at heart as we have seen you placing yourself where you were in danger of sowing strange seed. O how I feared for the results, if you should refuse to accept the light God was sending you. But rest assured that if you will work in harmony with your brethren, we will draw in even cords. If God’s servants will walk humbly with Him, they will see of His glory.²³*LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 20*

The Lord will be your helper as you seek to correct those things for which the Lord has reprov'd you. His grace will enable you to see matters in the right light. And if you will make clean and thorough work in your own life, the Lord will make of you a worker through whom He can recover others who stand in the same dangerous position in which you have stood. His converting power will be with

all who see and accept of His salvation. I believe that you will continue to come more and more into the light, and that you will not be separated from the work, but will learn to carry it as a converted man in Christ Jesus.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 21*

“Arise, shine,” the Spirit of God through His prophet declares; “for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.”*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 22*

“Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together; they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.” [*Isaiah 60:1-5.*]*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 23*

Nothing could give the conference surer confidence in you than the step you are now taking to place yourself in right relation to the work of God. Do not cease your efforts until you stand on vantage ground. And the position you take will help those who have been following a similar course. If you can retain your position as a minister of God, and reveal His converting power and the grace of Christ in your life, you will teach others the right way.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 24*

The Lord is soon to come; we have but a short time in which to work. Again I repeat that my heart is full of joy and gladness that you have decided to heed the counsels of God. I pray that you may be full of faith and courage as you seek to follow His way and will.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 25*

I must close this letter.*23LtMs, Lt 4, 1908, par. 26*

Lt 6, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

January 3, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder S. N. Haskell
257 South Hill St.
Los Angeles

Dear Brother Haskell:

I am sending you with this copies of a letter I have written to Elder Reaser, in answer to two received from him. I take it for granted that the change we desired has begun to take place in him; but if you see no signs that such a change has come to him, and think the encouragement given in this letter would not be best to come to him just now, you need not place the copy sent for him in his hands. I will trust you with this matter.*23LtMs, Lt 6, 1908, par. 1*

I feel very tenderly toward Brother Reaser. If he will become converted, and get out of the fog in which he has been, he will make a strong worker in the cause. This experience will help him to teach the importance of the testimonies. If Elder Reaser could realize with what joy the word of his true reformation would be received, he would make determined efforts to follow the light God has given.*23LtMs, Lt 6, 1908, par. 2*

I will be very glad to see you again. Your room is ready and waiting for you. Brother Metcalfe and wife are with us. Now I must close, or I cannot send this tonight. May you have a most satisfactory and happy new year. That much of the Holy Spirit may rest upon you both is my prayer.*23LtMs, Lt 6, 1908, par. 3*

Lt 8, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

January 3, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder J. E. White
Southern Publishing Association
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Son Edson:

I am very sorry to hear that Emma is sick. I wish you could both be with us at the time of the coming Union Conference. Cannot you come? I would be able to entertain you and provide you with a comfortable room. I would be more pleased than I can express if you could spend this time with us.*23LtMs, Lt 8, 1908, par. 1*

I would not advise you to sell the fixtures in your large manufacturing building. Do not be in a hurry to dispose of the building. I want you to make a success; you cannot do this if you sell at a loss.*23LtMs, Lt 8, 1908, par. 2*

I am sending you copies of the letter sent to Brother Ford. It was through a misunderstanding that you did not receive them at the time they were sent to him. I expected that you would have copies. I cannot think what letter it is that Brother Ford does not wish others to see. I did write him a letter in which I made the statement that if you had been in his place, you would not have refused his request in such an emergency, but that you would have revealed a heart of flesh. I do not think, however, that this letter was sent.*23LtMs, Lt 8, 1908, par. 3*

I must not write any more this afternoon or I will not be able to get this in the mail before Sabbath. But I wish to repeat that I am very sorry that you did not get these copies at the time they were sent to others. I intended that you should have them.*23LtMs, Lt 8, 1908,*

par. 4

Lt 10, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

January 5, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder S. N. Haskell
257 South Hill St.
Los Angeles

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

On Friday I sent you a letter written to Elder Reaser; but I am afraid that in the few lines that accompanied it I did not fully explain my mind concerning it.*23LtMs, Lt 10, 1908, par. 1*

I now write to tell you that I do not wish to give Elder Reaser the letter written to him until I shall have met with our people here at the coming meeting. Then we can examine matters more thoroughly. I ask you, Elder Haskell, to say nothing in regard to the contents of my letters until we can investigate the matter more fully.*23LtMs, Lt 10, 1908, par. 2*

I very much desire to see and talk with you. The case of Elder Reaser needs calm consideration. We must not make decisions in haste, and thus do a work which we might later wish undone.*23LtMs, Lt 10, 1908, par. 3*

This is a matter that must be treated wisely, or it will be hard to adjust. My heart is fearful lest something be done that will place the work in a hard situation. But I think it would be wise to hold the letter I have sent until we are sure that Elder Reaser will change his course of carrying the work in so authoritative a manner. All this must change. It is time we acted a Christian part in all humility and meekness.*23LtMs, Lt 10, 1908, par. 4*

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

when you come.²³*LtMs, Lt 10, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 12, 1908

Burden, J. A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 5, 1908

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Dear Brother Burden,—

I have received and read your letter. I have written a letter in response to the one which Elder Reaser wrote me and sent the same to Elder Haskell to deliver. Today I sent Elder Haskell a telegram, telling him to hold the letter until later.²³*LtMs, Lt 12, 1908, par. 1*

Brother Reaser’s letter touched my heart, and I replied in the hope that he might be helped in just the right way. If this is possible, we shall accomplish much. If Elder Reaser will see himself as he is and acknowledge his mistakes, he can unite his strength with ours to save others from going over the same ground that he has travelled. Much will be gained if he learns to stand, not in his own strength, but in the strength of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 12, 1908, par. 2*

I was so thankful for the acknowledgments that Brother Reaser made in his letter that I could not refrain from weeping; for I knew that they would mean much to such a man as he. I know also that if he will turn his strength of purpose on the right side, he will be a power for good in the work of God. And the strength that he can give is needed.²³*LtMs, Lt 12, 1908, par. 3*

I accepted his statements in sincerity and wrote at once. Christ’s lessons of forgiveness were in my mind. It was not I who had been hurt, but the precious cause of truth; for he in his self-confidence had taken a wonderfully bold stand. I thought that if the man was sincere, this acknowledgment and evidence in his life of the

transforming grace of Christ was all that we need ask. I cannot express to you the gladness I felt as I thought that Elder Reaser had indeed come to see matters in the same light with his brethren. I hope he has done so; it seemed to me that as I read his letter, I could see the work in Southern California standing on a better and surer foundation, strengthened by the unity of the workers and the churches. But if this is only supposition, and his has not been a true conversion, then my burden comes back to me with grievous force.*23LtMs, Lt 12, 1908, par. 4*

I send these lines to you and Elder Haskell: Truth will triumph and bear away the victory. I am so full of thanksgiving when one soul who has lost his bearings is recovered; I know not how to express my gratitude. If this soul can be saved, do all in your power to save him.*23LtMs, Lt 12, 1908, par. 5*

I was so sorry when I heard that Elder Reaser was undermining the confidence of the people in the testimonies God had been giving to His people for the past sixty years. I thought, He certainly could not have studied them and received them as from God, or he could not make them of no account in the minds of the people. Then when his letter came, acknowledging his belief in the messages, I was filled with joy. The Lord would not now be dishonored; Brother Reaser would not now be so taken up with his own ideas that he could turn away from the testimonies.*23LtMs, Lt 12, 1908, par. 6*

There are many, many who are not studying the testimonies as they should. Some read them casually, or make some reference to them, but they are not presented in the spirit of assurance of the Spirit of truth. Many of those who profess the truth for this time turn from the messages and accept their own opinions and ideas as verity and truth.*23LtMs, Lt 12, 1908, par. 7*

I have never in all my experience met a man who felt so fully competent to carry all lines of the work as Brother Reaser. The Lord has shown me that he felt himself sufficient for this work, that he needed no others to advise or counsel him. How to reach him, how to open his eyes to see his true condition, seemed a very difficult thing. But this letter to me was of such a character that I could see that a change was taking place. If he continues to humble himself

before God, Elder Reaser will become a little child, to learn his lessons of the great Teacher. I have waited for this change to come, and I have felt sad indeed that it has been so long delayed. Let us see if our brother is not changed; let us look for a spirit of humility and meekness in him. Unless he has this spirit, he is not safe.*23LtMs, Lt 12, 1908, par. 8*

God help him, is my prayer.*23LtMs, Lt 12, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 14, 1908

Wilcox, F. M.

St. Helena, California

January 5, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder F. M. Wilcox
Sanitarium
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Brother:

I have just received and read your letter. Concerning the matter of which you speak, I know the spirit of the parties you mention. If this matter is made so unendurable by Dr. Shively's wife, then he must take the responsibility upon himself. The idea that Mrs. Shively, with her evil surmisings and untruthful suspicions, be admitted again to the sanitarium is not to be entertained. She will create in the institution as atmosphere which would invite evil influences in. Your conclusion regarding this matter is a sensible one. Mrs. Shively professes to be a teacher of Bible truth, but the Lord cannot accept her unless she is decidedly changed in heart and soul and character.²³*LtMs, Lt 14, 1908, par. 1*

I see no objection to your placing Dr. Evans in Dr. Shively's place, if Mrs. Shively will not be pacified unless she can carry out her purposes. Let peace be maintained, whatever the cost.²³*LtMs, Lt 14, 1908, par. 2*

I am not able to write you a long letter because of the many communications coming in that call for a response. I sympathize with you in your perplexities. When the Lord says to you, Go from Colorado, then go; but until you have such orders, remain where you are; and may the blessing of the Lord attend your labors.²³*LtMs, Lt 14, 1908, par. 3*

I am very busy with my writings. We are preparing for the meeting

of the Union Conference to be held in St. Helena this month.²³*LtMs, Lt 14, 1908, par. 4*

Lt 16, 1908

Gotzian, J.

St. Helena, California

January 5, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Gotzian:

Do you expect to come to the Union Conference meeting to be held in St. Helena? I am anxious to talk with you; but as I cannot do this face to face, I will converse with you by pen.²³*LtMs, Lt 16, 1908, par. 1*

I wish to say to you that I have had instruction regarding the turning over of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium to the conference. This is not the best thing to do at this time. This is counsel from the highest Source.²³*LtMs, Lt 16, 1908, par. 2*

Elder Ballenger will never be satisfied to comply with the terms laid down for the transfer of the property. Now, if you and I and a few others whom I am in hopes will loan money for the purpose, will unite, I believe we could carry this enterprise for a time. I am ready to do this. Can you ere long arrange to loan me money at interest, and let me help meet the pressing obligations that may have to be met soon?²³*LtMs, Lt 16, 1908, par. 3*

Please write and tell me what you will do. I can get some money from other sources, I believe. But I want to know what is your mind concerning this. As I have mentioned to many, I think it might be well for us to have one institution under our own control in Southern California for a time.²³*LtMs, Lt 16, 1908, par. 4*

I hope you will attend the meeting at St. Helena. I expect Brother Ballenger will be present.²³*LtMs, Lt 16, 1908, par. 5*

I am not now free to say, Turn over this sanitarium to the conference. Light has come to me that we should have a good,

strong manager who will give all his time to the work of building up the institution; and I believe we can find someone who can do this work.²³*LtMs, Lt 16, 1908, par. 6*

I am pleased to tell you that we have excellent help in our home in the good sister whom we brought with us from Loma Linda.²³*LtMs, Lt 16, 1908, par. 7*

Now, Sister Gotzian, please consider what I have written. I can write no more at present. I want to make just the right move in this matter. I have never had clear evidence that we should turn over this institution to the conference.²³*LtMs, Lt 16, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 18, 1908

White, W. C.

St. Helena, California

January 6, 1908

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Elder W. C. White
Southern Publishing Association
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Son Willie:

I have just received cards from you. I thank you for them. I am glad to know that you are safe and well. A vigilant Watcher is keeping those who put their trust in God.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 1*

I have received two excellent letters from Elder Reaser. I will send you copies of them and also of my answer. The encouragement that I have had that Elder Reaser is coming near to the Lord is a great joy to me. He wrote that he would give up his place on the board; but I replied that if he would fully heed the instruction God had sent, and follow it in simplicity of heart, he could be a help rather than a hindrance to the board. O how I have prayed for this man, that the Lord would open his eyes. And I believe God has been working very decidedly for him.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 2*

We should labor earnestly to save every soul possible. Earnest efforts should be put forth for Brother Reaser. If such a man should become an opposing element, his influence would be difficult to handle. But I trust that he is being led by God and is coming to take his true position with his brethren. If he will do this, he will be a strength to the Southern field. If he will come into unison with his brethren, he can be a special influence for good, and for the vindication of the testimonies, because of the messages which it has pleased the Lord to send to him.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 3*

I shall rejoice greatly if the fear that Brother Reaser's becoming separated from the work is averted. I think of how many souls he could guide in right ways if he himself will become humble in heart and place himself where the Lord can use him. I trust that he will make clean and certain work for time and for eternity. If he will cease to feel that he is to be the greatest influence, he will learn to counsel with other minds, to pray with his brethren, and become one with them in judgment. One man's mind should not hastily form decisions that have to do with important matters and carry out those decisions without the calm and prayerful consideration of other minds. May the Lord help every soul to walk humbly with God. "Every plant, which My heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up," Christ said. [*Matthew 15:13.*] The church with its heaven-born principles is a sacred enclosure. The heavenly Husbandman gives it divine cultivation and entrusts it with sacred responsibilities.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 4*

I write these things that you may know how matters are moving. I have had little rest since coming home. I have written several letters and have received instruction that must be given to the people. I am thankful for the light that God still gives me. I shall carry a heavy burden until I know certainly that Brother Reaser is making his way determinedly to the light.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 5*

This morning I am writing out some things that have been opened to me during the past night in regard to the transfer of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. I have received instruction that it will not be best at this time to pass this institution over to the conference. We must carry that enterprise until the Lord shall signify that we should make a move in this line. I am getting this word to you before consulting with anyone. I have written to Sister Gotzian, telling her of the instruction received. I shall heed the light given on this point and will let the matter rest.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 6*

I say to you: Move with extreme caution. You have instruction from the Lord to solicit means for this institution in order to lessen its debts.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 7*

Again I say to you: Do not encourage Edson to sell his property at a sacrifice. This would be a mistake. Do not move the machinery. The

way will open for this matter to be adjusted. When the Lord shall give light regarding this move, your way will be clear. When the work of that large place is broken up, it must be done understandingly, and not in uncertainty.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 8*

Brother and Sister Hare are still with us. Brother Hare is quite recovered and has returned from the sanitarium. I sat at table with the family yesterday.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 9*

The Lord is good and greatly to be praised. We have been very thankful that we brought from Loma Linda the help we have in Sister Hannaford. When we reached home, we found that Sister Mason was at the sanitarium taking treatment. After a few days she returned home, but it was very clear to us that she could not have remained in her former position. Brother and Sister Mason have secured rooms in one of the cottages on the hillside, near to the sanitarium, which they will occupy shortly.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 10*

In Sister Hannaford we find that we have secured an intelligent, Christian woman. Before coming, she sought the Lord earnestly to know her duty and came in accordance with the light she received. I can see that all things have worked together for good.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 11*

The talk I gave at Loma Linda the Sabbath after you left, I have had copied, and have ordered that copies be sent to you and Edson. I have also sent copies to several of the workers in Australia.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 12*

I pray that the Lord may strengthen you and abundantly bless you, and also Brother Daniells. We all need the influence of the Spirit of God with us every day. We need to have the praise of God continually in our thoughts.*23LtMs, Lt 18, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 20, 1908

White, W. C.

St. Helena, California

January 8, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son Willie:

I have just read over the long MS. enclosed. It is good, just what the presidents of our conferences need. I hope you will receive it in season and read it to all assembled at the meeting.^{23LtMs, Lt 20, 1908, par. 1}

I am having many letters to write.^{23LtMs, Lt 20, 1908, par. 2}

Brother and Sister Metcalfe Hare will remain with us through the coming meeting. We shall be so pleased to have you with us again. We hope to see you soon. I do not expect to get letters to you again before you return. It will be our prayer that the Lord will bless you and keep you from all accident and harm.^{23LtMs, Lt 20, 1908, par. 3}

I will not write much, for I am quite weary. May the Lord give you wisdom and grace from day to day. We are all in as good health as usual, except that I am very tired. I shall feel relieved when all these writings are completed.^{23LtMs, Lt 20, 1908, par. 4}

Come home as soon as you can.^{23LtMs, Lt 20, 1908, par. 5}

Lt 22, 1908

Workman, Mabel White

Refiled as *Lt 391, 1907*.

Lt 24, 1908

Workman, Mabel White

Refiled as *Lt 393, 1907*.

Lt 26, 1908

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

Loma Linda, California

November 1907

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Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

I thank you for your letter. I had just closed up a letter to you when your communication arrived. I therefore held mine over until I could give your words more earnest attention.*23LtMs, Lt 26, 1908, par. 1*

I have written out some instruction to ministers and physicians in regard to the subject of health reform. I have been shown that the example of some of our leading workers is not a healthful or praiseworthy example. They are losing ground, backsliding from the principles of health reform, and this is having its effect upon the church members. These brethren are very conscientious in some matters; but on points where they should be very strict, they are very slack. The Lord has instructed me to tell them that their example in the home and in the church and with those whom they visit is causing the people to lose confidence in the light that God has given on this subject.*23LtMs, Lt 26, 1908, par. 2*

The light that God has given on the subject of health reform is very essential for these times. There is no one thing that men and women in these days need to be more earnestly impressed with than that of the importance of guarding the appetite. One of the reasons why we have our sanitariums is that we may bring the blessings of health reform to the world. O that we might see every representative of present truth exerting a wholesome influence in every line upon which light has been given.*23LtMs, Lt 26, 1908, par. 3*

Individually we have a work to do in our own borders. If each member of the body of Christ would attend to his God-given work, a much sweeter atmosphere would pervade our churches. The Lord

is not pleased with the backslidden state of His people in regard to health reform. If they do not arouse to the need of heeding the light on health reform, they will soon fail to see the importance of other phases of the message.*23LtMs, Lt 26, 1908, par. 4*

When in Australia, Brother Kress, you lay trembling between life and death. Was the message given me for you, Return to a diet of flesh meats? No, no. God gave you directions regarding a healthful diet, which if diligently followed, would, mingled with the exercise of faith and prayer, save your life. The Lord foresaw that as a physician in one of our sanitariums, you would be a teacher of the principles of health reform. You were working hard, Dr. Kress, and you did not give yourself proper rest and nourishment. The Lord permitted you to come to the very brink of collapse, that you might be guided by His instruction. He has never bidden any minister or physician to break down the barrier of correct eating in order to save life.*23LtMs, Lt 26, 1908, par. 5*

I feel very grateful for the light God has given me on health reform. In several cases when the adoption of health reform has been carried to extremes, and life has been endangered because of the limited supply of nourishment taken, the Lord has shown to me the course to follow in order to save life. Through His instruction, telling what to do, several lives have been saved, when physicians and nurses were unable to bring relief. When they have come to me for counsel, light has been given in the visions of the night. The prescriptions given were carried out, and the persons were raised up and lived for many years. The lives of some of those who were thus saved have been of a character to bring honor to the name of the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 26, 1908, par. 6*

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

study this experience of the children of Israel and learn the lesson that it teaches.*23LtMs, Lt 26, 1908, par. 7*

Light has been given me that some of our ministers and leading workers are working against the light of health reform. They are indulging in the use of flesh meats and other harmful things. Those who for years have had the testimonies before them are without excuse. Many need to make decided reforms; for those who have left our ranks, make this an occasion of charging our people with unbelief in the testimonies. God calls for thorough work on the part of professed believers, that He may be able to impress minds and hearts.*23LtMs, Lt 26, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 28, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

January 10, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder G. W. Reaser
257 South Hill St.
Los Angeles

My Dear Brother:

I was unable to sleep more than two hours last night; your case was lying heavily on my heart. I am thankful that you see that to accept the light that God has sent is the only course for you to pursue. I believe you to be sincere in what you have written.²³*LtMs, Lt 28, 1908, par. 1*

Our sanitariums are most important agencies for the promulgation of the message of truth in the earth; they are to be made a success in every way. Had your mind been unprejudiced, you would have discerned the Lord's plan for the students in the sale of the books *Christ's Object Lessons* and *Ministry of Healing*, in order that the sanitarium and the schools might be helped, and that the students might receive an essential experience. The students should be encouraged to enter upon their mission with these two books, after having received instruction in the way they should be handled.²³*LtMs, Lt 28, 1908, par. 2*

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

lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:18-20.]*23LtMs, Lt 28, 1908, par. 3*

As they canvass for the books, the way will be opened for the students to give instruction in the truth. Opportunities will be given for them to care for and treat the sick; and they will do this work, knowing that the great Medical Missionary is presiding over each case. Impressions will be made on the minds of the sufferers that the human agent alone could never make.*23LtMs, Lt 28, 1908, par. 4*

Christ Himself is present at the bedside of the sick to suggest ways of ministry; and the efforts made for the relief of the sufferer will preach a sermon more powerful than any words could be.*23LtMs, Lt 28, 1908, par. 5*

Thus the missionary pioneer will open many a door for service; and the presence with him of the great Missionary, and the power which He bestows, will be constantly enlarging the worker's sphere of usefulness.*23LtMs, Lt 28, 1908, par. 6*

The gospel of health is to be given to all nations in true simplicity, without the use of poisonous drugs. And a large work for the cause of truth will be accomplished through this medium. Skill in training the sick without the use of drugs will give Christ the right of way through those workers who go forth to heal physical disease in unison with the preaching of the gospel. This is why God has specified that our sanitariums and schools be carried on in educational lines, and that they blend in perfect harmony. The students who come to the schools for training are to have the advantages of learning how to treat the sick: this knowledge combined with the education obtained in their school work will make their training a perfect whole. This, in the heavenly courts, is termed the higher education.*23LtMs, Lt 28, 1908, par. 7*

I will write you more on this subject later, if possible. I must close this now in order to get it into the mail before Sabbath.*23LtMs, Lt 28, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 30, 1908

Caro, Edith

“Elmshaven,” Sanitarium, California

January 10, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mrs. Edith Caro
6270 Racine St.
Oakland, California

Dear Sister Edith Caro:

We have felt very sad over the loss you have sustained. My sorrow has been so great that I have felt unable to write. O how many times I have wished that you had never moved from your little home here.²³*LtMs, Lt 30, 1908, par. 1*

Your message telling of the disappearance of the children reached us on Sabbath; and at that time I felt helpless to do anything in the matter. I thought that after the Sabbath I might be able to do something; but many letters have come in that demanded immediate attention, and so I have not written to you.²³*LtMs, Lt 30, 1908, par. 2*

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

you. I entreated him to return to his family.^{23LtMs, Lt 30, 1908, par. 3}

I have been very shocked at Dr. Caro's course in stealing the children. I cannot regard him as a sane man. I am sorry that his whereabouts cannot be found. I had thought of writing to the man in New Zealand who collected the Doctor's debts, but I do not know that this would be of any use. How this matter will turn we can not tell; but do not allow yourself to fret. I am glad you look at this experience as I do. Were I in your circumstances, I think I should feel the same.^{23LtMs, Lt 30, 1908, par. 4}

Dear, afflicted child, do not sorrow as those who have no hope. I bid you cast your helpless soul on God. He can do more for you than you can ask or think. I greatly wish that I could speak some words that would relieve your grief.^{23LtMs, Lt 30, 1908, par. 5}

If we can do anything for you in any way, please let us know. If you have any plans, please tell us of them. We sympathize with you, and we will be glad to help you in any way possible. This sorrow that has come to you I realize is the greatest that can come to a mother. It calls to my mind Rachel "weeping for her children; and would not be comforted because they are not." [*Matthew 2:18.*] But your children still live. May the Lord who knows, and who pities, grant you His grace in rich measure.^{23LtMs, Lt 30, 1908, par. 6}

The sorrow of your mother must be very great. We commend you both to Him who will not leave you nor forsake you. My heart goes out in tenderness and pity for you both. God alone can work to disappoint the enemy. Put your trust in Him. Let not your grief exclude the comfort of the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*]^{23LtMs, Lt 30, 1908, par. 7}

Again I repeat, If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know, and I will make arrangement for your need to the best of my ability. But the Lord Jesus is your best Friend. Cling to His arm; He will be with you to comfort and to help in your necessity. Put all your trust in Him.^{23LtMs, Lt 30, 1908, par. 8}

Lt 32, 1908

Brethren in Positions of Responsibility

St. Helena, California

January 6, 1908

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To our brethren in positions of responsibility:

God has given me a message for the men who are carrying responsibilities in Washington and other centers of the work. This is a time when the work of God should be conducted with the greatest wisdom, unselfishness, and the strictest integrity by every conference; a time when there should be the closest observance of the law of God on the part of every worker; a walking and working under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 1*

God needs men and women who will work in the simplicity of Christ to bring the knowledge of the truth before those who need its converting power. But when a precise line is laid down which the workers must follow in their efforts to proclaim the message, a limit is set to the usefulness of a great number of workers. I am charged to speak, saying, God seeth not as man seeth. Those who occupy responsible positions need to place a lower estimate upon the value of human wisdom and to esteem more highly the sanctification of the Spirit revealed in the lowliness and gentleness of Christ. They need to have the Holy Spirit come into their hearts and minds, to control their wills and to sanctify their tongues. When soul and mind and body are converted to God, our physical strength and our desires will become working agencies for God. When the converting power of God transforms the life, we shall be educated by God Himself to speak His words and work His works.²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 2*

The law of God is to be magnified. Its claims must be presented by

our workers, in our books and papers, and through the spoken word. The knowledge of its holy character is to become widespread. The message of Christ's righteousness must be proclaimed from one end of the earth to the other. Our people are to be aroused to prepare the way of the Lord. The third angel's message—the last message of mercy to a perishing world—is so sacred, so glorious. Let the light go forth as a lamp that burneth. Mysteries into which angels have desired to look, which prophets and kings and righteous men desired to know, the church of God is now to unfold.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 3*

An Illustration

Ezekiel writes: "Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward; for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. And then the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 4*

"Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass over, for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 5*

"Again he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. Now when I had returned, behold at the brink of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass that everything that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the river shall

come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh.²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 6*

“And it shall come to pass that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto En-eglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many. But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt. And by the river upon the back thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed; it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issue out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.” [*Ezekiel 47:1-12.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 7*

This representation is an illustration of the way in which the truth for this time is to go. A large work is to be done by many who have commenced in a small way. Many souls will be reached, not through display, not through any devising on the part of man, but because of the working of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of the human agencies. The Saviour worked in this way. When His methods become the methods of His followers, His blessing will attend their labors. Let us always remember that our schools are not to be conducted after the worldly plan.²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 8*

The Work of the Madison School

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

shall be established in simplicity in many places in the southern states.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 9*

My brethren in responsible places, mourn not over the work that is being done at Madison to train workers to go forth into the highways and the hedges. It is the will of God that this work should be done. Let us cease to criticize the servants of God engaged in this work and humble our own hearts before the Lord. Let us strengthen this company of educators to continue the good work in which they are engaged and labor to encourage others to do a similar work. Then the light of truth will be carried in a simple and effective way, and a great work will be accomplished for the Master in a short time.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 10*

When the Lord favors any of His servants with worldly advantages, it is that they may use those advantages for the benefit of others. As laborers together with God, men are to keep constantly in mind the need of giving the message of Christ's soon coming to the people who have not been warned. In this we are not left to human intelligence alone, for angels of God are waiting to encourage us in a life of patience and self-denial. We are to learn to be content with simple food and clothing, that we may save much means to be invested in the work of the gospel.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 11*

The gospel of Christ calls for entire consecration. The Christian sower is to go forth to sow. But many by their fretting and contentions are disqualifying themselves for labor. Their sluggish senses do not discern how feeble are their efforts and how strong is their unbelief. Let our church members now arise to their responsibilities and privileges. Let them spend less on self-indulgence and needless adorning. The money thus expended is the Lord's and is needed to do a sacred work in His cause. Educate the children to do missionary work and to bring their offerings to God. Let us awake to a sense of the spiritual character of the work in which we profess to be engaged.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 12*

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

pass unimproved.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 13*

Our lack of self-denial, our refusal to see the necessities of the cause at this time, and to respond to them, call for repentance and humiliation of heart before God. It is a sin for one who knows the truth of God to fold his hands and leave his work for another to do.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 14*

It is a sin for any to criticize and find fault with those who in their manner of working do not exactly meet their mind. Let none blame or censure the men who have labored at Madison. In the place of complaining at your brother's work, take up your own neglected work. Instead of picking flaws in your brother's character, search your own heart, confess your sins, and act honestly with God. Let there be condemnation of self for the work that lies undone all about you. Instead of placing impediments in the way of those who are trying to accomplish something in the South, let your eyes be opened to see that time is passing and that there is much for you to do.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 15*

The Lord works through various agencies. If there are those who desire to step into new fields and take up new lines of labor, encourage them to do so. Seventh-day Adventists are doing a great and good work; let no man's hand be raised to hinder his brother. Those who have had experience in the work of God should be encouraged to follow the guidance and counsel of the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 16*

Do not worry lest some means shall go direct to conscientious laborers who are trying to do missionary work in a quiet and effective way. All the means is not to be handled by one agency or organization. There is much business to be done conscientiously for the cause of God. Help is to be sought from every possible source. There are men who can do the work of securing means for the cause; and when these are acting conscientiously and in harmony with the counsels of their fellow laborers in the field which they represent, the hand of restraint is not to be laid upon them. Those who are laborers together with Him who gave His life for the salvation of souls must not be bound about with territorial restraints.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 17*

Brethren Sutherland and Magan should be encouraged to solicit means for the support of their work. It is the privilege of these brethren to receive gifts from any of our people whom the Lord impresses to help. They should have means—God’s means—with which to work. The Madison enterprise has been crippled in the past, but now it must go forward. If this work had been regarded in the right light, and had been given the help it needed, we should long ere this have had a prosperous work at Madison. Our people are to be encouraged to give of their means to this work which is preparing students in a sensible and creditable way to go forth into neglected fields to proclaim the soon coming of Christ.²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 18*

The Lord directed Brethren Sutherland and Magan, as men of sound principles, to establish a work in the South. They have devised and planned and sacrificed in order to carry forward the work there on right lines, but the work has been greatly delayed. The Lord guided in the selection of the farm at Madison, and He desires that it be managed on right lines, that others, learning from the workers there, might take up a similar work and conduct it in like manner. Brethren Sutherland and Magan are chosen of God and faithful, and the Lord of heaven says of them, I have a special work for these men to do at Madison, a work of educating and training young men and women for mission fields. The Spirit of the Lord will be with His workers if they will walk humbly with Him. He has not bound about and restricted the labors of these self-denying, self-sacrificing men.²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 19*

To those in our conferences who have felt that they had the authority to forbid the gathering of means in certain territory, I now say: This matter has been presented to me again and again. I now bear my testimony in the name of the Lord to those whom it concerns. Wherever you are, withhold your forbiddings. The work of God is not to be thus trammled. God is being faithfully served by men whom you have been watching and criticizing. They fear and honor the Lord; they are laborers together with Him. God forbids you to put any yoke on the necks of His faithful servants. It is the privilege of these workers to accept gifts or loans, that they may invest them to help in doing an important work that greatly needs to be done. There are some who have wrong views regarding the

responsibility which God has placed upon them with their official position. They bear a heavy burden to control—a burden that has never been laid upon them by the Lord. Those who are standing free on the high platform of truth will not accept the responsibility of framing rules and regulations that hinder and cramp God’s chosen laborers in their work for the training of missionaries. When men learn the lesson that “all ye are brethren” [*Matthew 23:8*], and realize that their fellow workers may know just as well as they how to use in the wisest way the talents and capabilities entrusted to them, they will remove many yokes that are now binding their brethren and will give them credit for having love for souls and a desire to labor unselfishly to promote the interests of the cause.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 20*

The Character of the Work

The school at Madison not only educates in a knowledge of the Scriptures, but it gives a practical training that fits the student to go forth as a self-supporting missionary to the field to which he is called. In his student days he is taught how to build simply and substantially, how to cultivate the land and to care for the stock. To this is added the knowledge of how to treat the sick and care for the injured. This training for medical missionary work is one of the grandest objects for which any school can be established. There are many suffering from disease and injury who, when relieved of pain, will be prepared to listen to the truth. Our Saviour was a mighty Healer. In His name there may be many miracles wrought in the South and in other fields through the instrumentality of the trained medical missionary. Therefore it is essential that there shall be a sanitarium connected with the Madison school. The educational work at the school and the sanitarium can go forward hand in hand. The instruction given at the school will benefit the patients, and the instruction given to the sanitarium patients will be a blessing to the school.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 21*

The class of education given at the Madison school is such as will be accounted a treasure of great value by those who take up missionary work in foreign fields. My brethren, let no hindrance be placed in the way of men and women who are seeking to gain such an education as those at the Madison school are receiving. If many

more in other schools were receiving a similar training, we as a people would become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. The message would quickly be carried to every country, and souls now in darkness would be brought to the light.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 22*

It would have been pleasing to God if, while the Madison school has been doing its work, other such schools had been established in different parts of the southern field. No soul should be left in darkness if by any possible means he can be enlightened. There is plenty of land lying waste in the South that might have been improved as the land about the Madison school has been improved. The time is soon coming when God's people, because of persecution, will be scattered in many countries. Those who have received an all-round education will have a great advantage wherever they are. The Lord reveals divine wisdom in thus leading His people to the training of all their faculties and capabilities for the work of disseminating truth.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 23*

Every possible means should be devised to established schools on the Madison order in various parts of the South; and those who lend their means and their influence to help this work are aiding the cause of God. I am instructed to say to those who have means to spare: Help the work at Madison. You have no time to lose. Satan will soon rise up to create hindrances; let the work go forward while it may. This is no time for weakness to be woven into our experience. Do not spend your money for unnecessary things, do not waste it on story magazines or cheap literature, but take your surplus means, and say, I will use this in employing men and women to give the last message of warning to the world.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 24*

When the Holy Spirit is allowed to mold our hearts and lives, there will be much more confidence expressed in the workers who are struggling with difficulties in hard places. Let every one take his own individual case before the Lord and study his own faults instead of the fancied shortcomings of his brother. We each need to realize our own weakness and be constantly on guard. Satan is watching to take us unawares, and many are ignorant of their own defects of character.*23LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 25*

We need to read and understand the message of (*Ezekiel 2*): “And He said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the Spirit entered into me when He spake unto me. And He said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.”²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 26*

“And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak My words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious. But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee, Be thou not rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.” [*Verses 1-8.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 27*

Again the prophet writes: “The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at My mouth and give them warning from Me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.” [*Ezekiel 3:16-21.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 28*

The Lord is calling for men and women to guard their own houses and families and, instead of watching their fellow workers, regarding with jealousy their outgoings and incomings, to turn their attention to self. The Lord has a report to make of every soul who would restrict the liberty of another. There is a watcher who is taking the measure of character and who will judge accordingly. The jealousy revealed by some who claim to be in the truth plainly reveals that unless their hearts are changed they will never be overcomers. Unless they respond to the subduing, sanctifying influences of the grace of God, they will never wear the crown of life.²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 29*

Those who desire to wear Christ's yoke will heed the invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:28, 29.*] To all who would mark out a course for their brother to pursue, the Lord says, Stand out of the way. Satan and his emissaries are doing enough of this kind of work. We are altogether too near the close of earth's history to seek to block the wheels of the chariot of truth. God's workers are to come into line, to pray together, to counsel together. And whenever it is impossible for them to gather for counsel, God will instruct through His Spirit those who sincerely desire to serve Him.²³*LtMs, Lt 32, 1908, par. 30*

Lt 32a, 1908

Brethren in Positions of Responsibility

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 6, 1908

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To those bearing responsibilities in Washington and other centers:

God has given me a message for those men who are carrying responsibilities in Washington and other centers of the work. *23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 2*

This is a time when the work of God should be conducted with the strictest integrity by every conference, a time when there should be the closest observance of the law of God on the part of every worker. *23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 3*

When the Lord favors any of His servants with worldly advantages, it is that they may use those advantages for the benefit of the work. And it is the privilege of accredited workers appointed to this responsibility to accept gifts or loans to help in doing the work that needs to be done. Forbiddings are not to be exercised by the conference, or by others who feel that they have authority to do so, that will deny the workers the privilege of accepting such loans and gifts as men and women are willing to make them. They should be allowed to go to the people to solicit help. Properly conducted, this is a line of work that the Lord commends. *23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 4*

This matter has been presented to me again and again. I now bear my testimony in the name of the Lord to those whom it concerns: Wherever you are, withhold your forbiddings. The work of God is not to be thus trammled. *23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 5*

The Lord has directed Brethren Sutherland and Magan, men of sound principles, to establish the work at Madison. They have devised and planned and sacrificed in order to carry the work there after God's order; but the work has been long in coming to completion. It is the privilege of these brethren to receive gifts from any of our people whom the Spirit of the Lord impresses to help. They should have means—God's means—with which to do the Lord's work.*23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 6*

The Madison enterprise has been crippled in the past, but this has not been God's desire. If this work had been regarded in the light that God regarded it, and had been given the needed help, we should long ere this have had a flourishing plant at Madison. The people are to be, not forbidden, but encouraged, to give of their means to this work, which is preparing students in a sensible and creditable way to go forth to proclaim the soon coming of Christ and to close up the work on the earth.*23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 7*

There is business to be done for God. Help is to be sought from every possible source. There are those who have the faculty of securing means for the cause of God, and no hand of restraint is to be laid upon those who are doing this work successfully. They are surely laborers together with God, who gave His life for the salvation of souls.*23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 8*

The Lord selected the farm at Madison, and He signified that it should be worked on right lines, that others, learning from the workers in Madison, might take up a similar work and conduct it in a like manner. Brethren Sutherland and Magan are chosen of God and faithful, and the Lord of heaven says of them, I have a work for these men to do in Madison, a special work in educating and training young men and women for missionary fields. The Spirit of the Lord is with His workers. He has not restricted the labors of these self-denying, self-sacrificing men.*23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 9*

The school at Madison not only educates in a knowledge of the Scriptures, but it gives a practical training that fits the student to go forth as a self-supporting missionary to the field to which he is called. In his student days he is taught how to build, simply and substantially, how to cultivate the land and care for the stock. All

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The Lord is calling for men and women to guard their own houses and families. Instead of watching their fellow workers, trying to block their way, and regarding with jealousy their outgoings and incomings, they should turn their attention to self. The Lord has a report to make of every soul who would restrict the liberty of another. There is a Watcher who is taking the measure of character and will judge accordingly.*23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 21*

The Lord’s message of mercy is to be borne to a people long

neglected. Ministers, and people, God speaks to you, saying, I have sent these men, and they are not to be hindered.*23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 22*

The jealousy revealed by some who claim to be in the truth plainly reveals that unless their hearts are changed, they will never be overcomers. Unless they respond to the subduing, sanctifying influences of the grace of God, they will never wear the crown of life. Some are very zealous in carrying out a work of hindrance, when the Lord has given them no such work to do.*23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 23*

The representation given in (*Ezekiel 47:1-12*) is an illustration of the way in which the truth for this time is to go. A large work is to be done by many who have begun in a small way. Many souls will be reached, not through display, not through any devising on the part of man, but through the working of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of human agencies. The Saviour worked in this way. When His methods become the methods of His followers, His blessings will attend their labors.*23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 24*

In the work being done at Madison, we have an illustration of the way in which the message should be carried in many places. I would say to the workers there, Continue to learn of Christ. Do not be daunted. Be free in the Lord; be free. Thus far an acceptable work has been done in Madison. The Lord says to you, Go forward.*23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 25*

My brethren in responsible places, mourn not over the work that is being done in the highways and hedges in the South. God has specified that this work should be done. Those who have tried to block the way have not been led by the Spirit of God. Cease your criticisms of God's servants, and humble your own hearts before the Lord, that He may show you the right way. Let this company alone, to continue their work, and go thou and encourage others to do a similar work. Then the light of truth will be carried in a simple but effective way, and a great work will be accomplished for the Master.*23LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 26*

Do not worry lest some means shall go to those who are trying to do missionary work in a quiet way. All the means is not to be

handled by one organization or one party. The Lord works through various agencies. If there are those who desire to step into new fields and take up new lines of labor, forbid them not, but encourage them to do so.²³*LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 27*

Seventh-day Adventists are doing a good work; let no brother's hand be raised to hinder it. Those who have had experience in the work of God should be encouraged to follow the guiding and counsel of the Lord. God is being faithfully served by these whom you are watching and criticizing. You should discern that they fear and honor the Lord; they are laborers together with Him.²³*LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 28*

God forbids you to put yokes on the necks of His servants. Brethren Sutherland and Magan have a right to solicit means for the support of the Madison school. This wonderful burden to restrict their work, which some suppose God has bestowed upon them with their official position, has never been laid upon them. If they were standing free on the high platform of truth, they would never accept the responsibility of framing rules and regulations that will hinder and cramp the laborers in their work for this time. When they learn the lesson that "All ye are brethren" [*Matthew 23:8*], and realize that their fellow workers sometimes know just as well as they do how to use in the wisest way the talents and capabilities entrusted to them, they will remove the yokes that they are now binding upon them and will give them credit for love for souls and a desire to labor unselfishly to promote the interests of the cause.²³*LtMs, Lt 32a, 1908, par. 29*

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Los Angeles

Dear Brother Reaser:

I am instructed to say to you that if you adhere to the statements you have made, you will prove your statements true by a change in your manner of work and in the spirit of your dealings. I have taken this matter to the Lord, and He has instructed me that if you will make Him your counselor, He will enable you to make these changes in your dealings with your brethren. If you will humble your heart before God, and seek His strength, He will give you grace to redeem your failures. I do not desire to see you humbled before the conference. If the Lord will be pleased to give me further instruction regarding your case, I will give it you.*23LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 1*

I have been writing early and late the past week. In the night seasons messages have been given me for our workers in leading positions, entreating them to humble their hearts before God; because in the near future we were to have experiences which would call for entire dependence upon Him. Our works and our ways are to be such that we shall know that we are following on to know the Lord, whose goings forth are prepared as the morning.*23LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 2*

When Moses was called to lead the children of Israel, he was overwhelmed with a sense of his inability for the task. He felt that he could not speak words that would prevail with the king of Egypt. "O

my Lord," he said, "I am not eloquent; neither heretofore nor since hast Thou spoken to Thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." The answer came, "Who hath made man's mouth, or who maketh the dumb to speak, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I the Lord? Now therefore, go. I will be thy mouth and will teach thee what thou shalt say." [*Exodus 4:10-12.*]*23LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 3*

What a work God would have wrought for Moses if he had fully believed the Lord. But because he did not believe, Aaron, his brother, who was eloquent in speech, was chosen to speak before Pharaoh.*23LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 4*

Now, my brother, I fully believe that the Lord will give you tongue and utterance to speak right words. I believe that He will teach you to become wise in speech, and that you will give up your self-confidence and your love to control. Your only hope is in God. I write in full confidence that you will become meek and lowly in heart. If you will accept the meekness of Christ, the Lord will make you a blessing. I long to see you a man strong, not in your own strength, but in the righteousness of Christ. You will be brought into strait places; but if you will put your trust in God, He will be your efficiency.*23LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 5*

The burden of my heart for you has been distressingly great, so that I have not been able to sleep. While at Loma Linda and Paradise Valley there were two nights that I did not sleep at all. O I have been so glad in the hope that you might become a man of righteousness, a man who would not exalt self.*23LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 6*

Several times I have passed through experiences similar to this, when it was thought that ministers should be separated from the work. On one occasion a brother was taking sides with some who were standing out against the testimonies. I prayed for him and pleaded with him to yield to the Spirit of God. This was at the time of some important meetings, and the following meeting was to be decisive. I begged this brother to throw his influence on the right side; but although he did not repulse me, he would not yield.*23LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 7*

We went to the place of meeting, and the two parties were present. How would this brother decide? I bore my testimony before those assembled; then I addressed the opposing party, and then the brother with whom I had been conversing. Suddenly I saw His face grow deathly pale; and after I had finished speaking, he rose to his feet and confessed that all through the camp-meeting he had stood on the wrong side, in stubborn and determined resistance to the testimonies of the Spirit of God. He acknowledged that the party to which he had belonged had not offered a prayer in their houses where they slept, during the time that the meetings had been in session, but had spent their time in ridiculing my words and the words of those who were in harmony with me. "But," he said, "the conviction of the Spirit of God has come upon me, and I shall always be ashamed of the course I have taken. I surrender right here my wicked opposition; for I feel that I have been reprov'd by God."*23LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 8*

That brother has ever since stood true to the testimonies of the Spirit of God. I have no knowledge that he has ever gone back from the stand he took at that meeting. You know that brother well, but I will not mention his name.*23LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 9*

Case after case of the same kind has come before me. But as the Lord moved upon this brother's heart, so He has moved on the hearts of others, and so He will continue to work through the influence of His Spirit.*23LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 10*

My brother, be true to God, and you will be true to your church duties. Link up with your brethren, be kind and courteous. I am instructed to say to you, Watch and pray; then you will increase in faith and hope and patience. I am so glad that I can bear you this message. Bless the Lord, O my soul, for His goodness and love to the erring children of men.*23LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 11*

The Lord Jesus, to whom pertains all grace, is invested with all power. What have we then to fear? He who has purchased us with His own blood declares, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded

you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”
[*Matthew 28:18-20.*]23*LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 12*

I shall feel a greater interest in your case than I have ever yet felt, because of the experience you are having. The enemy has desired your soul, that he might sift you as wheat; but I shall believe that you will not continue to hold the position you have held in the past, to exercise a dominating power. Now is your opportunity to exercise your powers in a way that will result in the saving of souls. We shall certainly try to help you. I pray that God may abundantly bless you as you strive to meet the requirements of the Lord.23*LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 13*

In sending you this counsel, I have asked the advice of no human being. These words of encouragement come from the Highest Authority. You are on trial. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God. Unsanctified self has borne sway long enough. Put not your trust in self, neither make flesh your arm. You can encourage us all by working in harmony with those men who have been chosen to carry weighty responsibilities. Unite with them, and the blessing of the Lord will certainly come upon you.23*LtMs, Lt 34, 1908, par. 14*

Lt 36, 1908

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

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Lt 38, 1908

Place, Brother

St. Helena, California

January 12, 1908

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Elder Place
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Brother:

You are not in the place that the Lord has appointed you to be. The influence of your brother upon you is not a Christian or a wholesome influence. His words are not truth and righteousness; he is not led and controlled by the Spirit of God. You cannot resist your brother's influence, you are affected by his irreligious sentiments, and thus you give other workers cause to doubt the light that God has permitted to shine upon His people for this time of moral darkness.*23LtMs, Lt 38, 1908, par. 1*

The world will ever be found in conflict with the church. It means much to each one of us to know that we are following the Pattern, to be assured, wherever we are, that we are exerting our powers for good. You need to walk carefully, my brother. I mark out no way for you; but I greatly fear for you. You are in danger of being misled. You are doing your brother no good, and you yourself are becoming befogged. I have seen your danger, and now I ask you to be careful. Had you stood in the light of the Lord, you would not have given influence to your brother's actions and spirit; for these were not in harmony with the Spirit of God.*23LtMs, Lt 38, 1908, par. 2*

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

connect with those who would be a help to you, and you would have been a help to them.*23LtMs, Lt 38, 1908, par. 3*

The work to be done at this period of time demands that the channels appointed to receive the living waters for thirsty souls be greatly multiplied. The work is to be done through unselfish effort. Those who will yield to the Holy Spirit's guidance will come forth purified and refined as gold from the fire. The knowledge that souls are perishing in their sins should arouse every worker to greater fervor and to give the light of present truth to all within his reach.*23LtMs, Lt 38, 1908, par. 4*

Our work is not to be crowded into one locality. The truth is to be carried to the regions beyond. Through the explanation of the Word of God, the light is to shine forth. By much prayer, by the laying hold of the strength of Omnipotence, by the working of the Holy Spirit upon human hearts, the lesson is learned that the converted soul must worship the Father in spirit and in truth.*23LtMs, Lt 38, 1908, par. 5*

To labor for the conversion of souls is the noblest work in which the human agent can engage. But in our working for this object must be revealed the fact that we are laying hold of the grace of Christ, that we are being guided and controlled by the Spirit of God. His holiness, His power, His unbounded love, revealed in the human instrument, will convict and convert souls. When the presence of Christ fills the life, the worker has a sense of divine power within him. The fact that he is a joint worker with God captivates all his affections and desires and fills him with an earnest love for the souls for whom he labors.*23LtMs, Lt 38, 1908, par. 6*

Never forget that whenever a soul is truly converted, God is glorified, and angels in heaven burst forth into singing. We are nearing the great and final conflict. Every advance move made now must be made with increasing effort; for Satan is working with all power to increase the difficulties in our way. He works with all deceivableness of unrighteousness to secure the souls of men. I am charged to say to ministers of the gospel and to our missionary physicians, Go forward. The work to be done calls for self sacrifice at every step; but Go forward.*23LtMs, Lt 38, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 40, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

January 16, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder J. E. White
Edgefield, Tennessee

My son Edson White:

I wish to say to you that your whole confidence must be in the Lord. If you will make Him your trust, you will obtain the control of self. Lean heavily upon the strength of the Lord. Learn patience. Let nothing disturb your mind. We are preparing for the heavenly courts; we should ever bear this in mind.²³*LtMs, Lt 40, 1908, par. 1*

I want to say to you again, The food factory should not have all the machinery taken away, leaving the bare building. I believe there are persons who will purchase the buildings as it is and carry on the food business. I say to you, Keep control of your spirit. Enter into no compromise with those who cannot give you anything to relieve your present situation. Be patient. This is the word that is given me for you.²³*LtMs, Lt 40, 1908, par. 2*

I have been writing constantly for two weeks, that if possible I might set things in order among the workers. I pray that the will of the Lord may be done by you and by me and by W. C. White. I pray that each member of my family may pursue such a course that we all may hear the "well done" spoken unto us. [*Matthew 25:21.*] Let us remember that there is a great and grand work to be done in the saving of souls. And time is short; we have not one moment to waste on matters that are unessential.²³*LtMs, Lt 40, 1908, par. 3*

I have received a letter from Elder Butler, but I have not written to him, fearing that what I might say he would not understand. He does not view some matters in a correct light, and the least I say

concerning those matters just now, the better. When I can write clearly regarding them, I will do so; but just now silence is eloquence. I want to have my heart prepared to understand the truth.*23LtMs, Lt 40, 1908, par. 4*

I am instructed that we are not to transfer the Paradise Valley Sanitarium at present to the conference. We shall not be clear if we do this now. This matter will be made more clear to me in time; but for the present God forbids that any move be made in this direction.*23LtMs, Lt 40, 1908, par. 5*

Let us keep the communication open between God and our souls. Let us walk humbly and keep the mind clear to do the will of the Lord. I am surprised when I see men, who are given positions of trust, exalt themselves and become self-sufficient. This is a dangerous trait of character to manifest in these days of peril. How men can thus exalt self, and lose their bearings, is a mystery to me.*23LtMs, Lt 40, 1908, par. 6*

The truth, present truth for this time, is to be given to the people as meat in due season. A plain "Thus saith the Lord" is to be declared, not in an authoritative manner, but with assurance and in the spirit of love that the Holy Ghost imparts to the sincere believer. Angels of God will make the impressions on hearts if the truth is presented in the fear of God.*23LtMs, Lt 40, 1908, par. 7*

God does not become indifferent to our situation. He does not sleep. The promise which He gave to His disciples before He ascended to heaven reaches to all time. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*]*23LtMs, Lt 40, 1908, par. 8*

My son, claim this promise. Cling to the hand of Christ, and let Him lead you.*23LtMs, Lt 40, 1908, par. 9*

I cannot write you much, for I have little strength today. I have written letter after letter to our different workers until I am worn out. I

desire to be continually, when I can, communing with God.²³*LtMs*,
Lt 40, 1908, par. 10

Lt 42, 1908

Kress, Br-Sr. [D.H.]

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Lt 44, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

January 18, 1908

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Elder G. W. Reaser

Dear Brother Reaser:

I have just read your letter. I am so very grateful to our Saviour that He has expressed Himself to you as one who loves you; and because He loves you, He has sent messages to save you. And you have accepted the message. I feel so thankful. I told my family this morning that your letter was more precious to me than a houseful of gold. You are answering the prayer of Christ for His disciples: "That they all may be one: as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us." [*John 17:21.*]23LtMs, Lt 44, 1908, par. 1

Just before Christ said the words, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth," He had given His disciples the promise, "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth." [*John 17:17; 16:13.*] Through the Holy Spirit, Christ will open more clearly to those who will believe on Him, that which He has inspired holy men to write concerning the truth. And it is thus that the unity for which Christ prayed is to be effected. We are to receive sanctification through obedience to the Word and the Spirit of truth. Thank the Lord.23LtMs, Lt 44, 1908, par. 2

We have the Saviour's example. Jesus never suppressed one word of truth, but He uttered it always in love. Our Saviour always exercised the greatest tact and thoughtful, kind attention in His intercourse with people. He was never rude, never gave needless pain to any sensitive soul. While He fearlessly denounced

hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity, sorrow was in His voice. He wept over Jerusalem, the city He loved, that refused to receive Him who was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. They had rejected Him, the Saviour. His tenderness was so deep it broke His heart.*23LtMs, Lt 44, 1908, par. 3*

I am filled with gratitude and praise and thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus that you have had grace to receive the reproof. A worker together with Christ, you may, by exercising sanctified tact, save souls that are ready to perish. We will study to be skilful, if possible, in winning souls to Christ. If souls turn in a wrong direction, and become lost to the cause of God, for want of tenderness and skill on the part of the worker, the cause has met with loss. The exercise of tact and wisdom, and an earnest desire to save souls from death, will increase the usefulness of a laborer one hundredfold.*23LtMs, Lt 44, 1908, par. 4*

Christ reached the people where they were. Shall we not, my brother, practice Christ's methods and employ all our skill in winning souls to Him? When Satan wins a soul to unite with him in his efforts to destroy, he has gained his purpose. I thank [the] Lord with my soul that He gives His wisdom for the work of winning souls to Him.*23LtMs, Lt 44, 1908, par. 5*

I see a great and valuable work in many lines for you to do. What the workers need to do is to surrender themselves to the Lord's methods, putting self out of sight and lifting up the Man of Calvary. We are to place ourselves, softened and subdued, on the Lord's side. Then when warring elements come in, Christ will give us His Spirit in words and utterance. And success will be given. Angels of God will be right by our side to give us certain victory.*23LtMs, Lt 44, 1908, par. 6*

I write you this because, in the night season, I seemed to be writing these words, just as I have been writing to others. I was saying to you, You may be a strong, spiritually minded man. Some will wish to have the work done in their way; but the Lord would convert you to His way; then He will use you to bring many souls to Christ. If you will learn Christ's methods, you will be endowed with a Christlike character. You will educate others; and those who are thirsting for

the words of truth will see the life of Christ in your words and in the tone of your voice. You will come in contact with those whose hearts the Spirit of God is moving upon; you can help these to come to the light.*23LtMs, Lt 44, 1908, par. 7*

You can be a great help to Elder Burden. You can be a laborer together with God in helping him carry his load. Every one who accepts the present truth will be a soul saved to Christ. You have a work to do, and the Lord Jesus will be your helper, if you will put your trust in Him. As you walk humbly with God, He will be your strength, your wisdom, your front guard, and your rearward. May the Lord bless you and encourage you is my prayer.*23LtMs, Lt 44, 1908, par. 8*

P.S.—I shall attend the meetings that are being held. I shall hope to have strength to bring in some important matters. If I have strength, I shall see you there; if not, you are to come to me. I thank the Lord, O so much, that you will not have to give up your position, but that you can labor with your brethren as one in Christ Jesus.*23LtMs, Lt 44, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 46, 1908

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

St. Helena, California

January 13, 1908

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Elders Burden and Reaser

Dear Brethren:

I have words to speak to you. The Lord has a great work to do for His cause in the earth, and He will do it through those workers who will unite with Him.²³*LtMs, Lt 46, 1908, par. 1*

I plead with you, Elder Reaser, to take your stand wholly on the right side. We cannot change the presidency without feeling deep regret. If you will take your position firmly to counterwork the influence you have exerted against the testimonies of the Spirit of God, then the Lord can accept you. But while you remain in an unsettled condition, having more confidence in your own judgment than you have in the counsel of the Lord, you are doing a work to undermine the confidence of the people in the work of the Lord. I must say to you, Elder Reaser, that there is need for much searching of self, for you have much prejudice to overcome. One seed of unbelief sown in the heart will change the atmosphere of the soul. There is a far-reaching work to be done in counterworking the work of unbelief that has been done. If you will place yourself under the control of the Spirit of God, the Lord will help you to do this. Angels of God are by the side of those who choose to be taught of the Lord, and who seek His counsel. Our workers need to counsel often together, that they may know what spirit is controlling them.²³*LtMs, Lt 46, 1908, par. 2*

The workers in the Southern California Conference need to be

minute men. No one is to exalt his own judgment or entertain the thought that he can carry the work in his own way. My brethren, when difficulties arise, do not leave the Lord out of your councils. Self-ruling will bring no strength to the church. A worker may magnify self to large proportions, but in doing so he will bring embarrassment to the work and give an example to the church that God never designed it should have. *23LtMs, Lt 46, 1908, par. 3*

The work that was done in collecting money to lift the school debt in Southern California was not a work of God's ordering. He gave our schools the precious book *Christ's Object Lessons*, and He wants that book to be appreciated. The students have lost precious lessons because they have not taken up the work of pushing the sale of these books. There is a most valuable experience to be gained by those who will aid in doing this work for the benefit of our educational institutions. If teachers and students will act their part in this missionary enterprise, angels of God will open the way before them. *23LtMs, Lt 46, 1908, par. 4*

In this new year, let new methods be recommended. Let parents encourage their children to act a part in the circulation of *Christ's Object Lessons*. This will instruct the children in acts of self-denial. The work of selling *Christ's Object Lessons* is a work that Christ would have the children engage in; and they themselves will be blessed in the work. Light, precious light, is contained in the book, which every family should follow. *23LtMs, Lt 46, 1908, par. 5*

Ministry of Healing is another book containing valuable instruction. It is also a gift to the work; its teachings will do good to those who receive them, as its title suggests. The sale of *Ministry of Healing* is one way in which the sanitarium is to receive help. Let us take a personal interest in this matter. These two books can be handled separately or together, as may be deemed advisable. And those who read them will see in them precious light. Angels will [be] beside those who study them to impress minds and hearts. *23LtMs, Lt 46, 1908, par. 6*

The Loma Linda Sanitarium needs help. It was the Lord who placed this institution in our possession, that we might carry forward His work through its instrumentality. It should have every convenience

necessary to make it a blessing to the sick. In the efforts made to build up this work, Satan has tried in every way to discourage; but we must not be discouraged, but arouse to the task of carrying this work successfully. Los Angeles can help to meet the emergency by loaning means or making gifts to provide for the present necessities.*23LtMs, Lt 46, 1908, par. 7*

There is need of an elevator at the sanitarium; it is also necessary that some other improvements be made and that, as far as possible, the indebtedness be decreased. Let all who possibly can help in the circulation of *Ministry of Healing*, that means may come in for the doing of this work. If at the beginning of this new year, we will take hold of this work, the blessing of the Lord will be upon us. The pushing of this enterprise is included in the missionary work to be done for this time. Let all plan to see what can be done.*23LtMs, Lt 46, 1908, par. 8*

We each need to arouse and be a benefit to the world in which we live. We are to act a part in the saving of souls. The spirit we reveal in words and character will live again in those for whom we labor as their ideal of what a Christian believer should be. When the will and desires are held subservient to the will and plans of the Lord, the soul will be as the garden of God, filled with all manner of pleasant flowers and fruits.*23LtMs, Lt 46, 1908, par. 9*

The *first chapter of Second Peter* contains valuable instruction for every worker. Read this chapter, and understand it for your individual selves. It is your privilege to secure the everlasting life insurance policy there brought to view.*23LtMs, Lt 46, 1908, par. 10*

Lt 48, 1908

Kress, Br.-Sr. [D.H.]

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Lt 48a, 1908

Washburn, J. S.

St. Helena, California

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Elder J. S. Washburn
610 Meridian St.
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Brother:

About a week ago I received a letter from J. E. White and one from you; and during the last few days I have received letters that speak of the work which you think to undertake.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 1*

Some time ago I had light that you should become acquainted with the work that is being done by the large educational institutions for the colored people in Nashville. When the work was first opened in Nashville, I was deeply anxious that our workers should become familiar with the workings of these school, and that they should make special efforts to become acquainted with the teachers and learn from them their methods of working. Again and again I have been instructed that some of our youth should be encouraged to attend these schools and exert an influence for the truth as they mingle with the students and teachers in their classes. I still urge that this be done.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 2*

I have repeatedly stated that one of the reasons that we were led to select Nashville as a suitable center for our work in the South was because of the location of the large schools there for the colored people. As our brethren become acquainted with the methods of work in these colored schools, they will learn much regarding how

to sow successfully the seeds of truth in the hearts of these people. This was clearly presented to me when we first entered the city of Nashville.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 3*

Some of those in the Madison school should keep always the object in view of learning the best methods of educating the colored people.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 4*

There should be a blending together of interests, and an effort in every possible way, that we may become acquainted with the methods of instruction which have been found most successful. I have been shown that we should obtain all the knowledge possible of the best ways to conduct schools for the colored people; for we are to start schools in many places in the South.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 5*

It is our duty to educate medical missionaries to become teachers of the colored people. This work should be begun at once; for the time is short in which we shall be able to work. It should have been in operation long ago. The urgency of opening new fields in the South and the importance of doing it now is continually being placed before me.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 6*

We are instructed that the truth must go forth as a lamp that burneth. Let not your mind become obscured, but let it respond willingly to the will of God. The Holy Spirit is waiting to accomplish a great and good work for the cities of the South through God's faithful servants. If it is appointed that you be called to this work, do your best in the name of the Lord. We need to watch unto prayer and to make straight paths for our feet and for the feet of others.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 7*

The cities of the South have been neglected long enough. They must now receive a knowledge of the truth for this time; and this knowledge is to come through the faithfulness of God's servants. I have a deep interest in these souls to whom you shall open the Word of truth.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 8*

If there is a special call for ministerial work to be done in Memphis, I advise you to take right hold of it and see what can be done with the helpers who may be selected. For years the Lord has been pointing

out that this work should be done. It would not be consistent to neglect this call. May the Lord help you to step in where you are most needed. If this is the voice of the conference, step in in the name of the Lord, using all your ingenuity to make the effort a great success. Of course there will be others to help you.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 9*

There should not at this time be an urgent call made for the erection of a school for colored people in Nashville. I learn that Brother Stains has purchased land a few miles from Nashville and is establishing a school there where colored people may be educated. This must be taken into consideration in all our plans.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 10*

I cannot write you more at this time, as I wish to get this letter into the mail. We have with us a Brother and Sister Hare from Avondale, Australia. Brother Hare is desirous of having a part in ministerial work. He was with us in the building up of the Avondale school and Health Retreat and has served for the past two years as manager of the health food work at Avondale. He does not desire to have his mind engrossed altogether in the health food business, but wishes to give some time to teaching the Word. He is a man who, I believe, could help you in the South.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 11*

I have advised Brother Hare to go to Madison, and as a worker there he can be a help to you. We want him to be where he can advise in the work and have a part in ministerial work. I think he will be on his way shortly, if he decides to go to Madison.*23LtMs, Lt 48a, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 50, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

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Elder J. E. White
Edgefield, Tennessee

My dear Son:

I have received letters both from you and from Elder Washburn, dealing with the same matters. I have written to him and will now write a few lines to you. I hope that you and Brother Washburn may counsel together about the work.²³*LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 1*

I would say, Seek the Lord in earnest prayer. It is often the case that erroneous opinions have been transcribed on the mind, and these tend to lead to an unwise course of action. Every worker should have his mind drawn out after God, with humble heart, surrendering his individual will to the Lord's will. We must live in hourly communion with God, that we may be enabled to walk in His ways. The principles of truth and righteousness must be firmly implanted in the mind and heart.²³*LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 2*

You need rest and quietness. If you will seek for these, you will be a great gainer. You will be calm in mind, and passing annoyances will not irritate you.²³*LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 3*

My son, may the Lord God of Israel be your counselor. Satan has come down in great power, knowing that he has but a short time to work. He is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness to draw men away from Christ. But by looking unto Jesus, and committing your soul unto Him, you may rest in His love. Allow

nothing to disturb your peace of mind. In the name of the Lord, I tell you that it is your privilege to claim from the source of all spiritual efficiency the keeping power of God. Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The Lord will sustain you, if you will act faithfully your part.²³*LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 4*

As you seek the Lord for sympathy and co-operation, you obtain the intelligence and peace that you desire. Keep your soul in the love of God. Guard carefully all your words; for by your speech you are to represent the spirit of Christ.²³*LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 5*

While selfishness abounds in the world, see that you keep your own soul free from every taint of selfishness. Let not one thread be drawn into the web of your experience. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength; and thy neighbor as thyself." [*Luke 10:27.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 6*

Just before His departure, Jesus said to His disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one for another." [*John 13:34, 35.*] Here is the mark to which we are to endeavor to attain.²³*LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 7*

The work of the Lord must advance rapidly. We have not time to notice the objectionable words or actions of others. Let us not risk our soul's healthfulness by speaking impatient words, whatever may be the attitude of others. "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." [*James 1:19.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 8*

Every branch of God's work is needed. The medical missionary work is to the message as is the right hand to the body. But it would not be sensible or right that all the strength of the body should go into a hand. Neither would it be right for all the strength of the working agencies in the cause of the Lord to be used in the medical missionary work. The ministry of the Word must be sustained, and there must be unity in the movements of the whole body, all parts united in carrying out God's plan for the advancement of His work. All the members of the body are to be the Lord's working agencies, every part joined harmoniously with every other part.²³*LtMs, Lt 50,*

1908, par. 9

I would be pleased to see you, but I dare not go to the South where you are; for I have but little strength. I am writing almost continuously. I know that the Lord is my Guide, and whether I live or die, I am the Lord's.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 10*

I am thankful that, notwithstanding my arduous labors during my recent visit to Southern California, I still retain my clearness of mind. I was fearful that my voice might be weakened; but for one hour at the sanitarium last Sabbath, I was able to speak as clearly and distinctly as usual. The Lord gave me plain, clear light to give to His people.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 11*

Brother Metcalfe Hare and Elder Haskell and his wife have, for a few days, been members of my family. Brother Hare has been engaged in the health food work in Australia, and he is desirous of entering some place where he can divide his labors between the ministry and some other line of work. I think that, in many ways, he would be a good helper in the South. He has had an experience in Avondale from the very beginning of our work there.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 12*

The managers of the Avondale school have endeavored to walk in all the light that the Lord has given. His rich blessing has been with the institution, and it is an object lesson of the success that will follow those who respect and obey the light from heaven.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 13*

It is reported by some that I have not lived up to the principles of health reform as I have advocated them with my pen. But I can say that so far as my knowledge goes, I have not departed from those principles. Those who have eaten at my table know that I have not placed flesh meats before them.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 14*

When through overwork, care, and anxiety your father became very feeble in health, one and another said to me, "Give him some meat." Wearied with their importunities, I finally bought a piece of what was supposed to be a young lamb, cooked some of it, and gave him a little of the broth. Afterward, as I was cutting up the remainder of this meat, I found in the tissues a disgusting-looking

tumor. I can assure you that I had nothing more to do with that piece of meat, but burned it up.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 15*

There was in our family at one time a cook who sometimes ate meat, though she was told not to provide meat for our table. One day she bought some liver. I asked her if she had examined it carefully. She replied that she had not, but thought it was all right. However I insisted on examining it; and when we looked at it carefully, we found that it was a rotten mass. Then I said to her, "Jenny, do you not see that you are poisoning your blood by the use of the flesh of dead animals?" This incident seemed to impress her at the time.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 16*

It is many years since I have had meat on my table at home. We never use tea or coffee. Occasionally I have used red clover blossom tea for a warm drink, but few of my family drink any fluid at our meals. <The table is provided with> cream instead of butter, even though we have company present. I have not used butter for many years.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 17*

Yet we do not have an impoverished diet. We have an abundance of dried and canned fruit. If our own fruit crop is short, we buy some in the market. Sister Gray sends me the seedless grapes, and these stewed make a very appetizing dish. We raise our own loganberries and use them freely. Strawberries do not grow well in this locality, but from our neighbors we purchase blackberries, raspberries, apples, and pears. We have also an abundance of tomatoes. We also raise a fine variety of sweet corn and dry a large amount for use during the winter months. Near by us is a food factory, where we can supply ourselves with the grain preparations.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 18*

We endeavor to use good judgment in determining what combinations of food best agree with us. It is our duty to act wisely in regard to our habits of eating, to be temperate, and to learn to reason from cause to effect. If we will do our part, then the Lord will do His part in preserving our brain/nerve power.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 19*

For more than forty years I have eaten but two meals a day. And if I have a specially important work to do, I limit the quantity of food that

I take. I regard it as my duty to refuse to place in my stomach any food that I have reason to believe will create disorder. My mind must be sanctified to God, and I must guard carefully against any habit that would tend to lessen my powers of intellect. I am now in my eighty-first year, and I can bear testimony that we do not, as a family, hunger for the flesh pots of Egypt. I have known something of the benefits to be received by living up to the principles of health reform. I consider it a privilege as well as a duty to be a health reformer.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 20*

Yet I am sorry that there are many of our people who do not strictly follow the light on health reform. Those who in their habits transgress the principles of health, and do not heed the light that the Lord has given, will surely suffer the consequences.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 21*

I write you these details, that you may know how to answer any who may question my manner of eating.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 22*

I labor hard and long in my writing. I can seldom sleep later than four o'clock, and many days I am up earlier than this. For the past few weeks I have had but little sleep; for I have felt a great burden to write out the truths that the Lord has presented before me. I know not how long the Lord may continue to spare my life; but I am still committing to paper the things that the Lord has given me.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 23*

When I awake early in the morning, I arise, build a fire in the fireplace, often putting on large chunks of wood that are as heavy as I can lift. Then I take as comfortable a position as possible and begin my writing. This morning I began writing at four o'clock.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 24*

During my last journey to Southern California, I bore a straight testimony in various places. When I stood on my feet before a congregation, the Lord took away all sense of weariness and gave me a clear, distinct voice to communicate the words of light and truth. The Word of God is very precious to me. I am thankful that I can present its truths in clear lines in speech and in writing. My mind is clear on Bible subjects, the subjects that the people need at this time.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 25*

I thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice that I have never lost the use of my right arm. Ever since the Lord strengthened me to write, I have always been able to hold my pen with a firm hand. I consider this one of the special blessings of God to me. And I consider that one reason why I have been able to do so much work, both in speaking and in writing, is because I am strictly temperate in my eating. If several varieties of food are placed before me, I endeavor to choose only those that I know will agree. Thus I am enabled to preserve clear mental faculties. I refuse to place in my stomach knowingly anything that will set up fermentation. This is the duty of all health reformers. We must reason from cause to effect. It is our duty to be temperate in all things.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 26*

I must now leave these words with you. Let the Lord Jesus be your instructor. The words that fell from the lips of the Son of God are exceedingly precious. Let no man interpose himself between you and your Redeemer. Take the words of Christ, and be exceedingly glad that you can obtain counsel from lips that never err, and from a heart that will respond to every sincere desire of His children.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 27*

There must be no contention as to who shall be the greatest. Let no man succeed in discouraging you; for you are bought with the price of Christ's precious blood. Cling to the Mighty One. Be true to Him who paid the ransom price for your soul, that you might have eternal life. Have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Be uplifted by the words that He speaks to you in the Scriptures. Be of good courage in the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 28*

With much love.*23LtMs, Lt 50, 1908, par. 29*

Lt 52, 1908

Corliss, J. O.

St. Helena, California

January 28, 1908

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Elder John O. Corliss

My dear Brother:

I am commissioned to give you a message regarding your work during the past year; for the Lord has not accepted it in all respects. The warnings given me for you at San Jose and since that time have not been accepted by you. You have chosen to follow your own ideas rather than the instruction the Lord has given.*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 1*

You know that for many years I have had the interest for you and your work that a mother feels for the welfare and prosperity of a son. And now I ask, Why do you not humble your heart before God and for Christ's sake consider carefully your course of action? There is in you a spirit which the Lord cannot acknowledge as pure, and obedient, and holy.*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 2*

The action of the Conference Committee some time ago in placing several hundred dollars in your hands, in addition to your salary, was not an act that was ordered by the Lord; and it brought perplexity and questioning.*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 3*

You are receiving pay from the conference as a shepherd of the flock. As such you are to consider that you are to labor faithfully and humbly for the spiritual welfare of the church. You are to discern what is essential truth and give it to the people.*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 4*

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians: “I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power; that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God.” [*1 Corinthians 2:1-5.*]23*LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 5*

And again he writes: “Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of His knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God; in the sight of God speak we in Christ.” [*2 Corinthians 2:14-17.*]23*LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 6*

Every man who realizes his responsibility as a worker together with God will demonstrate in his words and works that he does not belittle the sacred office he bears as guardian of the flock of God. He will be circumspect in his deportment; he will use his capabilities with tact and skill in the work of winning souls. He will have a zeal according to knowledge. And the church has a right to expect this of the minister of God. Those who claim to be doing the work of God in the earth are to be as a sweet savor of Christ in every place. But unless we represent the meekness of Christ, and become true witnesses of the great Teacher, we set before the church an example that God cannot acknowledge in the day when every case shall be decided by the Judge of all the earth.23*LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 7*

There are many churches that need to awake from sleep and arouse to a new life that will be shown in acts from which our fellow men can take knowledge that we have been born again. Our lives are to become sacred, consecrated lives, because we reflect the spirit of Christ in words and works. We cannot afford to live lives of selfishness. Consider the words of Paul, “We are not as many

which corrupt the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.” [*Verse 17.*] Oh, how much time has been lost by teachers of the gospel in pretension—in deceiving their own souls and in deceiving others.*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 8*

“Do we begin again to commend ourselves?” the apostle asks. “Or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you. Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistles of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God: not in tables of stone, but in the fleshly tables of the heart.*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 9*

“And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything of ourselves: but our efficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stone, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away; how shall not the ministration of the Spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory which excelleth. For if that which is done away is glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 10*

“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: but not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: but their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 11*

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is,

there is liberty. But we all, with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” [2 *Corinthians* 3:1-18.]*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 12*

These words have been given me as a message for you and for Elder Knox. The *fourth chapter of Second Corinthians* also has precious lessons for every believing soul. Take every word of this blessed instruction to your individual selves. You both need them; for to some extent you have lost your bearings. If you will take time to consider that which is of eternal interest to yourselves, if you will humble your own hearts before God, you will not remain in your present condition of deficiency in those things that God requires of the teachers of His church.*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 13*

My brethren, study the instruction of Christ. You have need to be taught of the One who is holy, harmless, undefiled. Unless you and every minister and physician shall follow His teachings, you can never be a blessing to any church, nor can you enter in through the gates to the city of God.*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 14*

My burden of soul for you has been very great. I have an intense interest in your spiritual welfare. You need to place yourselves under the molding influence of the Spirit of God.*23LtMs, Lt 52, 1908, par. 15*

Lt 54, 1908

Message for Elder Knox

St. Helena, California

January 21, 1908

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The Lord has given me a message for Elder Knox: The Lord would have a change in the men who are bearing responsibilities in the California Conference; a different spiritual atmosphere is needed.²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 1*

Much light has been given regarding the changes that the Lord would have brought about in the conference. The testimonies I have borne under the influence of the Holy Spirit in Oakland, in the place where our meetings were held, if diligently heeded, would have wrought the necessary changes. Now God bids me say, At the beginning of this year the administration should change. There is too much at stake in this great and important work to allow the message sent by the Lord to go unheeded.²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 2*

Instruction was given to me that when a message is sent by God, and a change is made in accordance with that message, it is because the Spirit of the Lord impels men to act. Mercy and righteousness have their foundation in the Word of God, and this Word forbids that any arbitrary power be exercised by man over his fellow man. Those who seek counsel of God in meekness of heart, presenting their petitions in the name of their Mediator, will receive grace and guidance. "The meek will He guide in judgment; and the meek will He teach His way." [*Psalm 25:9.*] But the unbelieving and rebellious can have no share in the blessings that the humble receiver will receive.²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 3*

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

our ministers to prepare the way of the Lord and to make His paths straight.²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 4*

“O Lord, Thou art my God,” the prophet Isaiah exclaimed; “I will exalt Thee; I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful things; Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. For Thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. Therefore shall the strong people glorify Thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear Thee. For Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in His distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.”²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 5*

“And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away all tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.”²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 6*

“And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord: we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation. For in this mountain shall the hand of the Lord rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under Him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill. And He shall spread forth His hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and He shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands. And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall He bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.” [*Isaiah 25:1-12.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 7*

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

great work to be done in California; but there must be a change in the administration. The Lord has not accepted in all its features the work that has been done in the last few years. Only the strictest obedience to the requirements of God will the Lord accept from men who stand in the places of highest responsibility in our conferences.*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 8*

Message after message has been borne to some of the churches in California during the past two years. It is the design of God that these messages shall stand firm to the accomplishment of the work that He has declared in them shall be done. If the teachers of truth had stood firm to the counsels of the Lord, great victories for the truth would have been gained. It would have been made manifest through the churches that God was working through the people who claim to keep His commandments. Their united representation of the will of God would have been an assurance to unbelievers that here was a people who vindicated the Word of the Lord in every respect. The signs of their connection with heaven would have been clearly displayed, and hundreds would have been brought to a knowledge of the truth.*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 9*

God appointed that His people should be bound together in the bonds of sacred union. But a man-ruling power came gradually into our ranks. Men were appointed to be rulers over their fellow men—men whose ways were not the ways of the Lord and whose works were not His works. God has never decreed that man should thus be made amenable to his fellow man, or that one brother should dictate to another concerning individual duty. He has never bidden any man accept the words and experience of a fellow worker and to follow the judgment of a man-ruling power.*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 10*

One of the ways in which the Lord has punished nations in the past for perversity and disobedience to His commands has been to place them in subjection to other nations and powers, making them dependent on human agencies instead of upon the arm of the Lord. The result has been feebleness and often discord and confusion. Similar will be the results in the Christian experience of those who make flesh their arm and depart from the strength of God.*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 11*

I am instructed to say to Seventh-day Adventists the world over, God has called us as a people to be a peculiar treasure unto Himself. He has appointed that His church on earth shall stand perfectly united in the Spirit and counsel of the Lord of hosts to the end of time. Satan has taken advantage of the inclination of the human mind, to cause a dominating power to be exercised, so that those who would cannot follow the leadings of the Lord without being brought to task by men. But God wants us to learn that His Spirit is to be the chief counselor of His people. I am instructed to say in the name of the God of Israel, Everything that savors of a domineering power is to be set aside. The Lord of hosts is to be the ruler of the people He has chosen. Those who believe the truth are to have the privilege of counseling with their brethren in the faith, of praying with them when difficulties and trials and sorrows come. As fellow workers they are to be a help one to another. But I have been instructed to oppose the spirit that would lead men to exercise authority over their fellow men in their spiritual experiences. *23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 12*

The light given me of the Lord is, Break every yoke. There must now be brought into the conference workers who have a sound spiritual experience, workers who, when the question is asked, "Watchman, what of the night?" will respond, "The morning cometh; and also the night." The morning comes to the people of God who rely upon His Word and follow His counsels: but the night comes to those who walk and work in human wisdom. "If ye will inquire, inquire, return, come." [*Isaiah 21:11, 12.*]*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 13*

Decided changes should be made in the spiritual conditions of the California Conference. I now advise that Elder Haskell and his wife, who have had a wide experience in our cause, be chosen to serve the work in this field, and that they be provided with helpers who will assist them in carrying the work in right lines. Special efforts must now be made to drive away the spiritual fog, and to bring in a clearer and purer atmosphere; and this must be done by the working of the Holy Spirit. The fog of unbelief and uncertainty has hid the Sun of righteousness from many of His people. The seeds of doubt that have been sown in minds have taken so deep root that some may never again clearly discern the truth as it is in Jesus. We

would do great wrong to allow the work to be carried on in the same manner in the future.²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 14*

I am instructed to advise that Elder Haskell come in and unite with reliable men in carrying the responsibilities of the California Conference. Let every vestige of man-ruling power, which has engendered unbelief and strife, be now removed; and let many prayers ascend to heaven that the pillar of cloud shall lead this people. Let the truth be magnified.²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 15*

There should be among us many more true-hearted men who appreciate the truth in its loveliness and who, because they appropriate the sanctifying grace of Christ, and walk humbly with God, have clear spiritual eyesight—men who will become educators of the people, gathering the divine rays of light to reflect on the pathway which we travel.²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 16*

In the place of hovering over the churches, our ministers should carry a burden for souls unwarned by the messages of *Revelation fourteen*. Every tongue should be sanctified to teach the truth of the Bible. The apostle Paul's instruction to Titus was, "Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in the faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things: that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. ...²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 17*

"For the grace of God which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."
[*Titus 2:1-5, 11-15.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 18*

Those who put on the garments of authority, and not the garments

of righteousness, know not what is the nature of Christ's authority.*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 19*

For Brother and Sister Haskell, I have this message: The Lord will surely sustain you as you speak in demonstration of the Spirit. Look unto Jesus who is the author and finisher of your faith. May the Lord greatly bless you and help you to be a blessing to Elder Knox, to Elder Corliss, and to all your fellow laborers in the ministry.*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 20*

To our brethren and sisters throughout the conference, I would say, Be a help and comfort to those who are bearing the burdens of the work.*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 21*

To those who have long been in forbidden paths, I would say, "Take heed, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." [*Hebrews 3:12, 13.*]*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 22*

I desire to see you learning the lessons of obedience and humility as God's little children. Do not think that we desire to hurt you, for we do not; we pray for the salvation of your souls.*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 23*

"So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou art My Son, today have I begotten Thee. As He saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience through the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." [*Hebrews 5:5-9.*] Here are stated the only conditions. True obedience will soften and subdue the hearts of all who will be saved in God's appointed way.*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 24*

Now, my brethren, I have written this to you that you might

understand that the Lord cannot accept your labors unless you work the works of God. He desires you to become His little children, willing to learn every lesson He has for you to learn. The Lord cannot save you if you entertain the idea that you can lift up or cast down as you please.*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 25*

“Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, as a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; but Christ as a son over His own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their hearts; and they have not known My ways.” [*Hebrews 3:5-10.*]*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 26*

It is only the narrowness of our vision that prevents us from discerning God’s loving-kindness in the discipline to which He subjects His church, as well as in the great blessings which He provides. In all times of distress and confusion, God is a sure refuge to His people. In the shadow of His protection they may safely keep His way. In the affliction designed to purify them, the power of the gospel is to be their consolation. In His sure Word they have a fortress.*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 27*

“In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation, which keepeth the truth, may enter in. ...*23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 28*

“Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength; for He bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, He layeth it low, even to the ground; He bringeth it even to the dust. The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy. The way of the just is uprightness: Thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just. Yea, in the way of Thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for Thee; the desire of our soul is to Thy name, and to the remembrance of Thee.*23LtMs, Lt 54,*

1908, par. 29

“With my soul have I desired Thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek Thee early: for when Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the earth will learn righteousness. Let favor be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.” [*isaiah 26:1, 2, 4-10.*]23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 30

Sometimes God leaves His people for a season, that they may learn the lesson of dependence upon Him. Oh, what lessons the church has had for its enlightenment!23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 31

“Hear, ye that are afar off, what I have done; and ye that are near, acknowledge My might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrite. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks; bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.” [*isaiah 33:13-17.*]23LtMs, Lt 54, 1908, par. 32

Lt 56, 1908

Knox, W. T.

St. Helena, California

January 28, 1908

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Elder W. T. Knox

Dear Brother:

I am instructed to say to you that in many respects your experience and the experience of Elder Corliss are not that which God approves. The Lord has not been glorified in your administration, and a different administration should now be brought in. The position of president of a conference calls for a man of deep discernment. And no conference should bear the impress of one man's mind and one man's judgment. The men who stand at the head of this work should have a molding influence on the churches that is in harmony with the Spirit of Christ. When Jesus is abiding in the heart by faith, the spirit of self will not arise to lead men away from holy principles.²³*LtMs, Lt 56, 1908, par. 1*

The present condition of the conference over which you have had charge is not a condition favorable to Christian growth. You are not in a condition spiritually to help the churches. I have been shown that for more than two years, while you have held positions of great influence in the conference, your labors have not in all things been pleasing to God. Not all of your work in Oakland and Berkeley was of a character to properly represent the truth for this time. The spirit you have at times entertained the Lord does not acknowledge.²³*LtMs, Lt 56, 1908, par. 2*

I am instructed to say to you that a different administration must now come into the California Conference. And to you I must say, that unless you learn lessons of Christ, seeking Him with

brokenness of heart, there will be no place for you in the work. Had the work in California been carried by men who were daily being taught of God, it would be two or three years in advance of where it is.*23LtMs, Lt 56, 1908, par. 3*

I have felt deeply concerned for the churches in California, and I was relieved when it was suggested that for a time Elder Haskell help to carry the responsibilities of this conference. Elder Haskell is a man of influence and has had an experience that goes back to the early days of the message. His interests were closely connected with those of the pioneers in this cause in their early labors and conflicts. Our seasons of prayer together were blessed of God, and light was given us at those times that is now shining forth in clear, bright rays. Elder Haskell has had a knowledge of present truth from the beginning. He knows how to keep minds fresh, regarding the events of our history as a people, and to teach those points of faith that have been present truth to us from the rise of the message to this time.*23LtMs, Lt 56, 1908, par. 4*

The financial burdens of the conference should be borne by those who will bear their responsibilities in humility and the fear of God. I believe when this matter is presented to faithful, diligent burden-bearers, they will take up this part of the work.*23LtMs, Lt 56, 1908, par. 5*

Surely the time has come when the California Conference should have a new ministration. We advise that you no longer carry the burdens you have been bearing in this conference, and that Elder Haskell unite with faithful helpers in carrying the responsibilities that pertain to the spiritual welfare of the people. The California Conference should have a president who will make the Lord his Counselor and Stronghold, his Front Guard and Rearward, and who will work in harmony with the testimonies that God sends through His chosen agencies.*23LtMs, Lt 56, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 58, 1908

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

St. Helena, California

January 12, 1908

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Elder J. A. Burden
Loma Linda, California

Dear Brother and Sister Burden:

I have just written a short letter to Elder Reaser. When a man exalts himself as Elder Reaser has done, he is in great peril. He is in danger of losing his soul; and the enemy will endeavor to take advantage of his influence, and his capabilities, and use them to deceive others and lead them into false paths.²³*LtMs, Lt 58, 1908, par. 1*

But I have been shown that if Elder Reaser will humble his heart, and make a decided change in his attitude toward the work and toward his brethren, then we should come close to him to help him. It will not help him to treat him coldly. Let us not risk the chance of losing his soul, but let us help and strengthen him, and forgive as Christ forgives.²³*LtMs, Lt 58, 1908, par. 2*

Brother Reaser needs help. If he sees the changes he should make, and casts away the false confidence he has had, putting his trust in the One who gave His life for men, he can have power to overcome.²³*LtMs, Lt 58, 1908, par. 3*

Elder Reaser is seeking to keep the better world in view, and he wants us to trust him. How tenderly my heart went out toward him as I read his letters. I desire to help him over this hard place. I believe that if we can tenderly help him at this time, that he will

respond to our efforts in his behalf. I feel that we should not make it known to the churches that we feared he would have to resign his position. I would not take a step that would mar his life record. Let us try to help him to put his heart and soul and strength on the Lord's side, for the upbuilding of His church.*23LtMs, Lt 58, 1908, par. 4*

I would not willingly do anything that would show a spirit of coldness or lack of Christian forgiveness. I have told our brother where he has erred, and that the Lord was grieved with his course of action. We have many dangers to encounter in our Christian experience, but that which seems to me would be the most serious error just now would be to withdraw from one who needs our help, while struggling to get on safe footing.*23LtMs, Lt 58, 1908, par. 5*

I have felt a deep yearning for the soul of Brother Reaser, and the mere thought that he may retain his position as president of the conference, and work in unison with his brethren, fills me with thankfulness. I shall rejoice greatly if he need not pass through the embarrassment of being separated from the work.*23LtMs, Lt 58, 1908, par. 6*

I have sought no counsel in this matter, but the Lord's; and He has shown me that Brother Reaser, with the help and sympathy of his brethren, and working unitedly with them, can serve another year. Brethren Cottrell and Reaser should blend in their work and give you the help you must have in your sanitarium work. This the Lord calls them to do.*23LtMs, Lt 58, 1908, par. 7*

Brother Reaser will have many difficulties to overcome; for he has misjudged the way in which the work of soul-winning should be done. He will need now, more than ever before, faithful, sympathizing friends—those who will help him to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. He will be enabled to do this if he will allow his heart to be worked by the Holy Spirit of God. And we are to watch, not only this soul, but other souls that may have been in the wrong way, and help them to place their feet in the right way. With the help of his brethren, Brother Reaser may learn his lesson and find the path that Jesus traveled and become a representative of Him.*23LtMs, Lt 58, 1908, par. 8*

Let Brother Reaser help you in every possible way, and seek to strengthen him in every right purpose. Tell him the Lord says, "Be not discouraged; for I am thy God." [*isaiah 41:10.*] When I think of any other course being taken, I am filled with sorrow. Christ would have us united in Christian fellowship—a tie more binding than the ties of human kinship. Let us take our stand on a higher platform. Christ has pledged Himself to work for us if we will take hold of Him by faith.*23LtMs, Lt 58, 1908, par. 9*

Jesus does not willingly give sorrow to a single soul. Let us learn of Him how to manifest a tender affection. His promises will never fail; in Him we have an unchanging friend. Let us now take hold to glorify, not self, but Christ; then the light of His presence will shine upon us, illuminating all the way.*23LtMs, Lt 58, 1908, par. 10*

I am very desirous, Brother Burden, that you should help Elder Reaser wherever you can. As he shall come into right relation to God, you will be encouraged to help him in many ways. If Brother Reaser will come into harmony with the work, he can be a help to you and you to him. There are many who have received wrong impressions. There are many church members who need to feel the converting power of God upon mind and heart and character. There are many in Los Angeles who, if they would move out of the city and find homes in more retired places, would have an experience of a higher character. There is a great work to be done for the city of Los Angeles.*23LtMs, Lt 58, 1908, par. 11*

Lt 60, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

February 3, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I wish very much that you would write to me, even if you can find time for only a few lines.*23LtMs, Lt 60, 1908, par. 1*

I have been very busy since the meetings closed. I have had several visitors. I was much pleased to have some conversation with Elder Gilbert and his wife. What he told me of his work was very interesting. I believe that if he will hold on patiently, his work for the Jewish people will be successful. I greatly desired to help him with money in properly fitting up the place he has purchased. I wish the church at Fresno might be induced to make an offering to his work, that the Jews who accept Christ, and because of this are cut off from their people, may have a place of refuge. Elder Gilbert is using his God-given powers in a noble work. I pray that through his efforts many of the seed of Israel may be grafted into the true stock, Christ Jesus.*23LtMs, Lt 60, 1908, par. 2*

The apostle wrote to the Romans: "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: if by any means I might provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the first fruits be holy, the lump is also holy. And if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee."*23LtMs, Lt 60,*

1908, par. 3

“Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graft in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off; and thou standest by faith. Be not high minded, but fear: for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest He also spare not thee. Behold therefore, the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity: but toward thee, goodness; if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.²³*LtMs, Lt 60, 1908, par. 4*

“And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graft in, for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree, which is wild by nature, and wert graft contrary to nature, into a good olive tree, how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be graft into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery; lest ye be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened unto Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.” [*Romans 11:13-25.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 60, 1908, par. 5*

I ask you to study this whole chapter carefully. There is a great work to be done for the Jewish people. In seeking to do this work Brother Gilbert has placed himself in a trying position, and at times his life has been endangered. But the Lord has wonderfully preserved him and has blessed his efforts in giving him converts to the faith. Now that he has purchased a farm where he can make a home for these converted Jews, I trust that our people in Fresno will help him in this work. I am in fullest sympathy with this work, and I desire to solicit an offering from the Fresno church for its support. I trust that no hindering influence will come in to turn their hearts from giving. Not only will this home serve as a refuge to those who accept Christ, but it will be a place where they will learn how to work for their own people.²³*LtMs, Lt 60, 1908, par. 6*

I will leave this matter with you. I trust that no one will consider it his duty to hedge up the way.²³*LtMs, Lt 60, 1908, par. 7*

Please write and let me know how matters are progressing. I have not relinquished my hope in the Lord that we shall see of His saving grace.²³*LtMs, Lt 60, 1908, par. 8*

I need to hire five hundred dollars. If I could get this amount at a reasonable rate of interest, I should be glad. Will you see if there is any person who will make me this loan for a year or more. I need means in order to get my books into circulation.²³*LtMs, Lt 60, 1908, par. 9*

May the Lord bless you, is my earnest prayer.²³*LtMs, Lt 60, 1908, par. 10*

Lt 62, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

February 2, 1908

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

Dear Brother:

I was much pleased to read your letter dated Jan. 31. It gave me encouragement, for I can see that the Lord is working with you.*23LtMs, Lt 62, 1908, par. 1*

I have just had an interview with Brother Gilbert, the converted Jew. He is looking much better in health than when I saw him last, and his wife looks well. He had much to say in the short time he was with me; and he spoke clearly and distinctly. He always has a very interesting history to relate. He certainly is doing a good work. I hope he will be able to raise money for the place he has just purchased. How thankful I would have been if I could have given him something for this enterprise; but I was unable to do this.*23LtMs, Lt 62, 1908, par. 2*

I am so thankful, Elder Reaser, that you are deciding to walk in the light as Christ is in the light. As the Lord's messengers, we need to walk in every ray of light that comes to us as a people. We must live in the light, holding on to the Man of Calvary who gave His life for the life of the world. Read the *nineteenth chapter of Revelation*. We are living amid the closing scenes of this earth's history. Should we who occupy the position of watchmen on the walls of Zion pass along without discerning the messages which every minister should be giving at this time, the result would be eternal loss. Many souls are quieted to sleep because the trumpet gives forth no certain sound.*23LtMs, Lt 62, 1908, par. 3*

My brother, “be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day; and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, that ye may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And taking the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always, with all prayers and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” [*Ephesians 6:10-18.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 62, 1908, par. 4*

Lt 64, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

February 4, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder G. W. Reaser

Dear Brother:

I have received and read your letter. I appreciate your statement that you felt I would be relieved by what you wrote. I thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice. You cannot know how greatly I am relieved and how gratefully I thank the Lord that the enemy has not been permitted to spoil the flock. He seeks an entrance at every possible point. O I am so thankful for the promise that if God's people will draw nigh to Him, God will draw nigh to them. If we will maintain the simplicity of our faith, the Lord will impart His grace. His encouragement is worth everything to us.*23LtMs, Lt 64, 1908, par. 1*

Words of encouragement spoken to the people of God will help them very much, and the hearts of those who speak these words will be softened and subdued by the sense of God's rich grace. Why should we express doubts? There is a whole heaven full of blessings awaiting our demand. Let us believe. Let us accept the blessed promises by faith. Let us believe that we receive the things for which we ask and express our gratitude to God for them.*23LtMs, Lt 64, 1908, par. 2*

The Lord is kind and thoughtful of us. Let us be kind and thoughtful for those with whom we associate. Precious Saviour full of grace, we need Thee.*23LtMs, Lt 64, 1908, par. 3*

I am comforted and encouraged by the assurances of those who are striving to do the will of God and become channels of light to others. Let us praise the Lord more than we have done. "Whoso

offereth praise, glorifieth God.” [See *Psalm 50:23*.] As we speak cheering words to the church members, we shall encourage in them gratitude of soul.*23LtMs, Lt 64, 1908, par. 4*

Help Brother Burden and his wife. Speak to them words of encouragement and cheer. Thus you will gain experience in keeping hearts joyful and in bringing blessing to many. In the past we have offered too little thanksgiving to God. Let us change this order of things.*23LtMs, Lt 64, 1908, par. 5*

The churches in Los Angeles need to unlearn their habits of criticism if they would be prepared to unite with the heavenly family. We none of us know what is before us in this future life; let us try to leave behind us an influence that will be a sweet savor of Christ.*23LtMs, Lt 64, 1908, par. 6*

Again I say to you, Speak encouraging words to the people. O you do not realize how much of comfort this will bring to yourself and to others. While we must not be unmindful of the need at times of speaking words of caution and reproof, we can let these words be mingled with grace and love. There are many souls who have trials that they do not speak of. Words of kindness and cheer will reach and comfort the hearts of such.*23LtMs, Lt 64, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 66, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

February 3, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I am hoping to hear from you that the Lord is strengthening and guiding you. My mind has not changed that you should act a part in the work of this conference.²³*LtMs, Lt 66, 1908, par. 1*

All have not the same work do in the cause of God. This truth the apostle plainly sets forth in his letter to the Corinthians. He says: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying and strife, and division, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?"²³*LtMs, Lt 66, 1908, par. 2*

"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward, according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."²³*LtMs, Lt 66, 1908, par. 3*

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is

Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.²³*LtMs, Lt 66, 1908, par. 4*

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burnt, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."²³*LtMs, Lt 66, 1908, par. 5*

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God," the apostle continues, "and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." [*1 Corinthians 3:1-17.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 66, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 68, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

February 5, 1908

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Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I am very glad to receive letters from you. I am praying that the Spirit of the Lord will work on human hearts.²³*LtMs, Lt 68, 1908, par. 1*

Brethren Knox and Corliss have been in the same places in California for the past three or four years, and it is desirable that a change should now be made. It is not often wise to keep workers in one place for over two or three years, even if their services are acceptable. But the mold that has been given by these brethren in some of the places where they have labored has not been one that is acceptable to God. There is need that others come in who will change the order of things. If you can have united with you one or two influential men who walk humbly with God and render special help to the churches, a different condition may be brought about. God desires that His people shall be molded and fashioned after the divine similitude.²³*LtMs, Lt 68, 1908, par. 2*

God is displeased when men are placed over the church who are not themselves under the divine guidance, whatever may be their knowledge of the truth. Satan takes every advantage of a lack of spiritual tact on the part of the workers. How can men who are not under discipline to God, and who cannot see their own deficiencies, give the right mould to the church? God does not accept the service of such. Because they do not see where they make mistakes, they continue to follow their natural tendencies.²³*LtMs, Lt 68, 1908, par.*

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The churches in Oakland and its suburbs need for their leaders men who have wisdom to discern how to help the church members and how to exert an influence that will give the right mold to the work. The necessities of these churches should have been realized long ago; but they have been allowed to exist, and now it is time that changes be brought in. The work in these important places cannot be left for circumstances to control. The believers need a different atmosphere to surround them; they need an education of a character that will give them an understanding of the gospel, not only in word, but in spirit and practice.*23LtMs, Lt 68, 1908, par. 4*

I will leave this matter with those who ought to be proper judges of what our churches need in example, in education, in the manifestation of kindness, in true, faithful watchcare, such as a faithful shepherd would give to his flock.*23LtMs, Lt 68, 1908, par. 5*

Great blindness has been manifested by those who have kept in positions of responsibility men who could not discern the effect of their words upon church members. Where there might have been united action, a wholesome influence exerted, a Christlike, God-fearing work accomplished for the salvation of souls, there has been deficiency and weakness. A much higher tone should have been given to the work, a more spiritual, healthful influence exerted. The Lord does not call to the position of shepherd those who do not carry a burden for the sheep of the flock. God says of such, "Thou are weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." [*Daniel 5:27.*]*23LtMs, Lt 68, 1908, par. 6*

I would be pleased, Elder Haskell, if you and your wife could unite with the workers of California in guiding our people amid the changes and turmoil, the violence and crime that are on every side. Keep firm hold on the power of the One who sees and knows, and who will enable you to give the trumpet a certain sound. Work intelligently, work disinterestedly. But I need not tell you this. You cannot well do otherwise with the experience that you have had and your knowledge of the Word of God.*23LtMs, Lt 68, 1908, par. 7*

A definite work must be done; the trumpet must give a certain sound; for the Lord is giving evidence on all sides that His coming is near, much nearer than when we first believed. The work which I

have outlined to be done for the churches of Oakland and its suburbs should also be done for our other churches throughout the conference. Fresno needs help. God calls for minute men who will be wide-awake and who will be faithful shepherds of the flock. There is great neglect in all our churches in meeting the spiritual needs of the people.*23LtMs, Lt 68, 1908, par. 8*

I call upon my brethren to wake up. For Christ's sake do not sleep now. There needs to be an arousing on all sides. Many of the believers in Fresno are asleep. They are not preparing their white garments in which to stand in the great day of the Lord. I give you the warning, Make ready. The world is sporting itself in its own wickedness. Let no heart be exercised unto covetousness. Those who have this light, if they will study the Word of God, need not be deceived. If they are humble and obedient to the Word of the Lord, they will walk in a plain path. But the Lord will not be trifled with. Christ is our Pattern. God wants us each to feel our deep need of Him and be converted daily to His service.*23LtMs, Lt 68, 1908, par.*

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Lt 70, 1908

Cottrell, H. W.

St. Helena, California

February 5, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder Cottrell
Mountain View, California

Dear Brother:

I have been shown the character of the influence of many of the professed believers in Alameda and Berkeley, and that the Lord is not well pleased with such a representation. The same men should not be placed over these churches as in the past, for their work has not been pleasing to God. It is not possible for them to exert the right influence, for they need the converting power of God upon their own hearts. They need that one teach them what constitutes a fitness for the work of a shepherd. They need to pursue a course very different from that which they have taken, if they would give the proper discipline to the church.²³*LtMs, Lt 70, 1908, par. 1*

Neither of the brethren in charge of the churches in Alameda and Berkeley understands the needs of the church. I would be grateful to see the work being done for them that must be done if they are prepared to meet the Lord when He comes and hear from His lips the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [*Matthew 25:23.*] They must have an experience different from that which they have hitherto had. Self must be subdued by the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit; and this work will be accomplished for them if they will consecrate all their powers of mind and body to the Lord.²³*LtMs, Lt 70, 1908, par. 2*

Elder Corliss needs to keep his spirit where it will be under the control of the Spirit of the Lord. I greatly desire to see him in a position where the Lord can work mightily through him. The subjects that he speaks upon he presents to the people with much

reasoning; but he needs the Holy Spirit's power within to enable him to speak forth with power the wonderful truths of the Word of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 70, 1908, par. 3*

The Lord will use Elder Knox, if he will obtain an experience of daily conversion to God. Both these men, if they would impress the hearts of the people with the truth, need the sanctifying power of the Spirit in their lives. And unless a different spirit takes possession of them than has controlled them in the past, they will never receive a welcome to the courts of God. I pray that these brethren may seek for the converting Spirit of God. When they humble themselves as little children, and receive the grace of Christ in their hearts, they will give evidence in their lives of the change that has taken place.²³*LtMs, Lt 70, 1908, par. 4*

Lt 72, 1908

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

St. Helena, California

February 6, 1908

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Elders Reaser and Burden
257 South Hill St.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Brethren:

I was very glad to receive your letter telling of your experience in Los Angeles. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and praise His holy name. This is a good work and one which the Lord would have go forward in every conference. I am more thankful than I can express that Elder Reaser is coming out of the perilous darkness into the light.²³*LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 1*

There is a special work to be done in clearing away the malarial atmosphere that has been coming into our churches. There is only one way in which this work can be accomplished, and that is by leading the believers fully into the light. Let special meetings be held in the churches that shall be seasons of humbling the heart before God and of confession and cleansing of the soul. I pray that the believers in Southern California may improve this opportunity, and open the door of the heart to the Holy Spirit, that He may work through them without let or hindrance. If they will draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to them.²³*LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 2*

I am so thankful that this work has begun. Let it not cease until the whole conference shall feel the converting power of God. The Lord is waiting to be gracious to all who will take up the work of clearing the King's highway. It is a work which should have been done in Oakland, but which a man-ruling power has prevented from being accomplished.²³*LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 3*

I pray, Brother Reaser, that you may find an open door, that this may be made a pentecostal season in the churches. Encourage one another to put from the soul everything that would hinder the exercise of the grace of Christ. This precious privilege is now being presented, that all may receive the assurance of the grace and love of Christ. The Lord will be the hope and strength of His commandment-keeping people. Look for that grace that the Lord has in abundance for all who trust in Him. Believe, and receive the special assurances of His grace. The blessing of God is more precious than silver and gold.*23LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 4*

It was the unbelief of Israel, revealed in their repeated murmurings, that led Moses to plead with God, "Show me Thy glory." [*Exodus 33:18.*] And in response the Lord set His servant in the cleft of a rock and caused all His glory to pass before him.*23LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 5*

"And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that everyone that sought the Lord went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp. And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that every man rose up, and stood at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle. And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshiped, every man in his tent door. And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again unto the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.*23LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 6*

"And Moses said unto the Lord, See, Thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people, and Thou hast not let me know whom Thou wilt send with me. Yet Thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in My sight. Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight, show me now Thy way, that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in Thy sight: and consider that this

nation is Thy people. And He said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto Him, If Thy presence go not with me, carry me not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and Thy people have found grace in Thy sight? Is it not in that Thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.²³*LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 7*

“And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in My sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech Thee, shew me Thy glory. And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee, and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy to whom I will show mercy. And He said, Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see My face and live. And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock; and it shall come to pass while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of a rock, and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by.” [*Verses 7-22.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 8*

There is need for professing Christians to act like Christians if they would maintain their connection with God. I ask you to study also the *thirty-fourth chapter of Exodus.*²³*LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 9*

“And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone, like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou breakest. And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto Mt. Sinai, and present thyself there to Me in the top of the mount. And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before the mount.²³*LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 10*

“And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, merciful

and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.²³*LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 11*

“And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. And he said, If now I have found grace in Thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray Thee, go among us: for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Thine inheritance.²³*LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 12*

“And He said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the Lord; for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee. Observe that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: but ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: for thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.” [*Verses 1-14.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 72, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 74, 1908

Harper, Walter

St. Helena, California

February 13, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mr. Walter Harper

Dear Brother:

I have received your letter and have read it with interest. I am constantly seeking to present before our people the great advantages to be gained by handling the books donated for the benefit of our schools and sanitariums.²³*LtMs, Lt 74, 1908, par. 1*

A lively interest should be kept up in this campaign, for it is a work of seed sowing. I am pleased that you appreciate the books. Few understand as I do how much the writing of them cost me. I have a great desire that all shall know of the light contained in them. I would that many of the Lord's workmen would take upon themselves the burden of circulating the books, realizing as they do so that this is one of the Lord's ways of communicating light to those who are unacquainted with the truth. I pray that the Lord will bless you abundantly in the part you act in spreading the knowledge of the truth.²³*LtMs, Lt 74, 1908, par. 2*

If you do not object, I will send this money to Loma Linda. They will appreciate this means and will use it to help a worthy student. All the means we can secure for the sanitarium and school from the sale of these two books will be needed at Loma Linda.²³*LtMs, Lt 74, 1908, par. 3*

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

your success and the success of others I can give this help to the cause. And the students also should have an experience in this work.²³*LtMs, Lt 74, 1908, par. 4*

I am laboring continually to give the message the Lord has given me; and through these books God is speaking to those whom I cannot reach with my voice. I urge you to go forward in this work; it brings great relief to me to know that more light is coming to the people.²³*LtMs, Lt 74, 1908, par. 5*

I am glad that your father is at Loma Linda. I am sure he will have good care; you need not worry about him.²³*LtMs, Lt 74, 1908, par. 6*

I will continue to urge that *Ministry of Healing* and *Christ's Object Lessons* be brought to the notice of the people. These precious books must be circulated; for they fill a want which nothing else can supply. Explain the object of their gift to the cause, and labor for their circulation; but do not lower the price. Our great burden should be to save souls. When we are successful in bringing souls to the truth, these in their turn will use their influence and means in giving the truth to others. Then let us use every means within our reach to carry forward the work. And the precious helps that God has given for the relief of our schools and sanitariums are not to be regarded with indifference.²³*LtMs, Lt 74, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 75, 1908

Burden, J. A.

St. Helena, California

February 16, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder Burden:

I have just read your letter, and I am not prepared to give you the advice you desire. I can take in what you are anxious to know, but I would be very careful in giving you advice on the points mentioned. I am really perplexed to know where you can find all the advantages that would be required to manage a school after the order you anticipate. I am not so sure that this burden should come so fully on the parties that manage the sanitarium. It would, I fear, bring upon you much greater responsibilities than you should have.²³*LtMs, Lt 75, 1908, par. 1*

The sanitarium will increase in patronage, and it should be carried with an intellectual, sanctified strength of ability. Have you it, that you could rely upon? If there is in the school reliable assistance that would carry responsibilities in the fear of God, letting their light and knowledge reflect light under the sanctification of the Holy Spirit, with angels of God presiding in the grand matter of educating under discipline to God, then there is hope; but if not, it would bring perplexities to you that you should not have. If there were those who were conscientious learners to impart, and who in their working for others [would permit] the Holy Spirit's influence to come in and the Lord to have the right of way to rule, this would meet the necessities that are required, which are sound judgment and the help that the Lord alone can give.²³*LtMs, Lt 75, 1908, par. 2*

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

Bible truth.*23LtMs, Lt 75, 1908, par. 3*

Then there is the opportunity to thoroughly work Redlands and the settlements that are in and around Redlands, which we desire shall become acquainted with the Word of the Lord. It is an advantage if in every place where there is a sanitarium we can have the blessing of God upon all that is set in operation in every line, and one can be a help to the other lines. All the business required, you can, in the name of the Lord, make a success. If the heavenly angels are your front guard and reward, then you know you have the greatest advantage possible.*23LtMs, Lt 75, 1908, par. 4*

In all these business arrangements, let all seek counsel of God and unity of action. Loma Linda will be just the place to establish a far-reaching influence in educational lines that will give Southern California an influence among the influences now existing upon the temperance question. The large settlements, where there is need of reform, will have courage to advocate the right upon the temperance question, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union will have an opportunity to see and understand Bible truth. We may give the last message of warning in the southern field to the many who shall come in as they have done for years.*23LtMs, Lt 75, 1908, par. 5*

Loma Linda has come into our possession for the purpose of giving the last message of warning to the churches and the unconcerned pleasure lovers. I see what this can mean to us all who have a work to do in seed sowing. It cuts off the excuse that has prevailed that Battle Creek is the center of education. But oh how important that every move shall bear the stamp of the heavenly in the place of the worldly! Washington is to be another center. And for the southern states, we may have a decided work done; the truth is to go to the southern section of America. The Lord's last message must go forth as a lamp that burneth. I am pleased with the idea of not presenting the highest wages, but that all shall have an eye single to the glory of God.*23LtMs, Lt 75, 1908, par. 6*

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

give to a fallen world. The last message of mercy must go to thousands.²³*LtMs, Lt 75, 1908, par. 7*

I will now stop writing to you, for there are letters I should write to Washington, D.C. I am being sustained now to prepare much matter to be used in the giving of the history of our work in the earlier stage of our experience. I thank the Lord that my right hand does not fail me. I can hold and fill my fountain pen as I ever could. May the Lord bless you in all your councils is my prayer.²³*LtMs, Lt 75, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 76, 1908

Foss, Mary

St. Helena, California

January 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mrs. Mary P. Foss
West Minot, Maine

My dear Sister:

I wish I could see you again, and that I might be in better health than when we last met. I often wonder if we shall ever meet again in this life.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 1*

My work in writing continues. My pen is in my hand from early morning until bedtime. I have great reason for thankfulness; for my hand is steady as I write out the many things given me for the people. And I am very pleasantly situated.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 2*

I think I have written you of my labors in San Francisco and Oakland. The destruction of San Francisco was almost complete, but the church that my husband and I and a few others built in the city was just outside the burned district and was but little injured. I realize the wickedness of the city of San Francisco and its great need. There are missionary workers from our ranks laboring there constantly, seeking to bring the people to obedience to the Word. Some are being converted to the truth; but many, many are in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity. The daily papers are bringing to light the great wickedness that has been carried on in secret for years. And these revelations are but an illustration of the state of many of our cities.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 3*

Last August my granddaughter and her husband went to Washington to help in the work there and to obtain further education. He is a builder, and will engage in that line of work, and

at the same time will get a fitting for the work of teaching. They will work their way through school.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 4*

Ella May White Robinson taught school for one year before her marriage and for one year after. But we needed her husband to help in my work, in reporting my discourses at the camp-meeting and at the different places where I should labor. So, although he is a successful teacher, we feel that we cannot spare him for that work just now. He often speaks in the churches.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 5*

W. C. White and his family live a short distance from my house. The office building is close to the house. We have several persons of capability employed there, preparing my writings for publication.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 6*

Last June I attended the camp-meeting which was held in St. Helena in a most beautiful location. My family camped on the ground. I enjoyed the time I spent there on that beautiful spot just out of the town. But even this taxation was too much for me. My appetite was not good; and although we had delicious fruits, I could not relish them. I felt much as I did when you visited me at Melrose.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 7*

I have not visited Melrose since that time, but would be pleased to do so and to see you again. A portion of the building has been destroyed by fire; but the insurance money received for it helped our workers there to build a nice commodious building in its place.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 8*

During the months of November and December, we were away in Southern California, where we visited Los Angeles, Loma Linda, Paradise Valley, Long Beach, Glendale, and other places. It was a long and wearisome journey, and I was worn with continual anxiety.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 9*

On one Sabbath I spoke to the church at San Diego. I spoke for one hour. The Lord gave me freedom. No one left the house during the service, and all listened intently. I spoke from the *fifteenth chapter of John* and the first verse: "I am the true Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman." I was surprised that I could speak with such strength

and that I had such clearness of mind. I feel very grateful to God that He still gives me His testimony to bear to the people.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 10*

On another Sabbath I drove with Sara to Riverside, a town nine miles from Loma Linda. The mountain roads were good, and I greatly enjoyed the ride in the bracing air. At Riverside we found a full house. The church there is not large; and if the work is done at Riverside that God designs shall be done, our people there will have to enlarge their borders.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 11*

W. C. White and another minister were with me on the rostrum. I thought I would speak for only half an hour, and thus give opportunity for others to speak. I was glad to have them share my appointment.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 12*

The singing was excellent. Before we closed the meeting, I said I would like to pray. The Lord gave me the spirit of prayer. Then another hymn was sung, and the meeting was dismissed. Afterward I went the whole length of the church, shaking hands with the people and speaking to them words of encouragement.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 13*

My labors in Southern California taxed my strength to utmost. On the cars, on my homeward journey, I had a very precious experience. It was a season of perfect peace and trust and confidence in God. I felt so sensibly the peace of Christ in my heart, and the rest that His presence brings, that for a time I had no desire to sleep. The everlasting arms seemed to be around me, and I had the assurance in my soul that we should be kept from accident and harm. This was a blessed assurance to me.²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 14*

All night I was restful and happy; and although in the morning we had to change cars, the peace of Christ remained with me. This peace and joy I wish to express, not only in words, but in my life. I realized the fulfilment of the precious promise, "At eventime it shall be light." [*Zechariah 14:7.*] "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." [*Psalms 91:1.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 15*

How is Ellen? I wish that I might see her. Perhaps I shall not do this again in this life, but let us, by obedience to the commandments of God, be fitting for a place in the royal family in the city of God. Those who meet in that place will know no more of partings.*23LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 16*

“Behold, what manner of love that Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” [*1 John 3:1-3.*]*23LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 17*

It rests with us whether we shall be members of the Lord’s family. Let us strive to be obedient to all the commandments of God. Let us search the Scriptures; for in them we have eternal life. “Every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” [*Verse 3.*] What terrible loss we will experience if we fail of realizing this hope. But let us not talk of failure; but let us seek the Lord with a heart to obey His Word.*23LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 18*

I ask you to read the *twenty-first chapter of Revelation*. This representation of the glories that await the saved should lead every believing soul to seek earnestly for eternal life. I pray that all my relatives may be found among God’s commandment-keeping people and be numbered with the redeemed.*23LtMs, Lt 76, 1908, par. 19*

Lt 78, 1908

Gotzian, J.

St. Helena, California

February 18, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mrs. Gotzian
Paradise Valley Sanitarium
San Diego, California

Dear Sister:

I was very pleased to receive your letter this morning.²³*LtMs, Lt 78, 1908, par. 1*

For two months we have had gentle rains, also much cool weather, but no violent cold. During the past two weeks we have had a pleasant change to warm, sunshiny days. I have been able to ride out three or four times. While the rainy weather continued I could not go out, but I am taking advantage of these beautiful days.²³*LtMs, Lt 78, 1908, par. 2*

I am writing continually. Very clear light was given me regarding the transfer of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. I was instructed that it would be doing injustice to those who united to hold this property if it should be passed over to the conference under the terms stated. I was shown that it was to be the property of those who had invested their means in it, that the work of the institution was to be carried in harmony with the instruction we have received for the management of our health institutions and that all should be in earnest in supporting it. When this institution is freed from embarrassment, we who have our means invested in it will have a day of rejoicing.²³*LtMs, Lt 78, 1908, par. 3*

I am very thankful for the instruction that has come to me regarding the relation we sustain to God as His servants. We are to be under the rule of Christ, to work out the mind and will of God. We are to be

kind and courteous to our fellow workers because they also are the property of Christ, bought with a price. The price which Christ paid to purchase our redemption we cannot estimate. He, the only begotten Son of God, gave His precious life that those who would believe in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life. When we comprehend more fully than we do this amazing sacrifice in our behalf, we will not be indifferent or ungrateful, but we will partake with Him of His self-denial and self-sacrifice. The Lord is to be our praise in this life and in the future eternal life. Let us strive for the crown of life that is to be given to every faithful soul. I love Jesus. I see in Him matchless charms. I will glorify His holy name. *23LtMs, Lt 78, 1908, par. 4*

I have carried heavy burdens ever since Los Angeles. The Lord has given me a plain testimony to bear to those who have felt that it was their office to dictate to and control God's heritage. The Lord will not always suffer His name to be reproached. The Lord invites His people, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." [*James 1:5.*] We should be glad and rejoice and take courage because of this precious promise. *23LtMs, Lt 78, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 80, 1908

Cummings, Brother and Sister [R. S.]

St. Helena, California

February 18, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Cummings
Paradise Valley Sanitarium
San Diego, California

Dear Brother and Sister:

I was pleased to read in a letter from Sister Gotzian of the prosperity of the work at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. In my reply to her, I wrote that very clear light had been given me regarding the transfer of this institution. I was instructed that it would be doing injustice to those who had united to hold this property, if it should be passed over to the conference under the terms stated. I was shown that it was to be the property of those who had invested their means in it, that the work of the institution was to be carried in harmony with the instruction we have received for the management of our health institutions, and that all would be in earnest in supporting it.²³*LtMs, Lt 80, 1908, par. 1*

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium has had a varied experience. It has had to encounter backsets which need not have been, had men of intelligence worked wisely and unselfishly. If men would work as God would have them do, we would not have to meet so many disappointments. I feel very grateful for the blessing of God that is now resting on the institution, and I am of good courage.²³*LtMs, Lt 80, 1908, par. 2*

My brother and sister, do not fail or become discouraged. The enemy has tried hard to obtain the victory over the work of this sanitarium; but I urge you to encourage the workers, saying to them, "We are laborers together with God." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] By watchfulness and prayer—the prayer of faith—we shall learn the

Lord's will concerning us. Our constant inquiry should be, "How can I best please my Lord and glorify my Saviour?"^{23LtMs, Lt 80, 1908, par. 3}

I ask you to study the *third chapter of First Corinthians*. I often read this chapter; for it is full of sound instruction. How good the Lord is to give us such definite instruction. None need err if they will follow the teachings of the Lord.^{23LtMs, Lt 80, 1908, par. 4}

The apostle writes: "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. For he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his labor. For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereupon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." [*Verses 5-11.*]^{23LtMs, Lt 80, 1908, par. 5}

We should not be surprised that we are tested and tried. The devil is not dead; neither is he inactive. We must expect that he will work with every device to provoke the sons and daughters of God to retaliation. As long as we are on the battlefield, we will have to contend with satanic forces. We must prepare for the conflict by cherishing a spirit of prayer and learn the art of taking God at His word and trusting in Him as little children.^{23LtMs, Lt 80, 1908, par. 6}

All who seek to serve God will at times be embarrassed by Satan's temptations. When these experiences come to you, do not talk of them in a discouraging way, but sing praises to God. "Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth God." [See *Psalms 50:23.*] Always strive to be cheerful. A cheerful countenance does good like a healing balm. By speaking cheering, hopeful words, you may make your own way and the way of others very bright.^{23LtMs, Lt 80, 1908, par. 7}

You are both engaged in a good work. Never lose sight of the help provided in heavenly agencies. "Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are

God's." [1 *Corinthians* 6:20.] Put your whole trust in the Lord, and you will feel the working of His Holy Spirit in your midst. The Lord desires to see His will revealed in your lives; then He can make you channels of light to those connected with you. *23LtMs, Lt 80, 1908, par. 8*

As a physician you need to put your trust in Christ as the Mighty Healer. It is your privilege to pray with the patients, that the Lord may heal their diseases of body and mind. When the patients see that you have a living interest in the salvation of their souls, as well as in the healing of their physical diseases, they will take hold of the cord of faith and will accept Christ as their Saviour. This will be the experience of some who now have little hope. Through the exercise of faith and hope, many will be fully healed. Through the faithful ministrations of the workers there, the Paradise Valley Sanitarium may become a medium of divine healing. Angels of God are very near to those who minister to suffering humanity. *23LtMs, Lt 80, 1908, par. 9*

I pray and believe that you both will be the blessing in the sanitarium that God desires you to be. Believe that the great Physician will come into your institution to exercise His healing power. I would like to be with you; but this cannot be at present, for my work of writing fully occupies my time. But I see you by faith explaining the Scriptures in a simple way to the patients. I see angels close beside you. Remember that the work of healing will be made much more effectual if you will lead the sufferers to the One who is the Saviour of the soul as well as of the body. *23LtMs, Lt 80, 1908, par. 10*

I received in the mail today excellent letters from Elder Starr in Australia and from my friends at Loma Linda. I have spent the day in writing. I thank the Lord that He has given me strength to do so much work. I praise His holy name that He keeps me in health. *23LtMs, Lt 80, 1908, par. 11*

Lt 82, 1908

Physicians and Manager at Loma Linda

St. Helena, California

February 20, 1908

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To the physicians and manager at Loma Linda, California

Dear Brethren:

My rest has been broken during the past night. I find myself considering the best course to be pursued toward our sanitariums and schools.²³*LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 1*

I have no clear light in regard to where Elder Owen should labor. There are so many places where educational talent is needed, that I would not dare to specify his duty unless God should give me special light concerning it.²³*LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 2*

We feel encouraged to believe that Elder Reaser has placed himself in right relation to the work, determined to labor harmoniously with his brethren. There are in Southern California a goodly number of men of experience. But more, you have assurance from the highest Authority: "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." [*James 1:5*.] "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is; for he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, that spreadeth out her roots by the river; and shall not see when heat cometh; but her leaf shall be green, and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." [*Jeremiah 17:7, 8*.] The whole of the *seventeenth chapter of Jeremiah*, which records this precious promise, is worthy of our special study.²³*LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 3*

I am thankful, my brethren, that the Lord is your stronghold. Our safety lies in serving Him with humility of heart and in seeking Him in united prayer. If you will seek Him, earnestly desiring to know and

to do His will, He will give to each of you wisdom to know how to place yourselves where you can accomplish the greatest good for His cause. In the working out of all your plans, seek the Lord for wisdom and grace. We need to be as teachable as little children. “Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” [1 *Corinthians 6:19, 20.*]*23LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 4*

In the calling and qualifying of Bezaleel and Aholiab for the work of the tabernacle, we are plainly taught who is the true source of wisdom. The Lord said to Moses, “I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship. ... And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; the tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy-seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, and the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, [and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture,] and the laver and his foot, and the cloths of service, and the holy garments of Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priests’ office, and the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.” [*Exodus 31:2, 3, 6-11.*]*23LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 5*

I dare not advise you in such large plans as you propose. You need to make the Lord your wisdom in these matters. I do not feel that you should plan for such large outlay of means without your having some certainty that you can meet your obligations. I would caution you against gathering a large load of indebtedness. There is the food factory to be completed and set in operation. I call your attention to this enterprise, that you may not lay more plans than you can well carry out.*23LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 6*

You are men of varied talents, and you are right on the ground. The Lord will be your instructor in all matters if you will seek His counsel in faith. Study every step, and pray that the Lord may lead you. If

He gives you light in this matter, then you can move with assurance. Now is the time for you to ask of the Lord wisdom and to submit your plans to Him. It is an excellent opportunity for you to receive an individual experience. Plan wisely; move guardedly; and the Lord will certainly be your helper.*23LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 7*

I feel the deepest interest in the work at Loma Linda. The plans you suggest seem to be essential, but you need to assure yourselves that they can be safely carried. You should not make hasty moves that will involve heavy indebtedness.*23LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 8*

The work which you propose will require wise businessmen and efficient physicians. If you had the talent and means to carry such responsibilities, we should be glad to see your plans carry. But the sanitarium must be your first consideration. May the Lord give you wisdom and grace to bear these responsibilities as He would have you. This institution must have all the talent that is needed to make it a success.*23LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 9*

Clear light has been given that our educational institutions should be connected with our sanitariums wherever this is possible. The work of the two institutions is to blend. I am thankful that we have a school at Loma Linda. The educational talent of competent physicians is a necessity to the schools where medical missionary evangelists are to be trained for service. The students in the school are to be taught to be strict health reformers. The instruction given in regard to disease and its causes, and how to prevent disease, and the training given in the treatment of the sick, will prove an invaluable education, and one that the students in all our schools should have.*23LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 10*

This blending of our schools and sanitariums will prove an advantage in many ways. Through the instruction given by the sanitarium, students will learn how to avoid forming careless intemperate habits in eating. Let the instruction be given in simple words. We have no need to use the many expressions used by worldly physicians which are so difficult to understand that they must be interpreted by the physician. These long names are often used to conceal the character of the drugs being used to combat disease. We do not need these.*23LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 11*

Nature's simple remedies will aid in recovery without leaving the deadly aftereffects so often felt by those who use poisonous drugs. They destroy the power of the patient to help himself. This power the patients are to be taught to exercise by learning to eat simple, healthful foods, by refusing to overload the stomach with a variety of foods at one meal. All these things should come into the education of the sick. Talks should be given, showing how to preserve health, how to shun sickness, how to rest when rest is needed.²³*LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 12*

There are many inventions which cost large sums of money which it is just as well should not come into our work. They are not what our students need. Let the education given be simple in its nature. In giving us His Son, the Father gave the most costly gift that heaven could bestow. This gift it is our privilege to use in our ministrations to the sick. Let Christ be your dependence. Commit every case to the great Healer; let Him guide in every operation. The prayer offered in sincerity and in faith will be heard. This will give confidence to the physicians and courage to the sufferer.²³*LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 13*

I have been instructed that we should lead the sick in our institutions to expect large things because of the faith of the physician in the great Healer who, in the years of His earthly ministry went through the towns and villages of the land and healed all who came to Him. None were turned empty away; He healed them all. Let the sick realize that, although unseen, Christ is present to bring relief and healing.²³*LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 14*

After His resurrection, Christ met with His disciples, and for forty days instructed them concerning their future work. On the day of His ascension, He met with the disciples in a mountain in Galilee, where He had appointed them. And He said to them, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth; Go ye therefore, and teach all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*] It is the privilege of every physician and every sufferer to believe this promise; it is life to all who believe.²³*LtMs, Lt 82, 1908, par. 15*

Lt 84, 1908

Workman, Mabel White

St. Helena, California

March 3, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mrs. Wilfred Workman
Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

My dear Mabel:

I sent you a short letter a few days ago, promising to write you later. I will now fulfil my promise. I have not been able to sleep well for several months; but the last two nights I have slept till after four o'clock. I thank the Lord for this.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 1*

We are now preparing to leave home for two weeks to attend a Bible institute in Oakland. I am not in as good health as I could wish; the anxiety of the past few months has worn upon me; yet I feel better today. We will leave tomorrow morning. Elder Haskell will preside at the meeting. The conference has elected him president. A message was given me that the administration of Elders Knox and Corliss should come to an end, for God had been dishonored by their arbitrary ruling.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 2*

I have suffered much as I have seen erring human beings, who themselves needed to feel the converting power of God upon their hearts and minds, seeking to rule God's heritage. For three years this spirit has been working in the leaders of the California Conference. When the Lord instructed me to point out this danger, I was compelled to speak for the honor of His cause. But when the message was given, I felt that I had done my part and could leave the rest with God.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 3*

We have excellent help for our home in Miss Hannaford, who came with us from Loma Linda. She takes hold of the work well, doing the washing and baking, and she does not consider the work hard. For

the past two months we have had two extra members in our family, Brother and Sister Metcalfe Hare. We have enjoyed their visit, and they have made their stay with us a very helpful one. You may remember the old chairs that we purchased second hand. These have become much worn, and some of them we have been unable to use at all. Brother and Sister Hare and Sara have been busily at work recovering these chairs, and now they look as good as new.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 4*

Elder Reaser, of Southern California, has had a wonderful experience. He was given a very straight message, which he would not at first accept. But he is now standing on the right side, and his acceptance of the message sent is proving a help to others. I have just received a letter from him in regard to the son of Elder Santee, who for some time has been in a backslidden condition. As the result of meetings that have recently been held by Elder Reaser, this brother has taken a decided stand to engage in the work of the third angel's message.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 5*

Brother Reaser is prompt in letting me know any word of a religious awakening in Southern California; for he knows my deep interest in the work there. He remembers how thankful I was when he surrendered his strong will to God and was given grace to do the right. I thank God for every token of good.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 6*

The month of February has been bright and sunshiny, but now we are having rains. Today the weather has cleared a little, and the sun is shining. Ella Robinson does not look so well as I would like to see her. Her baby is a plump little fellow, and pretty.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 7*

I trust, my dear children, that you will not become discouraged. The Lord will give you precious victories if you will put your faith in Him. Seek to become one with Him. I pray that you may seek for His blessing, that He may make you a blessing to others. He will enable you to work out His righteous will if you will walk humbly with Him. You should constantly rejoice that you have such a precious, sympathizing Saviour. Take your perplexities to Him; for He is your sure Helper.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 8*

When you have anything that troubles you, let me know about it. Be free to tell me everything, and I will help where I can. What can I do to make you happy, Mabel? If you are not happy in the work that you are doing, go to Sister Kress, and advise with her. She will help you, I am sure.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 9*

The more we look to Jesus, and depend upon Him, the more fully will we realize the peace and comfort that the presence of His Spirit imparts. The Lord has given us rules for the guidance of all our ways, and we can certainly trust ourselves in His care. Let the word of God be your guide. Learn to do His will.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 10*

March 4

I have slept well during the night, resting better than I have done for many weeks. I have just eaten my simple breakfast, which I relished. Does your afflicted eye trouble you? My left eye, which has been afflicted for many years, I often have to bind up so that I shall not be tempted to use it. The great Physician is answering my prayer that He will preserve my sight. I believe He will give me my eyes until my work in writing is accomplished.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 11*

In much love.*23LtMs, Lt 84, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 85, 1908

Campbell, M. N.

Oakland, California

March 13, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Brother Campbell:

I was very thankful to receive the paper from Battle Creek, giving the account in reference to the lawsuit that has been in agitation for some time. The paper gives a full account of the matter, and the assurance now is that this matter is settled for good. I have thought it would come out in favor of the right, and that would close up the matter. I am so very much pleased in reference to this decision. Good is the Lord and greatly to be praised. For every victory gained, we will say, I thank the Lord that the enemy did not triumph. We need to walk very carefully before God and to praise the Lord with heart and soul and voice for every expression of the Lord toward us. Good is the Lord and greatly to be praised.*23LtMs, Lt 85, 1908, par. 1*

We have been here in Oakland over one week. This is the second Sabbath that is now drawing on. I have spoken four times since I have been in Oakland.*23LtMs, Lt 85, 1908, par. 2*

There have been influences at work to undermine the confidence of the churches in the testimonies, but there is a rebuke given to the leading men in office who were doing this work. I was instructed that Elder Haskell should come in as president of the conference, for this reason: he has an experience in the early development of the work, and the Lord would have a decided change now take place.*23LtMs, Lt 85, 1908, par. 3*

March 14

The Lord has strengthened me to speak to a very crowded house. Every compartment was used—turned into one large room. The

Lord gave me strength of voice to speak distinctly and clearly upon the *58th chapter of Isaiah*. I thank the Lord that I had strength of voice to speak, and clear ideas. I shall speak twice more: once in Berkeley in the new hall Sunday, and again in Oakland church Monday, and Tuesday will return to St. Helena.*23LtMs, Lt 85, 1908, par. 4*

The Lord will certainly be our helper and our God. We feel so thankful that all things are in the hands of God. If ever there was a time when the people of God should see eye to eye, it is now.*23LtMs, Lt 85, 1908, par. 5*

The Lord has been giving me light. I was given decided light, and it was in regard to the work that you were doing.*23LtMs, Lt 85, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 86, 1908

Knox, W. T.

St. Helena, California

February 7, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder W. T. Knox
Mountain View, California

Dear Brother:

I am instructed to say to you, You are not to fail nor to be discouraged. We are living in the last days of this earth's history, and the end of the world is right upon us. The health of our churches has been enfeebled, and God demands that there be faithful, consecrated men placed in office, to do the solemn work of preparing a people to stand in the trying times that are just before us, when "the weak should be as David," and David "as the angel of the Lord." [*Zechariah 12:8.*]*23LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 1*

I have been shown that you are not prepared yourself to do the work that is most needed among the churches. You have a decided work to do for your individual self in learning the way of the Lord. I would that you might see how you have dishonored God and bound about the work by the restrictions that you have sometimes laid upon God's servants. I have opposed from its first uprising the spirit that would forbid the Lord's servants from going when and where the Lord may direct. Little real good could result from the plan that the Lord's servants must not go to any place unless they first consult with the officials of the conference. This is a manmade invention, which leads men to trust in human beings instead of seeking the counsel of God. He will teach His children what they shall do and where they shall go.*23LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 2*

I trust that the warning here given may not be lightly regarded. Let not men who have been so manifestly led astray as to seek to control God's heritage justify their course of action. Our people

have had the warnings; I leave it now with them. In places where few have shown the zeal of true workers together with God, because the liberty of the workers was controlled by men in office, I am commanded to say, Break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free. The Lord by His messages is breaking this yoke from off the necks of His people. Let the missionary spirit now be freely exercised for the accomplishment of the great work to be done in preparing a people to meet wisely every issue that arises to oppose the work of God's commandment-keeping people.*23LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 3*

To willing workers we should say, God has laid the powers of every converted soul under tribute to advance, not retard, His work. Practice self-denial, and may the Lord give you grace and efficiency for this work. Never allow any man to take the place that God should occupy in your experience.*23LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 4*

Those who have deemed it necessary to form plans for independent action must change their views. A policy has been adopted in the conference in financial matters that has resulted in the saving of the means gathered into the conference; but the Lord has revealed to His servant that He does not accept all the plans and labors that have been put forth for the accumulation of funds, for as a result the conference has come out deficient in spiritual efficiency, in nobility of effort and purity of Christian experience.*23LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 5*

A reformation is to take place in the life of the one for whom this message is sent. There must be no evasion of truth and righteousness. A decided change must take place in your experience. Christ expects a thorough reconversion, and He will accept nothing less. The life you have as a minister of the gospel pledged to God is to be used in working out the only plan whereby men must be saved. With God there are no plans for independent action. All should have in view the same life—a life that measures with the life of God. And the highest earthly aim of all must be that the whole earth may be filled with His glory. Having participated in the disappointments, and the joys and successes of the overcomer here, we shall share the reward of the faithful in the great hereafter.*23LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 6*

Study the conflicts and victories of Christ and the character of His teaching as found in *Matthew four* and *five*:²³*LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 7*

“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 8*

“Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee: and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God.” [*Matthew 4:1-7.*] Satan in quoting this Scripture left out the words, “And shall keep Thee in all Thy ways.” [*Psalms 91:11.*] He was tempting the Son of God to walk in ways that were not appointed by the Father.²³*LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 9*

“Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.” [*Matthew 4:8-11.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 10*

“And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him: and He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall

see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.²³*LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 11*

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” [*Matthew 5:1-16.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 12*

The spirit of rulership that has been exercised has retarded the work of conversion of souls because it has restricted the religious liberty that God has given to His children. It has operated to hinder the work that should have followed all our camp-meetings and tent-meetings; and because of this the Lord has instructed me that He could no longer accept Elder Knox as a man fitted to deal with the sacred, spiritual interests of the California Conference. It is now much harder for you to bring your heart and mind into conformity to the mind of Christ than it would have been had you followed the light given you at the close of the San Jose meeting. This you did not do, but you braced yourself against the message, and this your deportment since that time has declared louder than any words could have done.²³*LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 13*

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

into by and forbidden paths.*23LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 14*

Instruction has been given us that the camp-meetings should be made occasions for the education of our people, teaching them how to work for the salvation of men; but these lines of effort have been neglected because they have not been pleasing to you, because they are contrary to your inclinations.*23LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 15*

The matter of increasing the tithe has been one of your special burdens; and this has been treated as though the accumulation of means was one of the great objects to be attained by the conference. But it is a worldly policy that leads men to gather up and save means, that they may have a good financial showing. The accumulation of funds is not the design of the work of the third angel's message. The fruit of righteousness is to be seen in the disposition of the means brought in.*23LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 16*

I have been instructed that the appropriation of some of the means has not been just and righteous in the Lord's sight. Those who have had every advantage have not felt a burden for the souls perishing in their sins in foreign countries and in our own country.*23LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 17*

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

2, 4-7.]23LtMs, Lt 86, 1908, par. 18

Lt 88, 1908

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

St. Helena, California

February 16, 1908

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Elders Cottrell and Haskell

Dear Brethren:

Since the Union Conference I have had many things to write regarding the past administration in the California Conference; and yet it is not all told. The testimony that I have had to bear is one that has rested upon me for two years. Many things regarding the work in California have been presented before me in a clear light as offensive to God; and notwithstanding all the meetings that have been held, all the appeals that have been made to the people, all the urgent instruction that now was the golden opportunity for the rapid spread of the third angel's message, the influence of men in responsible places has worked to retard the message. By their course of action these workers have given evidence that they needed to be reconverted, needed to become humble men who possessed the meekness of Christ.²³*LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 1*

Soon after my return from Australia the work began. I remember a meeting we held in a small room of the *Signs* office. What a meeting that was. I had a message to bear, and the angels of the Lord were present on that occasion. Their presence was apparent to us all. They reflected bright light to many minds, and we obtained a decided victory and precious assurances of help.²³*LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 2*

On several occasions the Lord made His presence known to us by preventing the carrying out of plans which would have placed

unsanctified men in positions of responsibility in the publishing work. One night I was awakened at two o'clock. I had been instructed to write out a message regarding Brother C. H. Jones, saying that he should retain his position in the Pacific Press. All were surprised at that testimony, for plans had been laid that Brother Jones should be displaced. But I was shown that the men who would be chosen to take his place were not at all qualified to act in his position. I was shown that Brother Jones needed a work done for him that would bring blessings to him in his official work. He needed to come into close connection with God, to be clothed in the garments of Christ's righteousness, and to be girded with His strength. But when I looked to see the men that were thought to be better qualified for the work, I was shown that if these men were given influence, a work would be done in the publishing house similar to the work that has been done in this conference during the past three years—a work that would not bear fruit to the glory of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 3*

The spirit of contempt manifested for Elder Rice and his wife was a wicked and cruel thing which must never be repeated. The Spirit of the Lord has been with these workers, and through their efforts many souls have taken their stand for the truth. Brother and Sister Rice have been willing to put themselves to any inconvenience for the sake of the work of saving souls, and the Lord has vindicated their efforts. As long as they watch unto prayer, and labor in the spirit of the Master, His blessing will be upon their work.²³*LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 4*

Brother and Sister Rice would have reached many more souls had it not been for the false reports that have gone out concerning them, and which were circulated by professing believers. They have been slighted sometimes at the public meetings, and many have received impressions regarding them that were untrue. The angels of God have marked all these things, and they have recorded the actions of Brother and Sister Rice wherein they have been zealous workers in doing that which they saw was needed to be done. Their work has been done under discouragements created by men whom the Lord has reproved. God forbids that such presentations be made that would cause them to become dispirited.²³*LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 5*

I have a message for Brother and Sister Rice: Thus saith the Lord, Make God your trust, and He will bless you and vindicate your work. Work prudently, lest evil reports be circulated such as have gone out in the past. The Lord would have you devote yourselves faithfully to the work, and give no occasion for evil speeches. Those who in the past have spoken unkindly regarding you may still do so; but your trust must be in the Lord. He has worked by His Holy Spirit to give you your hire, even souls for whom Christ has died. You have stood under unreasonable pressure for years; and sometimes you have erred; but the Lord witnessed your repentance and forgave your mistakes. The Lord will give you wisdom for your work. Stand as free as possible from censure. Give no semblance of excuse for evil reports to go out concerning you.^{23LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 6}

Advice to the Laborers

Wise counsel for church and conference officers is given by Peter in the following words:^{23LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 7}

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you.” [1 Peter 5:2-7.]^{23LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 8}

Let the experienced workers be educators, being themselves under the discipline of God. Let the young men feel it their privilege to study diligently and to carry every burden that their health and youth will allow. It was thus that Elijah educated the youth of Israel in the schools of the prophets; and young men today are to have a similar training. It is not possible to advise in every particular the part the youth should act. But they should be faithfully taught and counselled by the older laborers and taught to receive wisdom from

Him who is the author and finisher of our faith. The Lord is waiting for our workers, young and old, to unite their forces harmoniously. They should “love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.” [1 *Peter* 3:8.] They should advise with one another, and pray with one another, and respect one another. *23LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 9*

“I have written unto you, young men,” the apostle says, “because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. ... But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth.” [1 *John* 2:14, 20, 21.] *23LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 10*

And the apostle Paul writes, “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. ... Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all heaven, that He might fill all things.)” *23LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 11*

“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry; for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up unto Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ: that the whole body, fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” [*Ephesians* 4:1-3, 7-16.] *23LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 12*

The work must not be hindered as it has been and God's people discouraged by the undue exercise of human authority. These words of the apostle clearly reveal that there is given to God's servants a special work, to be done as the Spirit of God shall impress the heart and mind of the individual. <All have not the same form of work to do.> Let the workers lift the voice of rebuke against presumptuous rulership over God's heritage. We are safe only when we individually commit ourselves fully to works of righteousness. Then all, church members, and men of the world, will know where we stand. Our words and spirit will testify to the glory of God.*23LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 13*

In no case should men handling sacred responsibilities so misrepresent the Lord's purpose concerning His work as to say arbitrarily to a fellow worker, You shall not do this; or, You must do that. By His Holy Spirit, the Lord impresses His workers to go to certain places and to do a certain work. He does not desire to have the human mind interpose itself to forbid any work that He has bidden shall be carried forward.*23LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 14*

Those who walk in the light will be drawn by the Spirit of God toward that line of work which the Lord wishes them to do. They are to be encouraged to follow their convictions. I have been shown that if our workers had been encouraged to follow the leading of the Spirit of God, that many, at the close of our general meetings, would have gone forth under the Spirit's guidance to different places to labor for souls; and the result would have been a wide communication of light and truth to men and women who needed instruction in the Word. There are many workers who needed just such an experience as this; but they have not obtained this experience; because human agencies have interposed themselves between them and the Lord. Thus men have been counterworking the plans of God and the influences of the Holy Spirit and heavenly angels who are ordained of God to co-operate with His servants in their labors with Him in the gospel.*23LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 15*

This spirit that has ruled in the past God has instructed me must never again appear. He has been dishonored, and the work has been hindered by men who were careful to secure high wages for themselves while they restricted the wages of others. It is time now

that the work of God move forward after a decidedly different order. God has various lines of work to be carried, but for years a man-ruling power has counterworked His plans. It was because of this hindering influence that God instructed me to bear testimony against those in authority who were seeking to guide the experience of others while they themselves were not under the control of the Spirit of God. The Lord will judge those who seek to judge others; and those who disregard the reproofs He sends, He will leave to follow out their own human will and devisings.²³*LtMs, Lt 88, 1908, par. 16*

Lt 90, 1908

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

St. Helena, California

March 24, 1908

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

Dear Brethren:

I feel a deep interest that careful study shall be given to the needs of our institutions at Loma Linda and that the right moves may be made. In the carrying forward of the work at this place, men of talent and of decided spirituality are needed.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 1*

We may, in the work of educating our nurses, reach a high standard in the knowledge of the true science of healing. That which is of most importance is that the students be taught how to truly represent the principles of health reform. Teach the students to pursue this line of study faithfully, combined with other essential lines of education. The grace of Jesus Christ will give wisdom to all who will follow the Lord's plan of true education.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 2*

Let the students follow closely the example of the One who purchased the human race with the costly price of His own life. Let them appeal to the Saviour and depend upon Him as the One who heals all manner of diseases. The Lord would have the workers make special efforts to point the sick and suffering to the great Physician who made the human body. He would have all become obedient children to the faith, that they may come with confidence and ask for bodily restoration. Many who come to our sanitariums will be blessed as they learn the truth concerning the Word of God, many who would never learn it through any other medium.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 3*

It is well that our training schools for Christian workers should be established near to our health institutions, that the students may be educated in the principles of healthful living. Institutions that send forth workers who are able to give a reason for their faith, and who have that faith that works by love and purifies the soul, are of great value.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 4*

I have clear instruction that wherever it is possible, schools should be established near to our sanitariums, that each institution may be a help to the other. But I dare not advise that steps be taken at this time to branch out so largely in the educational work at Loma Linda, that a large outlay of means will be required to erect new buildings. Our faithful workers at Loma Linda must not be overwhelmed with such great responsibilities that they will be in danger of becoming worn and discouraged.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 5*

I am charged to caution you against building extensively for the accommodation of students. It would not be wise to invest at this time so large a capital as would be required to equip a medical college that would properly qualify physicians to stand the test of the medical examinations of the different states.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 6*

A movement should not now be inaugurated that would add greatly to the investment upon the Loma Linda property. Already there is a large debt resting upon the institution, and discouragement and perplexity would follow if this indebtedness were to be greatly increased. As the work progresses, new improvements may be added from time to time as they are found necessary. An elevator should soon be installed in the main building. But there is need of strict economy. Let our brethren move cautiously and wisely and plan no larger than they can handle without being overburdened.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 7*

In the work of the school, maintain simplicity. No argument is so powerful as is success founded upon simplicity. And you may attain success in the education of students as medical missionaries without a medical school that can qualify physicians to compete with the physicians of the world.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 8*

Let the students be given a practical education. And the less

dependent you are upon worldly methods of education, the better it will be for the students. Special instruction should be given in the art of treating the sick without the use of poisonous drugs, and in harmony with the light that God has given. Students should come forth from the school without having sacrificed the principles of health reform.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 9*

The education that meets the world's standard is to be less and less valued by those who are seeking for efficiency in carrying the medical missionary work in connection with the work of the third angel's message. They are to be educated from the standpoint of conscience; and as they conscientiously and faithfully follow right methods in their treatment of the sick, these methods will come to be recognized as preferable to the method of nursing to which many have become accustomed, which demands the use of poisonous drugs.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 10*

We should not at this time seek to compete with worldly medical schools. Should we do this, our chances of success would be small. We are not now prepared to carry out successfully the work of establishing large medical institutions of learning. Moreover should we follow the world's methods of medical practice, exacting the large fees that worldly physicians demand for their services, we would work away from Christ's plan for our ministry to the sick.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 11*

There should be at our sanitariums intelligent men and women who can instruct Christ's methods of ministry. Under the instruction of competent, consecrated teachers, the youth may become partakers of the divine nature and learn how to escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust. I have been shown that we should have many more women who can deal especially with the diseases of women, many more lady nurses who will treat the sick in a simple way and without the use of drugs.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 12*

There are many simple herbs which, if our nurses would learn the value of, they could use in the place of drugs and find very effective. Many times I have been applied to for advice as to what should be done in cases of sickness or accident; and I have mentioned some of these simple remedies, and they have proved helpful.*23LtMs, Lt*

On one occasion a physician came to me in great distress. He had been called to attend a young woman who was dangerously ill. She had contracted fever while on the camp-ground and was taken to our school building near Melbourne, Australia. But she became so much worse that it was feared she could not live. The physician Dr. Merritt Kellogg came to me, and said, "Sister White, have you any light for me on this case? If relief cannot be given our sister, she can live but a few hours." I replied, "Send to a blacksmith's shop, and get some pulverized charcoal; make a poultice of it, and lay it over her stomach and side." The doctor hastened away to follow out my instructions. Soon he returned, saying, "Relief came in less than half an hour after the application of the poultices. She is now having the first natural sleep she has had for days."*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 14*

I have ordered the same treatment for others who were suffering great pain, and it has brought relief and been the means of saving life. My mother had told me that snake bites and the sting of reptiles and poisonous insects could often be rendered harmless by the use of charcoal poultices. When working on the land at Avondale, Australia, the workmen would often bruise their hands and limbs, and this in many cases resulted in such severe inflammation that the worker would have to leave his work for some time. One came to me one day in this condition, with his hand tied in a sling. He was much troubled over the circumstance; for his help was needed in clearing the land. I said to him, "Go to the place where you have been burning the timber, and get me some charcoal from the eucalyptus tree, pulverize it, and I will dress your hand." This was done, and the next morning he reported that the pain was gone. Soon he was ready to return to his work.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 15*

I write these things that you may know that the Lord has not left us without the use of simple remedies which when used will not leave the system in the weakened condition in which the use of drugs so often leaves it. We need well-trained nurses who can understand how to use the simple remedies that nature provides for restoration to health, and who can teach those who are ignorant of the laws of

health how to use these simple but effective cures. He who created men and women has an interest in those who suffer. He has directed in the establishment of our sanitariums, and in the building up of schools close to our sanitariums, that they may become efficient mediums in training men and women for the work of ministering to suffering humanity. In the treatment of the sick, poisonous drugs need not be used. Alcohol or tobacco in any form must not be recommended, lest some soul be led to imbibe a taste for these evil things. There will be no excuse for the liquor dealers in that day when every man shall receive according to his works. Those who have destroyed life will by their own life have to pay the penalty. God's law is holy and just and good.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 16*

We have seen the poor wrecks of humanity come to our sanitariums to be cured of the liquor habit. We have seen those who have ruined their health by wrong habits of diet and by the use of flesh meats. This is why we need to lift up the voice like a trumpet and show "My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." [*Isaiah 58:1.*]*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 17*

The Lord will judge according to their works those who are seeking to establish a law of the nations that will cause men to violate the law of God. In proportion to their guilt will be their punishment. The Lord would have us lift up the Sabbath of the Lord our God. We have a sacred work to do in opening blind eyes in regard to the day that the Lord has set apart and sanctified as the rest day of mankind. He declares, "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." [*Exodus 20:10.*] He has placed His own signature upon that day that He has set apart to be observed as long as time shall last. We should have much to say upon this subject just now.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 18*

Let Seventh-day Adventist medical workers remember that the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Christ was the greatest Physician that ever trod the sin-cursed earth. The Lord would have His people come to Him for their power of healing. He will baptize them with His Holy Spirit and fit them for a service that will make them a blessing in restoring the spiritual and physical health of those who need healing.*23LtMs, Lt 90, 1908, par. 19*

Lt 91, 1908

Burden, J. A.

St. Helena, California

March 24, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother Burden:

I have had to call to mind the more direct words and the plans that should be followed. We have now to become perfectly united in plans and ways in Southern California. Years are not to be consumed in plans of physicians and in receiving diplomas or credentials. We are to make our schools near our sanitariums. And the education must be through thoroughly competent physicians and the treatments carried out by educated nurses.²³*LtMs, Lt 91, 1908, par. 1*

You need a physician who is competent to stand as physician-in-chief to carry the work in medical lines and a lady, as Doctor White, to be physician-in-chief to attend to the women's necessities. A gentleman physician is needed to attend to the gentlemen and perform operations; but there is to be an order established in all our sanitariums that a gentleman physician should not attend the cases of childbirth, and the delicate diseases that women are subject to are not to be under the examinations of men doctors. This is out of the Lord's order. There should be in our sanitariums a lady physician and her helper nurses to look after the confinement cases, and the lady physician is chief in this life and can call on her nurses and give them lessons in regard to the particular diseases of women.²³*LtMs, Lt 91, 1908, par. 2*

[Letter incomplete.]

Lt 92, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

March 31, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *6Bio 165*.

My dear son Edson:

I received your letter this morning. In reply I would say to you, When you have fully decided to come to St. Helena, you need not wait for any invitation. We shall be glad to welcome you at any time that you decide is best for you to come.²³*LtMs, Lt 92, 1908, par. 1*

We expect that in a short time Brother Hare will be at Nashville. He thought best to spend a few days in Glendale and Loma Linda, and to visit his sons at College View and Stuart, Iowa, while on his way south. He left here about one week ago, after spending about three months with us. He has had much experience in the manufacture of health foods, gained in the food factory at Avondale. He had applied himself very diligently to his work there, and the change and rest have done him good. I believe Brother Hare will be able to take hold of the food work in the South and help in a time of emergency. But you will know what to do in this matter when you get to Nashville.²³*LtMs, Lt 92, 1908, par. 2*

I think your decision to rest for a while is a sensible one. You will be very welcome here. We are having beautiful weather, and you and Emma can ride out together.²³*LtMs, Lt 92, 1908, par. 3*

Brother Sutherland is with us and will remain for some days. He has been solicited by Sister Gotzian to attend to some business matters in connection with her property in Oregon. She needs help in this matter, or she may suffer loss. Brother Sutherland will visit her in Southern California and then return here for a week or two.²³*LtMs, Lt 92, 1908, par. 4*

Willie goes south with Prof. Sutherland to attend a council in Los

Angeles, April 5. He hopes to be back home by April 14.²³*LtMs, Lt 92, 1908, par. 5*

I will not write a long letter at this time, as this must soon go in the mail. I will expect to hear from you just as soon as you decide what you will do. If you come, we will do our best to make you comfortable. Sara will gladly welcome Emma and yourself, and we will be glad to have you stay as long as you please. We have an excellent housekeeper who understands her work; and we all work together harmoniously.²³*LtMs, Lt 92, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 94, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

March 29, 1908

Portions of this manuscript are published in *PM 121-122*.

Elder S. N. Haskell
Box 457
Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

I have received your letter, in which you speak of a plan for you to print and sell a large number of my book *Early Writings* brought out in a new style of binding.^{23LtMs, Lt 94, 1908, par. 1}

In the past I have given my consent to your suggestions regarding this matter, but recently I have received such positive instruction regarding the necessity of unity that I dare not give my consent to your proposition.^{23LtMs, Lt 94, 1908, par. 2}

The Lord would have every movement made by you or by me such that it will inspire confidence in us as being led by the Lord. I should be sorry to see you do anything that would tend to lessen your influence as a wise counselor. As missionary workers, we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must seek to follow the example set by our Saviour in His ministry of love. We must manifest the wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove. May God help us that we may be a blessing to His people.^{23LtMs, Lt 94, 1908, par. 3}

I would not wish to handle my books, nor to see you handle your books in a manner that would seem to throw discredit upon the publishing houses. We must manifest wisdom in this matter. To carry out the plans you suggest would, to many, seem that we were taking advantage of circumstances to benefit ourselves.^{23LtMs, Lt 94, 1908, par. 4}

In your office as president of this conference, the Lord would have you do everything possible to bring about a spirit of unity. Let the idea of unity be the keynote of all your actions. This instruction has been given me for you, that not one move must be made that will create feelings of discord. Let every effort possible be made to harmonize with your brethren. This has been deeply impressed upon my mind by representations that the Lord has given me. You are standing in a position of influence, and there are some who, should they find occasion, would say that I made a mistake in advising the change in the administration of the California Conference.*23LtMs, Lt 94, 1908, par. 5*

Let your whole influence be cast to create a spirit of unity with the men who are carrying responsibilities in the publishing work. Then your words will have more influence.*23LtMs, Lt 94, 1908, par. 6*

You and I are being watched very critically. If we were to carry out plans that would create dissension, this might result in the loss of souls. Do not forget that many are watching to see some moves made that would seem to vindicate the wrong moves that have been made in this conference during the last few years. Let us labor earnestly to convince men that Christ came to our world to place man on vantage ground, that he might become a partaker of the divine nature.*23LtMs, Lt 94, 1908, par. 7*

The Lord would be pleased for you to modify your plans regarding the selling of books at low prices, lest you lead some to feel that our publishing houses were charging exorbitantly for their labor.*23LtMs, Lt 94, 1908, par. 8*

In your position of trust as president of the California Conference, you should take especial heed lest you give occasion for your self-sacrificing efforts to be regarded as a reflection upon the men connected with our offices of publication. You are to come as close as possible to our leading brethren. It would be a great mistake to follow methods in the publication and sale of your books that would injure your influence. Therefore, I say that it would not be wise, my brother, to carry out plans that seem to some to be contrary to fair dealing in the sale of our books.*23LtMs, Lt 94, 1908, par. 9*

Therefore I cannot give my consent to have any of my books

handled at the present time in the way you suggest. It would make upon the minds of some of our brethren an impression that would not be desirable. Even though the whole thirty thousand dollars of my indebtedness might be settled in the manner you propose, yet I could not give my consent.²³*LtMs, Lt 94, 1908, par. 10*

Lt 96, 1908

Gilmore, Alexander

St. Helena, California

March 31, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Alex Gilmore
515 Ellice St.
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Brother:

Elder E. A. Sutherland, in conversation with me, has given me a little of your history. I was pleased to know this and very thankful to hear of your conversion to the truth. You are older than I. On Nov. 26, 1907, I entered my eighty-first year.²³*LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 1*

In 1844 the Lord gave me a decided call to bear a message to His people. I was weak and feeble at that time; but when I stood upon my feet before the people, I was strengthened for my work and was enabled to speak in a clear, strong voice that could be heard by thousands. I was thought by many to be in consumption, but since that time I have visited Canada, Europe, and Australia. In this last place, I labored for almost nine years.²³*LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 2*

In 1881 I met with a great sorrow in the loss of my husband. On his deathbed I asked my husband if he would be pleased to have me carry on in new countries the missionary work that we had begun. He was too weak to speak, but he pressed my hand three times. This was the sign I wanted of him. Since the death of my husband, I have labored continually in the interests of the cause of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 3*

I have two sons living; both are ministers, and both are engaged in the work of publishing my books. I have sent you in today's mail copies of several of the *Testimonies for the Church*.²³*LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 4*

I would be pleased to see you face to face; but though we may never meet in this world, we will, if we are faithful in this life, meet in the New Jerusalem.²³*LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 5*

One week ago last Sabbath I spoke to the members of the Oakland church. There was a large congregation present, and the church building was filled. I had already spoken four times during the week to our people there; and as I looked over this large company, I feared that I might not have strength of voice to reach them all. But as soon as I stood upon my feet, the power of God came upon me, and my voice was strong and clear. I was sustained in a remarkable manner, and for this I give glory to God. I spoke from the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah*.²³*LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 6*

On Sunday, the following day, I rode three miles to Berkeley, a suburb of Oakland, and spoke to a company there from *the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah, verses 1-22*.²³*LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 7*

As I have labored in different places, I have seen a great work to be done; and again and again I have hired money, on which I pay interest, in order to help in establishing the work in new places. And the work is going forward. In order to help in the establishment and support of our schools, I donated the manuscript of the book *Christ's Object Lessons*, asking that our brethren in the publishing house donate the labor required to get the book before the people. This they did. The books have been sold extensively, and this effort has brought in for the support of our educational work as much as three hundred thousand dollars.²³*LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 8*

In the same way I gave the book *Ministry of Healing* for the help of our sanitariums. I know that through the medium of our health institutions, many will be brought to a knowledge of the true Sabbath and will learn to honor God by keeping His commandments.²³*LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 9*

Now I have a request to make of you. Will you loan to me some of the money which the Lord has entrusted to you, that I may represent you in a work that you cannot do yourself? I have many writings that should come before the people; but before I can publish these books, I must have more means than I have at present. If you could lend me means for this work, I should feel very

thankful. Should you be willing to do this, please let me know on what terms you would lend me several thousand dollars. If you are desirous of investing your means where it will accomplish a definite work in the advancement of the truth, I will use it in the publication of my books, and thus help in the opening of new fields, that those who sit in darkness may be brought into the light of this precious truth. We are nearing the close of this earth's history, and those of us to whom has been entrusted means should use the Lord's treasures in bringing the knowledge of the truth to those who are in error.*23LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 10*

Now I ask you to consider my request. Will you not lay up your treasure where I have laid mine? I ask you to share with me in this work—a work in which you will be placing your money where it will bring large results. I want you to lay up in the heavens a treasure that faileth not, by using it in this world for the salvation of souls. When you come into the kingdom of your Father, you will then receive both principal and interest. I feel drawn out to urge you to consider this matter. I am devoting my whole soul to this work, and you can help me in it.*23LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 11*

The Lord is soon to come, and I am charged with a message for the people. I have much matter prepared, and the people should have it. I have worked with all the capabilities that the Lord has graciously given me, that this precious matter might come before the people. Some of it is now ready for print. Can you not help us in doing this good work? From the press, the light is to go forth to all places. It is to be carried into new missionary fields. These books are to be translated into different languages, that every tongue and people may know the truth. The law of God is to be exalted as the gospel message for all nations and peoples. Please respond to this letter, and tell me if you will help in carrying forward this great and grand work.*23LtMs, Lt 96, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 98, 1908

Gotzian, J.

St. Helena, California

April 1, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mrs. J. Gotzian

Dear Sister Gotzian:

It is my conviction that it would be for your best interests to ask Brother Sutherland to act as your business agent, and to take the burden of disposing of your property. I have full confidence in his ability to discern that which needs to be done. If you will place your business in his hands, I believe it will be wisely and honestly conducted to your advantage. Therefore I would advise that you give him your confidence and allow him to act for you.²³*LtMs, Lt 98, 1908, par. 1*

The Lord would not have you in continual anxiety concerning your business affairs. If I were in your place, I would relieve myself of some of these burdens and recognize Brother Sutherland as one who will manage these matters so that I would not be a loser. Of course the property may remain under your supervision, but it would be better to place it in the hands of some one, as Brother Sutherland, who has demonstrated his ability as a capable financier and who is reliable. Unless you do have some such person as this to act for you, I fear that you will suffer loss.²³*LtMs, Lt 98, 1908, par. 2*

You are at a distance from your property, and it would be inconvenient and expensive for you to be required frequently to make the long journey to Oregon in order to look after your interests there. I hope that you may, as you desire, be able soon to dispose of your property at a good price. Talk these matters over freely with Brother Sutherland. He is a man who, I believe, is true to the service of God and true to the interests of his brethren.²³*LtMs, Lt*

98, 1908, par. 3

I would be greatly pleased to visit the Paradise Valley Sanitarium at this season of the year. But I have heavy burdens to bear here in preparing important matter that should be printed.²³*LtMs, Lt 98, 1908, par. 4*

I am thankful that Brother and Sister Cummings are carrying the work so well. May the Lord bless them and keep them in health physically and spiritually. We need great steadfastness of purpose to walk and work after the Lord's planning.²³*LtMs, Lt 98, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 100, 1908

Rasmussen, Sister

St. Helena, California

February 11, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mrs. Rasmussen

Dear Sister:

I wish I could come to Dakota; I would be pleased to see our people there. But this does not seem to be possible.²³*LtMs, Lt 100, 1908, par. 1*

I am desirous of obtaining money; and I will come right to the point by asking you if you can loan me some at interest. I am greatly in need of means at this time and would be glad if you would let me have five hundred or one thousand dollars until the books that are now being prepared for the press are ready for publication.²³*LtMs, Lt 100, 1908, par. 2*

I see a great work to be done, and I greatly desire to see this work accomplished quickly. There are earnest efforts to be put forth in the cities that have not yet been entered with the message of present truth. To carry this work, as God intends it shall be done, will call for earnest prayers and faithful efforts on the part of our people. I want to do my part in getting before the people the books containing the messages God is sending to the world. If I secure the means needed at this time, the work can go forward. I shall be very thankful if you can do me this favor that I ask.²³*LtMs, Lt 100, 1908, par. 3*

With this I send you a copy of my letter to Brother Terwilliger.²³*LtMs, Lt 100, 1908, par. 4*

Lt 102, 1908

Terwilliger, Brother

St. Helena, California

February 11, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *PM 394*.

My Brother Terwilliger:

Some time ago you sent me word that you thought you could let me have on interest quite a large sum of money. I was very thankful to receive this word from you, but later you were disappointed. Your expectations were not realized. Now if you cannot loan me money at present, can you direct me to other brethren or sisters in Dakota who have money to loan and would be willing to lend to me at a moderate rate of interest? Please inquire concerning this. I need more means for the publication of my books.²³*LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 1*

The message of truth must go to our cities and towns as it has not yet gone. We must take hold in earnest. I was so pleased with the prospect of obtaining the means of which you wrote, and for the time my mind was relieved of its burden. But the Lord understands the situation; I will not murmur at His providences.²³*LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 2*

Some have wondered that I should be laboring under the embarrassment of debt. There are few who know the extent of our labors in new fields and the demands that have been made upon me for the advancement of the work in America, in Europe, and in Australia. In new fields there are many churches to be built and many new missionary enterprises to be started. Sometimes it is needful that we have the money right at the time when hearts are being stirred and the Spirit of God is making its impressions. This is the time to put forth earnest, faithful efforts for the upbuilding of the work.²³*LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 3*

In our early labors in this cause, my husband and I sought to know

the movings of the Spirit of God upon hearts. We sought earnestly to improve the time and not let opportunities pass by unimproved. We felt that we must work earnestly to gather means, that the ministers who were preaching the message might be supported in their different fields of labor.*23LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 4*

At first we believed that the Lord was coming in 1843 and thought that the Scriptures sustained us in this belief. But the time passed, and then came a great trial of our faith. After this the Lord sent to us the light regarding the fourth commandment and showed us the importance of keeping the seventh day. Many other important features of faith were revealed to us, which at first we had not understood. Then we could see the great mercy of God in giving us a tarrying time. We needed to have a better understanding of many things. There was a great work yet to be done. The Scriptures were to be more fully investigated. The world was to be warned; the light was to shine forth in our cities. We felt the need of giving the warning message to places that had not been worked.*23LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 5*

As laborers together with God, it is our duty to keep in mind that we are not left to be guided in the work by our human intelligence alone. Angels of God are waiting to do the Lord's bidding concerning us. Our duty is to work patiently, to be self-denying in the use of our means; to be content with simple food; to save wherever we can that our means may be invested in the cause of God.*23LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 6*

In Australia as the work advanced, it became necessary to erect many simple houses of worship. We appointed tent-meetings and camp-meetings. Some who were unable to attend these meetings [unaided] I helped, so that they might go. Those were powerful camp-meetings; the light that shone forth from the Word of God touched and brought conviction to the hearts of many of the hearers. The truth that was preached was seen to be the truth of God.*23LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 7*

We gave away many of our large and small books to families who were unable to buy them, asking them to read them and to lend them to their neighbors. In this way we set one family to work for

neighboring families. They would come together and read the books aloud. As a result, conviction was brought to the hearts of some, and souls were converted.*23LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 8*

Our tent-meetings were most effective in removing prejudice. Meetings were also held in different places in the open air. I spoke before many companies in the open fields under the shade of the trees, and the Spirit of the Lord made the word spoken effective to many who heard. In this way we were able to reach some who would not be persuaded to enter a church or hall.*23LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 9*

Since the death of my husband, I have continued this kind of work with the help of my sons. Often I have had to invest means that it was hard to spare in order to make it possible to build a meetinghouse. I do not regret what I have done in investing means in the cause; rather I am thankful that I have been able to do this; but I must now hasten out my books in such a way that I shall be relieved of this load of indebtedness. My books must be sold, and from their sale I must pay my workers; I must continue to make gifts to some who are unable to purchase and who need the instruction they contain.*23LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 10*

I have many more writings to come before the people; for I have kept a record of all my travels and labors. I am seldom able to sleep after four in the morning, and in the early hours I am writing constantly. I am thankful that the Lord gives me strength to do so much.*23LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 11*

In all my labors by pen and voice I have sought to arouse church members to do the work God demands of His servants in the home, in the church, and in the neighborhood. Everywhere there is missionary work to be done; there are all classes of people to be labored for.*23LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 12*

I felt it a privilege to make the gift of *Christ's Object Lessons* to the schools. Through the skill and faithfulness of those who have sold the books, this gift has helped to bring to the schools the sum of three hundred thousand dollars. Yet in comparison with what might have been accomplished, very little has yet been done in selling this book to outside parties. When I consider how little genuine interest

has sometimes been manifested at our camp-meetings in the success of this enterprise, how little effort has been put forth to educate the students and workers in handling the book, I am urged to say that God is not in any way glorified by such an indifferent course.²³*LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 13*

And now I am bidden to say to our people: Try your skill in selling *Ministry of Healing* for the benefit of our sanitariums that have been fitted up at great expense for the treatment of the sick and suffering. The Spirit of God will send home the message of truth to hearts. If there is any class in the world who need the book *Ministry of Healing*, it is the sick. Then let no opportunity of reaching them be neglected. There is a valuable education to be obtained by those who scatter our publications like the leaves of autumn.²³*LtMs, Lt 102, 1908, par. 14*

Lt 104, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

March 30, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell
Box 597
Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have learned that at the time of the Oakland meeting another important meeting was held in St. Helena. This was a mistake; such a conflict in meetings should not be allowed to occur. One of these meetings, either that of Oakland or of St. Helena, might have been deferred until the work of the other had been completed. It was a mistake that they were held at the same time. Every such meeting is of importance.*23LtMs, Lt 104, 1908, par. 1*

I should have been in attendance at the St. Helena meeting; for I had words to speak to Elder Knox and to others. This would have been an opportune time for me to speak. You also were needed at that meeting. Had the meeting in St. Helena been deferred one week, you and Sister Haskell would have had the opportunity to attend—an opportunity which should have been improved.*23LtMs, Lt 104, 1908, par. 2*

I know that the Lord gave me special words to speak to the people in Oakland. I have never regretted the efforts I put forth there. We hope that there will be a blending together all along the line. We need to move very guardedly and study how to speak and act intelligently. Christ has a work for all to do, and we must do it in the love and fear of God.*23LtMs, Lt 104, 1908, par. 3*

I read from *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, p. 29:23LtMs, Lt 104, 1908, par. 4*

“He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things?” [*Romans 8:32.*]*23LtMs, Lt 104, 1908, par. 5*

“As this wonderful, priceless Gift was bestowed, the whole heavenly universe was mightily stirred, in an effort to understand God’s unfathomable love, stirred to awaken in human hearts a gratitude proportionate to the value of the Gift. Shall we, for whom Christ has given His life, halt between two opinions? Shall we return to God only a mite of the capabilities and powers lent us by Him? How can we do this while we know that He who was the commander of all heaven laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, and, realizing the helplessness of the fallen race, came to this earth in human nature to make it possible for us to unite our humanity to His divinity? He became poor that we might come into possession of the eternal treasure, ‘a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.’” [*2 Corinthians 4:17.*]*23LtMs, Lt 104, 1908, par. 6*

Praise the Lord. We have everything to be thankful for, that He did not fail nor become discouraged.*23LtMs, Lt 104, 1908, par. 7*

I read further: “This is the mystery of godliness, the mystery that has inspired heavenly agencies so to minister through fallen humanity that in the world an intense interest will be aroused in the plan of salvation. This is the mystery that has stirred all heaven to unite with man in carrying out God’s plan for the salvation of a ruined world.”*23LtMs, Lt 104, 1908, par. 8*

Thank the Lord that to human agencies is committed the grand work of extending the triumphs of the cross. Let us keep our eyes fixed on the mark of the prize. Let us not fail nor be discouraged. I am glad you are in a position where you can be a help to so many. You must be doubly guarded, for you will meet with many perplexities. Keep your eyes uplifted. Do not by any careless action given occasion for others to misinterpret you. I have decided to take this counsel to myself.*23LtMs, Lt 104, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 106, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

April 2, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *PM 208, 234-235; 3SM 204; 1MR 172-174.*

Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have for the last week been driven early and late, with the necessity of writing on many different subjects to many people. I have therefore been unable to write you as fully as I have desired to do.²³*LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 1*

On making inquiries regarding the publication of *Early Writings*, I learn that our offices at Mountain View and at Washington have just brought out, and have in stock, a large edition of this book, and that they are selling a paper-covered edition for thirty-five cents. Under such circumstances therefore, it would seem unjust to them were we to endeavor to place on the market a smaller-sized book to be sold at a low price.²³*LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 2*

Notwithstanding a lifetime of hard labor, I find that I am embarrassed with a heavy indebtedness. I do not at present receive from the sale of my books as much money as I need to carry on my work and to meet the many calls for help that come to me. Frequently some one from whom I have borrowed calls for his money, and in order to secure the necessary means, I am obliged to borrow money at the bank, for which I must pay eight per cent interest.²³*LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 3*

The other day I received a loan of fifty dollars at four and a half per cent interest. Then I received word that Sister Starr was in need of money to pay for the board of her children while she had been engaged in doing medical missionary work. So, although I had

previously paid two hundred dollars to help this family, I sent this extra fifty dollars to them as soon as I had received it.²³*LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 4*

Thus there seems to be a constant drawing upon me for money, while but very little comes in. Yet notwithstanding my great necessities, I would be unwilling to make any move that might appear to be unfair to our publishing houses.²³*LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 5*

I have, as you well know, invested means largely in the building of meetinghouses and in starting various enterprises in Australia. I have also given thousands of dollars of my royalty on books to help the work in Europe, and have then, at times, borrowed money with which to pay my own helpers.²³*LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 6*

At one time I received word that it was difficult to get means for the translation of some of my books in the European languages. I said, "I will give my royalties on these foreign books for this purpose." At another time a brother in Europe wrote to me, "I have a thousand dollars that is due you on the sale of your books. Could not you let us have a portion of this to help in the education of young men, and fitting them to engage in missionary work?" In reply I wrote, "Keep it all, if you can only train young men to go out and labor as missionaries. I will continue to pay interest on money, in order that I may give this to you as a donation." This is how Sister White is becoming rich. I have been laying up my treasure in heaven; and in this crisis, I will not draw back.²³*LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 7*

Now, Elder Haskell, I want you to understand that I appreciate your interest in the scattering of the truth through a wide sale of *Early Writings*. I thank the Lord that I know you will not misunderstand me. I thank you for your kindly interest in my behalf. But I will closely watch and pray earnestly that the Lord will remove from me this pressure of debt without my taking a course that might seem unfair to the publishing houses. I know that your offer comes from the sincerity of your soul, and may the Lord bless you for your desire to help me. But I dare not venture to risk the consequences of the step you propose.²³*LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 8*

It would not be best for you and me to unite our interests in a

manner that might be misunderstood by some who knew that [I] advised that you be chosen as president of the California Conference. The Lord knows all about my situation, and He can bring relief in some other way. But let us preserve our influence as workers who are united with our brethren who are engaged in the Lord's work. I know that the office at Mountain View has had a hard time, and is in debt, and I should be very sorry to take a step that would tend to discourage our brethren there.*23LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 9*

Representations that have been given me lead me to fear the plan of selling our books at too low a price. Many who would take advantage of these low prices might just as easily pay the full price. And some who buy the books for little would sell them to others who would have to pay the regular prices. Such a plan is bringing in an order of things that will not bring the best results. If you find worthy people who are not able to pay for a book, it is your privilege to present it to them. But you should hold your books at a price that will insure against a loss to the publishers. While it is right for you to appoint agents to canvass for your books, there should be a readjustment of the prices you ask for them.*23LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 10*

On the same principle, because of the large expense in building and in maintaining sanitariums, we could not sanction the charging of such low rates that a loss would come to the institutions, even though some might urge this because a greater number of patients might thus be benefited. Such a method would bring in confusion.*23LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 11*

The enemy is ever seeking to scatter briars and thorns among the precious wheat. Earnest labor is required to make a success of our efforts. While certain plans may seem to be wise, and while men may have the best of motives in following them, yet if these plans result in friction, it will be found that the good results that were sought will not appear.*23LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 12*

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

this kind of work. And I cannot consent for you to do this in my behalf. We are both becoming old, and every move must bear the impress of the character of Christ. Not for a day must we venture to move unadvisedly. Looking unto Jesus constitutes real excellence of character. If we copy the pattern, we shall always be safe; for Christ will be revealed in personal ministry. Let us make no mistakes, for we are sowing for eternity.*23LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 13*

We should blend with our publishing institutions in laying and carrying out plans that will be productive of healthful unity. All should seek to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all speak the same things. Let each serve with an eye single to the glory of God.*23LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 14*

Every soul that is sanctified daily through the practice of the gospel principles will obtain the victory over sin. If, as disciples of Christ, we reflect His image, we shall receive what we ask for. We shall be fruitful. Peace like a river will flow to our souls, and from us to other souls. We are to labor that we may represent Christ in our words and disposition.*23LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 15*

Let us practice the meekness and lowliness of Christ's life, and the seed we sow will grow. Sanctification of character is the work of a lifetime. Our opportunities will multiply as our experience enlarges; our knowledge will increase, and through Christ we shall become strong in bearing responsibilities. O precious privilege to co-operate with the heavenly and divine agencies!*23LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 16*

Brother and Sister Haskell, if we keep our minds stayed upon Christ, He will come unto us as the rain, as the former and latter rain upon the earth. As the Sun of righteousness, He will arise with healing in His wings. We may grow as the lily, revive as the corn, and grow as the vine. By constantly looking to and patterning after Christ as our personal Saviour, we shall grow up into Him in all things. Our faith will grow, our conscience will be sanctified. We will more and more become like Christ in all our works and words. Thank God, we shall believe His Word. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

mekness, temperance: against such there is no law." [*Galatians*
5:22, 23.]²³*LtMs, Lt 106, 1908, par. 17*

Lt 108, 1908

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

NP

April 6, 1908 [typed]

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

I have received your sad letter. I am sorry for you and have asked the Lord to relieve you in this trying time. All you can do is to put yourselves in the hands of One who knows the situation, and can help your minds, and the ones that are bereaved. Put your trust in your Saviour, and do not have oversorrow; for it will do no good.²³*LtMs, Lt 108, 1908, par. 1*

I shall feel very anxious for you to keep me informed in regard to the future of this very sad affair. I can only say, You can take the case to the Lord Jesus and commit your afflicted souls to the Lord to be guided by Him. Ask those who have faith to unite their prayers with yours in your home. This is a trial for you of great magnitude. I appreciate your deep affliction, but all I can say is, Take the matter to the Lord in prayer, and then believe that He can make the impressions on the minds of the relatives of the one who lost her life.²³*LtMs, Lt 108, 1908, par. 2*

The affliction you suffer will be to a woman of your keen, sensitive nature almost more than you can bear. But you have a sympathizing Saviour, and He can make the impression upon the minds of the ones who are afflicted. The relatives of the one whose injuries were unto death must take in the situation and know your great sorrow. But look unto Jesus. He will comfort you. He will be your sympathizing Saviour. All you can do is to believe and trust in the Lord while you are filled with sorrow and your soul is bowed down with anguish. I know, and all acquainted with you know, that this unfortunate circumstance fills your soul with deep sorrow that cannot be expressed. Yet any other in your place might have done the same.²³*LtMs, Lt 108, 1908, par. 3*

We can pray for you that you may be comforted by the grace of our heavenly Father. Look unto Jesus and trust in His grace to bring you through this severe ordeal without bringing upon you overmuch sorrow, which cannot restore the dead.*23LtMs, Lt 108, 1908, par. 4*

I will not distrust the Lord God of Israel, and all who know your true interest in all who are connected with you can but give you the deep sympathy that they should. Lay your burden upon the great burden-bearer, and believe, my dear afflicted sister, that the Lord Jesus will sustain you under this severe affliction.*23LtMs, Lt 108, 1908, par. 5*

I know that the friends and relatives of the child must feel this, but may the Lord give them that true tenderness of heart that will help you to bear up under the grief that you must feel. I will send this line, but send again tomorrow.*23LtMs, Lt 108, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 110, 1908

Kress, D. H.

St. Helena, California

April 8, 1908

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Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Kress

Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

Yesterday I sent you a few lines with a promise of more soon. Today I will try to write some, though I am feeling too poorly to do the work I desire to do. I was taken sick last night, and this morning feel unable to write at length.*23LtMs, Lt 110, 1908, par. 1*

My brother and sister, the Lord Jesus will certainly be your present help in every time of need. Commit your case to the One who will never disappoint you. Lay hold upon Jesus: He can give you relief. He knows how to apply the soothing balm.*23LtMs, Lt 110, 1908, par. 2*

You must keep a reserve of spiritual strength, in order to enable you to carry the heavy responsibilities that rest upon you. Your help is needed in the ministry, to speak words in season, words that will draw souls to Christ. Through you spiritual grace may flow, bringing restoration to the afflicted.*23LtMs, Lt 110, 1908, par. 3*

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

Invisible <agencies> are ready to make the right impression upon human minds. Bible truth will make impressions upon the sin-sick souls. Let those who speak of this truth use words that are too plain to be misunderstood. If you will speak helpful words to the sick, there are many who will afterward remember the Bible lessons given, and the Holy Spirit will impress them upon the mind.*23LtMs, Lt 110, 1908, par. 4*

You may also be a blessing to the students in the school. Keep the Bible truths shining brightly, and the Lord will guide you in speaking right words. Let it stand forth clearly that the world must be warned. The truth will exert a refining influence upon the mind and heart and soul of those for whom you labor.*23LtMs, Lt 110, 1908, par. 5*

I have earnestly desired that our whole church might come into a closer communion with God. How can I make it understood by believers that we as a people may find rest and peace in the Saviour? I am instructed that there must be an increase of that living faith that works by love. We may appropriate the words of the Scriptures; for their meaning may be understood.*23LtMs, Lt 110, 1908, par. 6*

May the Lord help you both and strengthen you in your affliction. I feel deeply over the terrible accident, but can only say, Put your trust fully in Him who alone can be your Helper. I know that you are suffering deeply, but hold fast to His hand, and He will sustain you.*23LtMs, Lt 110, 1908, par. 7*

Be not discouraged. The Lord will relieve your distressed souls. He has a work for you to do, and He will sustain you in it. The greater your trials, the more you need the Lord to behold and strengthen. God's purposes are to be accomplished through His people. We need the blessed Saviour every moment. Cling to the hand of Him who will lead you.*23LtMs, Lt 110, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 112, 1908

Knox, W. T.

St. Helena, California

April 10, 1908

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Elder W. T. Knox
Mountain View, California

My dear Brother Knox:

I have just received your letter, for which I thank you.²³*LtMs, Lt 112, 1908, par. 1*

It has been with great pain that I have felt urged to write to you as I have. Nothing but the knowledge that the Lord had given me a message for you could have led me to speak as plainly as I have done regarding your experience. I have now done my duty in giving you the message that God gave me for you; and if, as you say, you accept this message, you will see the necessity of changing your course of action. It is now your privilege to exert an influence that will counterwork your influence in some things in the past.²³*LtMs, Lt 112, 1908, par. 2*

Now, my brother, do not link up with one who would lead you in a course of action to spoil your influence for good. Christ says, "Come unto Me ... learn of Me ... and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:28, 29.*] You have in the past been learning some lessons that have been greatly to your injury, and to the injury of other souls.²³*LtMs, Lt 112, 1908, par. 3*

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

Corinthians 1:30.][23LtMs, Lt 112, 1908, par. 4

My brother, all the treasures of heaven are committed to every soul that will act faithfully as an instructor to minister in word and doctrine. Let there be an earnest seeking of the Lord in humility of soul that, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and with the spirituality and tenderness of Christ, your labors may be a success.*23LtMs, Lt 112, 1908, par. 5*

Those who minister in word and doctrine are imparting lessons to all with whom they associate. When standing before an assembly, whether there be few or many, the faithful minister will teach from the Word. It must be made plain that only by obedience can men be fitted for promotion to the higher grades in the courts above.*23LtMs, Lt 112, 1908, par. 6*

I have been instructed that yourself and your wife and daughter need a work done for you that is practical and thorough. You may be a blessing to each other in digging together for the gems of truth, as for hid treasures. Truth, Bible truth, stored in the mind is of the highest value for spiritual development. Christ is the great fountain head from whom all wisdom flows.*23LtMs, Lt 112, 1908, par. 7*

Brother and Sister Knox, seek the Lord daily for a deep religious experience. Unless you gain a practical knowledge of how to do the will of God, and unless you receive of His grace, you will fail in the great work of overcoming. But heavenly messengers are waiting constantly to help every one who calls upon the Lord for help. Therefore, I say to you in the name of the Lord, Advance, not in your own strength, but in the strength of Jesus. Press the battle to the gates.*23LtMs, Lt 112, 1908, par. 8*

Brother Knox, I beg of you to make thorough work. Then you will have that faith that works by love and purifies the soul. My desires and my prayers shall go with you.*23LtMs, Lt 112, 1908, par. 9*

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

[*Hebrews 13:20, 21.*]23*LtMs, Lt 112, 1908, par. 10*

Lt 114, 1908

Irwin, Brother and Sister [G. A.]

St. Helena, California

April 15, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder and Mrs. G. A. Irwin
Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother and Sister Irwin:

A few days ago I wrote two letters to Brother and Sister Kress; but at that time I did not understand that it was Sister Irwin who was running the elevator at the time of the sad accident. It may seem a little strange to you that the one who needed the words of encouragement and comfort I wrote was not mentioned. I trust that you, Sister Irwin, will forgive this seeming oversight.²³*LtMs, Lt 114, 1908, par. 1*

I wish now to express to you both my deep sympathy. I pray that the Lord may give to Sister Irwin His consolation. I know how deeply such a circumstance would grieve your tender mind and sympathetic heart; but all that you can do is to leave the case with the Lord. He understands, and He can comfort those who are closely related to the one who has lost her life. If you see them, tell them that we all sympathize deeply with them; and we pray that the Lord will help them to bear this grief. All we can do is to feel deeply sorry for them, and pray that the Lord will help them to carry their grief to Him in prayer. He can move upon the hearts of the afflicted. And we also must cling to the Lord and trust in Him.²³*LtMs, Lt 114, 1908, par. 2*

Lt 116, 1908

Workman, Brother and Sister [W.]

St. Helena, California

April 15, 1908

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Mr. & Mrs. W. Workman
Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

My dear Grandchildren:

We have read your letters with interest. I would be pleased to see you both, but I do not see much prospect of this; for I am continually at work with my writing. O how thankful I am to the Lord for clearness of mind. I praise Him continually for His goodness to me.*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 1*

I sometimes wish that you were not so far away from us all. But let us not brood over this. Be of good courage, and have faith in the light that is shining upon us from the Word. While I would be pleased to have you close beside us, yet the decision we made to let you go to Washington we thought to be for your best interests; and I firmly believe that the Lord will let His blessing rest upon you there.*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 2*

I have been writing all day. I thank the Lord for preserving my strength in my old age. I have had some severe trials to pass through, but I am determined not to fail nor to be discouraged.*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 3*

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

and Brother Forga.*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 4*

The two babies are nice, quiet children. Ella brings her baby down in his cab quite often. He is a pretty boy, as is also May White's baby. They are both proud of their boys and think them exceptionally good children. At the time you left us to go to Washington, we did not know how we were coming out in regard to a matron for our home; yet we believed that there must be someone who could fill the place. We have found an excellent housekeeper in Miss Hannaford, who came to Loma Linda from Nebraska. She is almost as tall as Miss Peck, is of good address, and is a good cook. And she is a sincere Christian. We live very simply and get along very pleasantly together. No unpleasant thing has occurred since she has been here. We are very thankful for this good help.*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 5*

If I am able, next Sunday we shall take the trip long planned for into Lake County. Brother James, your father, and Sara and I will constitute the party. I believe there are some business matters there that Mr. Hurlbutt wants us to consider. Mrs. Hurlbutt sent for me some time ago, but I could not go then. Now, if the Lord will, we will go next Sunday, taking the two-seated, largest, covered carriage and the greys. I will trust in the Lord to give me strength. The weather is very dry for this time of the year, and we have been hoping for rain. Today the clouds have hung heavy over the mountains, and this morning a little rain fell. We are hoping that more will come.*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 6*

The beautiful gold of ophir rose that climbs over the woodshed was never lovelier than it [is] this year. We tell all who come to pick all they want; and after all are supplied, we cannot tell that any have been taken. I thank the Lord for His care and His love*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 7*

Now, my dear children, I wish to say to you that your strength is in God. It would be surprising if you were not homesick at times; but be of good courage in the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 8*

A few weeks ago I attended a meeting held in Oakland. I spoke six times during the ten days I was there. I usually spoke at ten in the morning, following Elder Haskell's talk. He said that one would have

supposed that I had been present at his hour and had heard his words, for I followed right along the same line that he had taken up. All seemed to be much pleased that I could speak to them at this time.²³*LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 9*

The meetings were held in the new church building on 25th Street. On Sabbath the meetinghouse was filled. All the rooms were thrown into one. As I looked at the crowd, I felt somewhat afraid that I might not be able to make all the people hear. I sent your father for a glass of water, but before it reached me, I was on my feet and speaking to the congregation. My voice was so clear and strong that I knew that the angels of God were sustaining me. The Holy Spirit witnessed to the word spoken. I thank the Lord for the power of His grace. I had not been well for some time, but on this occasion, in spite of physical weakness, the Lord gave evidence of His presence with me. And those present feel the power of the Holy Spirit.²³*LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 10*

I spoke from the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah*, and the Holy Spirit impressed the truth upon the hearts of the people. I thank the Lord for His goodness and His mercy and His rich grace bestowed. I felt that the Lord would give me strength to speak, and His power was upon me in rich measure. On the following day I drove to Berkeley, where an appointment was out for me to speak. The hall here was crowded to its utmost capacity. I spoke from the *60th chapter of Isaiah*. The Lord again gave me His Holy Spirit, and angels of God were in our midst. As I presented the truths of this chapter, the blessing of the Lord rested upon me and upon those who listened. I thank the Lord for the grace given to me at this time. My trust is in Him. We need ever to cherish a spirit of trust in God and learn to wait patiently for Him. I have rejoiced in the privilege given me at this time to speak so often to the people of Oakland and Berkeley.²³*LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 11*

I am now writing on the subject of temperance, and am striving to present the great dangers that attend the placing in the stomach of a great variety of foods at one meal. We do ourselves much harm by indulging in such a practice. I have some things written for our people in Washington, which I will send as soon as they are copied. You do not give us much definite news about the workings of the

school; but matters have been presented to me in the night season; and the instruction given I must send as soon as it can be gotten out.*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 12*

I will say to you, Mabel, I am not surprised that you cannot confine yourself much to the study of books. You must not suppose that you can take all in that you desire. You have reason to be thankful that the Lord has graciously spared your life. At times we have been very anxious about you. But our prayers in your behalf were answered. We were charged by physicians that meat or butter should not come into your dietary, and these instructions we followed out. If by self-denial you can preserve your brain and nerve power, and your eyesight, a great victory will be gained.*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 13*

My message to our schools is that they should be conducted in such a way that physical health shall be preserved. You have capabilities, Mabel, which we wish you to appreciate.*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 14*

The end is near, and the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth. You and your husband are to give to the school a demonstration of Christian principle. You are capable of living the principles of the truth. In your eating, your dressing, your speech, give an illustration of the power of truth in the life. Whatever course others pursue, you are to follow the Word of God, giving a practical illustration of the simplicity of true godliness. Be cheerful. "Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, Rejoice." [*Philippians 4:4.*]*23LtMs, Lt 116, 1908, par. 15*

Lt 118, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

April 23, 1908

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J. E. White
Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Edson and Emma:

Last Sunday morning, between four and five o'clock, we started on our journey to Lake Co. We first drove to Calistoga, which is nine miles from St. Helena, and after passing through the town, began the ascent of a mountain road so narrow that it seemed impossible for two teams to pass on it. For a number of miles we traveled up this steep ascent, turning constantly to the left, on which side huge rocks towered above us. On our right lay a deep ravine. I had seen something of these great rocks on the journey from California to Michigan.²³*LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 1*

W. C. White drove with me in the single buggy, Brother James leading the way in the platform wagon, in which were Prof. E. A. Sutherland and Sara McEnterfer and the luggage.²³*LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 2*

After traveling many miles we came to a watering trough. Here we took out our provisions, laid rugs on the earth, spread our tablecloth, and ate breakfast.²³*LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 3*

For some weeks previous to this, I had been unable to ride for more than two hours at a time, and we doubted if I could endure so long a journey as this to Lake Co; but I stood it wonderfully well. I was surprised to find that as I journeyed, I seemed to gather strength.

We had thought that we might have to put up at an hotel on my account; but this was not necessary. The fragrance of the pine and fir trees, and the breath of the pure atmosphere, seemed to give me new strength.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 4*

I was surprised to see the enormous height to which some of the pines and firs reached. The madrona and live oak trees were not so tall; but they spread their branches and leaves over a wide circumference. They too seemed to breathe out life-giving properties.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 5*

The last ten miles of our journey was less mountainous and rocky; but most of the way the wood scenery was delightful. By this time I began to feel quite weary, nevertheless I was able to reach our destination, which was the home of Brother and Sister Hurlbutt. Here we received a hearty welcome and were very thankful to rest. We retired early, for we had eaten our meals on the way, and had rested and fed our horses.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 6*

We were sorry to find that Mr. Hurlbutt is afflicted with partial paralysis and is obliged to walk on crutches. He promised that he would come to the St. Helena Sanitarium, where he can be prescribed for by Dr. Rand.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 7*

On the next day, Monday, we looked around the farm of Brother and Sister Hurlbutt. They have a large tract of land, on which are two houses and fine orchards. The lake is only a short drive from the house. On Tuesday we drove to the lake. On Monday we drove about twenty miles in all.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 8*

In the past Brother and Sister Hurlbutt have given a home to cast-out and orphan children; but this work has been broken up by the illness of the husband. These people have thought that they might establish an orphanage at their home; but they cannot without efficient help carry on such an enterprise. The Lord understands better than we do how to manage such important matters as the education and training of the youth. Wherever such schools are located, whether they be for white or colored people, they should always have connected with them wise, strong managers.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 9*

We could hope that sometime this place among the fir and hemlock, the birch and pine might become a place of resort for the sick and suffering. But if such should ever be, great changes would have to be made. With its beautiful lake, its pure atmosphere, and healthful altitude, this would make an excellent health resort.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 10*

On Tuesday morning, before we left the home, two of the workers on the Hurlbutt place, Brother D. R. McMains and Miss E. H. Batterson, were married—W. C. White performing the marriage ceremony. The newly married people will now take charge of the place.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 11*

I wish, my children, that you could have had the privilege of being with us on this journey. The blessing to be found in the invigorating atmosphere is better realized than described. All along the journey our eyes were greeted with the sight of beautiful trees laden with blossoms. It was a great delight to me to look upon the lilac-colored flowers growing in such profusion and to see the pure, clear streams flowing from the mountain ravines. The young pines were just putting out their beautiful new foliage. O it was so inspiring, so full of health, so free from the spoliation of man's devisings. I could not help wishing that a camp-meeting might be held in these forests among the towering trees and massive rocks.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 12*

On our way home we stopped for a few hours at the home of Brother Workman. We found everything about the house very neat and clean. Brother Workman has been in ill health for some time. For a while he took treatment at the St. Helena Sanitarium, but is now at home with his family. His wife is a very pleasant woman. There is one daughter about twenty-nine years old working as nurse at the sanitarium, another daughter of about eighteen helps the mother in the home. There is a son about fifteen years old and a little girl of eleven. Mabel is married to the eldest son of the family, and another is bookkeeper at Healdsburg College.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 13*

Mabel and her husband are at Washington, where he is attending school and educating himself for a teacher and builder.*23LtMs, Lt*

118, 1908, par. 14

We would be pleased to have Emma with us this summer, and you also, Edson, whenever this is possible. With our horses we can drive wherever we please. In the heat of summer I shall go, with Sara to accompany me, to Lake View, and then I hope you will be able to go with me. There is a fine hotel soon to be opened a few miles from the house where we made our home. With the horses and carriages we have, we could make the journey in comfort; and you could be delighted with such scenery as I think you have never before seen. This is all I need to say on this subject, except to repeat that we have plenty of house room. If Emma's sister should accompany you, we will welcome her also.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 15*

I am planning to attend the camp-meeting at Lodi. We shall find rooms off the ground, so that I may not be wearied by many visitors. I shall remain at this meeting as long a time as my health will permit. I wish you also could be present. I am sure you could be made comfortable.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 16*

I learn from several that there is a great deal of sickness in Battle Creek just now. I feel that it is not a healthful place to live.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 17*

I will not write any more, for I expect to see you soon. And to a great degree my writing must be laid aside for a time, and I must rest.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 18*

We are nearing the close of this earth's history, and we need to place ourselves in right relation to our dear Saviour, who gave His life for us. We have not a moment to lose. We are fitting characters for eternity, preparing for habitation in that city that Christ has gone to prepare for those who love Him. I do not want to miss gaining an entrance into the new Jerusalem, and I want Edson and Emma and Emma's sister to be there. All who will form characters after the divine similitude will receive a welcome to that holy place.*23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 19*

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

good.23LtMs, Lt 118, 1908, par. 20

Lt 120, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

April 3, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder J. E. White
Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Children Edson and Emma:

I have received and read Edson's letter. I am not surprised at your decision, but I am not pleased that Emma should go to Battle Creek. It makes me heartsick to think of her being in any way connected with Frank Belden. I do not feel that she can help her sister there, and for her own sake I am very sorry that she should be there. I know Frank's position before God, but her sister cannot understand this; for she has not herself a true knowledge of the right way. Christ calls for all there is of us, heart and mind and strength. This is the consecration He demands of every soul.*23LtMs, Lt 120, 1908, par. 1*

It is a long time since I saw Emma, and I greatly desire to see you both. I pray that God may keep her. I do not believe that it is right for her to place herself where she must constantly hear Frank's tirades. In this age of earth's history, it is not right that we go into the company of one who has apostatized as Frank Belden has done. If Emma will come to us as we have invited, we will give her excellent attention. We should always try to place ourselves where we may have the companionship of those of like precious faith.*23LtMs, Lt 120, 1908, par. 2*

We cannot see why Emma should remain in Battle Creek. The climate is not healthy either in summer or winter.*23LtMs, Lt 120, 1908, par. 3*

We each need to know individually what the Spirit saith unto the

churches, or we will fail and lose our bearings. Those who claim to believe the truth need to watch and pray, and to trust in the living Word. We each have a character to form after the divine similitude; we each need to be daily converted to God. We need to be deeply in earnest in preparing for the scenes that shall shortly take place. Our only hope is in forming a character that is after the divine similitude. The Lord will do much for His people if they will consecrate themselves willingly to Him.*23LtMs, Lt 120, 1908, par. 4*

A little time is yet granted us in which to prepare for the future life, and to meet the Lord when He shall come in the clouds of heaven with power and glory. Are we preparing to meet the Lord with joy?*23LtMs, Lt 120, 1908, par. 5*

Spiritual things must be spiritually discerned. We each need an individual knowledge of what the Lord requires of us. We cannot continue to do as we please and still be prepared to meet Him when He comes. Now is our time and opportunity to be gaining an experience in the things of God. I feel great grief for Frank Belden; but I cannot advise you, Emma, even for your sister's sake, to place yourself under his influence. He has made his choice; if ever he changes that choice, we shall know it by his actions. "None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live." [*Ezekiel 33:16.*] I ask you to study the *34th chapter of Ezekiel*.*23LtMs, Lt 120, 1908, par. 6*

Whenever you feel that the time has come for you to leave Nashville, we will receive you gladly. We have quite a company of workers in the office who must be paid for their services. There is great need that my books now in preparation be published. I ask the Lord to help me understand my duty and to do it. I shall certainly make some changes.*23LtMs, Lt 120, 1908, par. 7*

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

work in the best possible manner.²³*LtMs, Lt 120, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 122, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

April 26, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell
Box 597
Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

Since I wrote to you I have been from home making a short visit to Lake Co. We left last Sunday, one week ago, leaving home at half-past four in the morning. I had been much overtaxed with writing and felt that I was getting quite used up.²³*LtMs, Lt 122, 1908, par. 1*

Our party consisted of W. C. White, Prof. E. A. Sutherland, Sara, Brother James, and myself. I rode with Willie in our comfortable phaeton, Brother James leading the way in the platform wagon, in which the rest of our party were seated.²³*LtMs, Lt 122, 1908, par. 2*

We drove to Calistoga and after passing through the town began the ascent of a mountain road that was very steep and narrow. For some weeks before this, I had been unable to ride for more than two hours at a time, and we doubted if I could take so long a journey as this to Lake Co.; but I stood it wonderfully well. The air was bracing and made fragrant by the budding pines and hemlocks and wild flowers. This seemed to have a healing influence on me, and I went the entire distance of fifty-two miles without having to break the journey, except as we stopped by the way to eat breakfast and dinner. We took our meals by a stream of water and very much enjoyed eating our health foods in the open air.²³*LtMs,*

Lt 122, 1908, par. 3

It was nearly night when we reached our destination, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbutt. They were pleased to see us and gave us a hearty welcome. We were sorry to find Mr. Hurlbutt having to get about by the aid of crutches. For three years he has been afflicted with rheumatism of the limbs and now is suffering from partial paralysis. He promised that he would come to the St. Helena Sanitarium, where he can be prescribed for by Dr. Rand.²³*LtMs, Lt 122, 1908, par. 4*

I have read the short letters you have sent me in regard to attending the camp-meeting. I shall be glad to meet you there. Let us come in simplicity of true faith and with strong trust in the Lord God of Israel. Let us come in fullest confidence, believing that God will work out His will and purpose to His own name's glory.²³*LtMs, Lt 122, 1908, par. 5*

I have wanted to write you more definitely concerning the matter of publishing of which you wrote me; but I have had many things presented to me which have engaged my thought and time. I cannot here give you my experiences; but the instruction that has been given to me has brought me great blessing.²³*LtMs, Lt 122, 1908, par. 6*

I wrote you briefly concerning the publication of *Early Writings*, that I could not consent to the plan by which you proposed to help me out of debt. Counsel was given me by God recommending the steps that you and I should take in this emergency. What ever may be the loss, I would not have brought into the work at this time one experience that would unsettle minds or bring discouragement to our publishing houses. The fact that you, as president of the conference, were carrying out plans for my benefit would be turned against me by our enemies, and this would hurt the cause of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 122, 1908, par. 7*

The Lord would not have you or me bring in an order of things that would give our enemies a chance to present either of us in a false light before the people. We should say as little as possible in regard to striking out on our own individual responsibility. The use that might be made of any such course would bring discouragement to

our publishing houses.²³*LtMs, Lt 122, 1908, par. 8*

I cannot at this time present the matter to you as I would be pleased to do. The whole publishing fraternity is being placed in an unfavorable light before the people who feel that too large a price is charged for the work done at our houses. Those who have withdrawn from our ranks are making the most of this; through false statements they are making a mountain out of a molehill. You have some difficult and thorough work before you, and you will need the influence of the leading workers to sustain you in it. Therefore give them no occasion to feel that you are working against them.²³*LtMs, Lt 122, 1908, par. 9*

This is a time when each movement should be made only after careful consideration. Many are ignorant of the true character of your work and will misinterpret your actions. And for myself, I prefer to go on as I have done, paying one thousand dollars' interest, rather than that any disturbing element should come into the work at this juncture. Our work is a most solemn and sacred one. Let nothing be done that will give occasion for it to be evil spoken of.²³*LtMs, Lt 122, 1908, par. 10*

I have taken my stand firmly upon this subject. If there are those who are deprived of the books, because of the price charged, then let a contribution be taken up for the benefit of those who cannot buy for themselves. Our publishing houses themselves can help in this matter by making gifts for the benefit of those who, unaided, could not procure the books. Let us never, by word or act, cast the reflection upon our publishing houses that they are not reliable. A great principle is involved here.²³*LtMs, Lt 122, 1908, par. 11*

We would have all respect paid to your long acquaintance with the work and to your years of experience which have made you one of the pillars of the church. And those who have had such experience need ever to bear in mind that they must move wisely in order to hold the high esteem which this knowledge and this experience bring them. I ask you to study carefully the *first chapter of James*. It will bring light and encouragement to you. Let us walk carefully and prayerfully before the Lord, and He will direct us in all our ways.²³*LtMs, Lt 122, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 124, 1908

Irwin, C. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 23, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Prof. C. W. Irwin
Cooranbong, N.S.W., Australia

Dear Brother:

I am so thankful to our heavenly Father that the reports coming from Avondale School are of such a cheering character. If there is one place above another in Australia that I would like to visit, it is Avondale. I would like to see the farm that has so wonderfully prospered. I can imagine, but only imperfectly, what an interesting place the school has become. Sometimes I am sorry that I cannot see the results of the efforts that have been put forth there. Only the Lord, I think, understands the deep interest I have in that place.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 1*

I am writing at this time to ask you to dispose for me of my lot of land on the Avondale estate. I left it, supposing that some day I should return to Australia; but I do not hope now to do this. The long journey on the water would not be so objectionable to me, if it were not for the noise created by the pleasure-loving and intemperate passengers.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 2*

But I am wandering from the subject of my letter. Please interest yourself in the matter of disposing of my lot of land, and let me have the proceeds of the sale. I am in need of means. Sometimes I am compelled to draw from the bank money on which I must pay as high as eight per cent interest.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 3*

Last Sunday morning, between four and five o'clock, we started on our journey to Lake County. We first drove to Calistoga, which is nine miles from St. Helena, and after passing through the town,

began the ascent of a mountain road so narrow that it seemed impossible for two teams to pass on it. For a number of miles we traveled up this steep ascent, turning constantly to the left, on which side huge rocks towered above us. On our right lay a deep ravine. I had seen something of these huge rocks on the journey from California to Michigan.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 4*

W. C. White drove with me in the single buggy, Brother James leading the way on the platform wagon, in which were Professor E. A. Sutherland and Sara McEnterfer, and the luggage*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 5*

After traveling many miles we came to a watering trough. Here we took out our provision, laid rugs on the earth, spread our table cloth, and ate breakfast.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 6*

For some weeks previous to this, I had been unable to ride for more than two hours at a time, and we doubted if I could endure so long a journey as this to Lake County; but I stood it wonderfully well. I was surprised to find that as I journeyed I seemed to gather strength. We had thought that we might have to put up at an hotel on my account; but this was not necessary. The fragrance of the pine and fir trees, and the breath of the pure atmosphere, seemed to give me new strength.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 7*

I was surprised to see the enormous height to which some of the pines and firs reached. The madrona and live oak trees were not so tall; but they spread their branches and leaves over a wide circumference. They too seemed to breathe out life-giving properties.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 8*

The last ten miles of our journey was less mountainous and rocky; but most of the way the wood scenery was delightful. By this time I began to feel quite weary; nevertheless I was able to reach our destination, which was the home of Brother and Sister Hurlbutt! Here we received a hearty welcome and were very thankful to rest. We retired early, for we had eaten our meals on the way and had rested and fed our horses.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 9*

On the next day, Monday, we looked around the farm of Brother and Sister Hurlbutt. They have a large tract of land, on which are

two houses and fine orchards. The lake is only a short drive from the house. On Tuesday we drove to the lake. On Monday we drove about twenty miles in all.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 10*

In the past, Brother and Sister Hurlbutt have given a home to cast-out and orphan children; but this work has been broken up by the illness of the husband. These people have thought that they might establish an orphanage at their home; but they are without efficient help to carry on such an enterprise. The Lord understands better than we do how to manage such important matters as the education and training of the youth. Wherever such schools are located, they should always have connected with them wise, strong managers.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 11*

We could hope that sometime this place among the fir and hemlock, the birch and pine, might become a place of resort for the sick and suffering. But if such should ever be, great changes would have to be made. With its beautiful lake, its pure atmosphere and healthful altitude, this would make an excellent health resort.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 12*

On Tuesday morning, before we left the home, two of the workers on the Hurlbutt place, Brother D. R. McMains and Miss E. H. Batterson, were married—W. C. White performing the marriage ceremony. The newly married people will now take charge of the place.*23LtMs, Lt 124, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 126, 1908

Simpson, Brother and Sister [W.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 23, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother and Sister Simpson:

I have read your letter carefully. I would say to you, Keep the Lord ever before you, and take counsel of the God of Israel.²³*LtMs, Lt 126, 1908, par. 1*

On the night of January fifteen, I seemed to be in a meeting where the subject of conversation was the prospects of the Long Beach Sanitarium. I was instructed that there are many ways by which the people in that place may be reached. Tent-meetings could be held at Long Beach, and thus the people be called out to hear the truth for this time. And our literature in the form of papers and books and pamphlets could be put in their hands.²³*LtMs, Lt 126, 1908, par. 2*

Since I was with you in Long Beach, I have been bearing the burdens that come with the work of speaking before large congregations. In the night season I seemed to be conversing with you on this wise: He who builds a house, which he desires to stand, should see that it has a good foundation. He must build wisely. He who puts on the armor for conflict should not boast as he who takes it off after a victory. You will do well to consider your work in all its bearings.²³*LtMs, Lt 126, 1908, par. 3*

As workers in the cause of God, we all need to be constantly on guard. We cannot afford to make one careless step. There are many slippery places to pass over in our experience, and especially in this period of earth's history should we look well to our steps. We cannot afford to drift into sin, and thus offend the Lord. It is our privilege to ascend the mountain of God and to enter the holy city. My brother and sister, be careful how you climb. Satan is working to turn the footsteps of all who are seeking to walk in paths of

righteousness. Follow faithfully the directions given you in your guidebook, the Word of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 126, 1908, par. 4*

My brother Simpson, I am given a message for you. You have taken upon you great responsibilities. I pray that you may have grace given you to keep the way of the Lord. You and your wife need to depend wholly upon the Lord. I beg of you to look to Jesus and, with heart and mind and strength, seek to follow His counsel. Keep the guidebook always open; study the Word; for this is your chart and compass.²³*LtMs, Lt 126, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 128, 1908

Hare, G.A.

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Lt 130, 1908

Ford, Br.

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Lt 132, 1908

Brethren in Southern California

St. Helena, California

April 23, 1908

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To the brethren in Southern California

Dear Brethren:

I am instructed to say to you, Let every soul earnestly seek the Lord. We all need to understand clearly what is our duty, that we may make no false moves. We need to hold fast the experiences which in the past the Lord has given us. I have a great desire to see success attend every movement we shall make.²³*LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 1*

There is a very precious work to be done in connection with the interests of the sanitarium and school at Loma Linda; and this will be done when we all work to that end. The Word of God is to be our lesson book. In the unity that is coming in among our people, we can see that God is working in our midst.²³*LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 2*

“Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.” Let us walk and work circumspectly. Let humble prayers go up to God, and let us seek Him with the whole heart. Then the Lord will open the way for us to lay wise plans. My brethren, speak to yourselves “in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God.” [*Ephesians 5:17, 19, 20.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 3*

Ever bear in mind that heaven is interested in every question that

agitates your mind in regard to your school and sanitarium. Both are to be strengthened. The Lord is our helper and our God; let us look to Him to open the way for the carrying out of our plans.*23LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 4*

We must have a church at Loma Linda, that those in the sanitarium and school may have a suitable place in which to meet for worship; but this should not be an expensive building. We shall build a neat, modest, but roomy chapel, that will show that we believe we are living in the closing days of this earth's history, in a time when many of the cities because of their sins will be cast down and their lofty buildings destroyed.*23LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 5*

In our school at Loma Linda, many can be educated to work as missionaries in the cause of health and temperance. The best teachers are to be employed in this educational work—not men who esteem highly their own capabilities, but men who will walk circumspectly, depending wholly upon the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 6*

Small cottages will have to be built at little cost to accommodate the teachers and students; for these are to gain all the advantages possible from the lectures given at the sanitarium. This work should go forward as fast as means for it can be obtained.*23LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 7*

If the teachers in medical lines will stand in their lot and place, we shall see a good work done. My soul is drawn out in earnest prayer to God that He will preserve the honest in heart from being led astray by those who are themselves in confusion and darkness.*23LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 8*

Teachers are to be prepared for many lines of work. Schools are to be established in places where no efforts have been made. Missionaries are needed to go to other states where little work has been done. Truth, Bible truth, is to be presented in many places. Christ is represented as identifying Himself with all the needy upon earth when He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." [*Matthew 25:40.*]*23LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 9*

All should put forth efforts to enlarge their experience. We are in a most critical situation; but Christ identifies Himself with our necessities. Christians are to learn daily of Christ. Spiritual sinew and muscle are now needed to work out right principles in every city and town and village. Varied talents are to be appreciated and cultivated, and with all we need true wisdom. We may not see our need of counseling with God; but the true Christian in every place will inquire what is the will of the Lord concerning his individual work.²³*LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 10*

All heaven is interested in the work of preparation to be done in our schools. Let the talent that is among us be combined wisely for the accomplishment of the greatest good. "Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] Then link up the powers that God has given for the doing of the special work He designs to have done. If self is kept humble, the transforming grace of Christ and His wisdom will blend heart to heart. Let us make our gifts and offerings with a single heart. Let us draw upon our talents, remembering that for this purpose they were given. To every man God has given his work; and He would have this work done intelligently. The Lord will make it possible for each to do a work that can be accepted by Him.²³*LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 11*

The Lord expects all, by acts of self-denial, to help in the upbuilding of His work. In the house of worship to be erected, and the additional school rooms that will be needed, let all be willing to do their best, willing to deny themselves the unnecessary expenditure for display, that they may have means to give to the cause of God. The work in promulgating the principles of health reform, which the Lord has outlined to us, must be accomplished. When we study the self-denial of Christ, and make His life our example, truth and righteousness will prevail among us. We will esteem as of highest value the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.²³*LtMs, Lt 132, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 134, 1908

Nashville Church

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Lt 136, 1908

Starr, J. A.

“Camp Ground,” Lodi, California

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Mr. J. A. Starr
Paradise Valley Sanitarium
National City, California

My dear Brother:

Last night I seemed to be conversing with you and repeating to you the words of the Lord. You seemed to be listless and hopeless, and I said to you, The Lord is willing to answer your prayers if you will believe in Him. His Word is sure, a never failing Word. Accept His promises as your surety. The Word of God is for you.²³*LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 1*

You have a work to do for your individual self. You realize your weakness, and at times you see light in His light. It is your privilege to resist the temptations of Satan and to fight the good fight of faith. There is light and assurance for you in Christ Jesus. His sufficiency is to be your confidence. It is your privilege to have the strength of the One who has bought you with a price. Then unite your weakness with His strength, your ignorance with His efficiency. United with God and heavenly angels, you have reason to take courage and to enjoy peace of mind.²³*LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 2*

In God is your strength. He will impart power to you if you will believe His Word. Look to Christ. Believe in Him; He is your health and your sufficiency. Lay hold upon this assurance. The Saviour has promised to walk beside you, and in Him is life-giving power. Cling firmly to Him; do not let go your hold. He promises, “Let him take hold of My strength and make peace with Me; and he shall

make peace with Me.” [*Isaiah 27:5.*]*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 3*

When others took advantage of you, and permitted you to suffer the loss of means, you said, The law of God forbids that a man go to law with his brother; and you would not have recourse to the law. In this time of trial, you made the Word of God your counselor. Who gave you strength to do this? It was the Spirit of God working with your mind that impressed you not to go contrary to His Word. You were given power to resist temptation.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 4*

There stands in the books of heaven a page written for you and your wife which records temptations resisted when you were made tempting offers as far as this world is concerned, if you would unite with those who were not of our faith. You felt that you dared not venture to run this risk. Who gave you wisdom to avoid the trap laid by Satan for your feet? Christ gave you the needed strength. The Lord is still to be your light and your wisdom.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 5*

At times you feel pressed down as a cart beneath sheaves. At such times, let not Satan speak through you to your wife. When you allow your tongue to utter perverse things, you grieve the Lord. You should never give expression to thoughts such as you have spoken to your wife. Your life is not your own to do with as you please. The apostle says, “Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price.” [*1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.*] Therefore give no expression to thoughts that grieve the Holy Spirit of God.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 6*

Do not again voice the temptation of Satan that you will end your life. Such words cause deep pain of soul to your wife. When Satan tempts you to say such things, pray to the Lord, and He will deliver you from the power of the enemy. You have reason to believe that in the past the Lord has had a special care of you and has guarded you from the power of evil. Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips, that they speak no guile. “Gird up the loins of your mind; be firm, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” “As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation and godliness; because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy.” [*1 Peter 1:13, 15, 16.*]*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 7*

In God there is power; in Him there is strength for you, if you will take hold upon it. In a time of weakness God gave you strength to keep His Word. You need to bear this in mind and learn to cast your helpless soul upon the One who in the past has kept you by His power. The Lord has wrought wonderfully for His people in the past, and He will do this again. Marvelous things did He for His people in the wilderness. He divided the Red Sea and caused Israel to pass over. He made the waters to stand as an heap. In the day time He led them with a cloud and all the night with a light of fire. He clave the rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink, as out of the great depths. He brought steams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 8*

Read carefully the following words of David, recorded in (*Psalms 89:8-19*): "O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto Thee? or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee? Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them. Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; Thou hast scattered Thine enemies with Thy strong arm. The heavens are Thine; the earth also is Thine; as for the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them. The north and the south Thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy name."*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 9*

"Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For Thou art the glory of Thy strength; and in Thy favor our horn shall be exalted. For the Lord is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king. Then Thou spakest in vision to Thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help on one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people."*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 10*

My brother, you have a part to act in this life. Do not hedge up your own way. It is your privilege to feel that you have a part to act in the work of the Lord. Do not give expression to unbelief, but strive for the mastery over yourself.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 11*

Begin now to work for yourself. I am instructed to say to you that what the Lord would have you do will doubtless bring weariness to brain and muscle, but let not this discourage you. Take physical exercise, that the muscles of your body may be brought into use. As you try to exercise, your muscles will at first become easily tired. When you feel tired, rest; and after you have rested, take hold again. You must use the muscles of your body if you would have your brain clear and healthy.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 12*

You have no reason to think that you are worthless. You have understanding and intelligence. Speak encouragingly to your children. You can help them with their studies. You can be a help to both wife and children if you will. Seek to glorify God in your words and acts, and you will bring blessing to your family.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 13*

Look up, my brother. Jesus loves you. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit by failing to recognize that the Lord lives. Your life has been graciously spared that you may co-operate with God. The Lord does not want the word He is speaking to you to fail to come to pass. He loves you, and He wants you to believe that He is able to heal you.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 14*

I am glad that you are with Brother and Sister Cummings. You might be a real help to them if you would. Will you not come just now to the Lord and give yourself to Him, and let it be seen that He has not spoken in vain? How much of blessing this would bring to Brother and Sister Cummings, to yourself, and to your dear wife and children. I know that you can be and do all that the Lord has said concerning you, and you can disappoint the enemy. Cast yourself upon the One who has given His life that you might live.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 15*

The Lord has given me this light especially for you, that you may be helped. You turned to me, and said, Sister White (if I am permitted to call you this), Has the Lord all this interest in me? I feel that I have lost my bearings. I am drifting without oar or rudder or compass. Will the Lord help me? I replied, Certainly He will help you. The Lord is very pitiful, and He would have you receive His blessing.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 16*

Brother Starr, do not let the enemy have his way. He presents difficulties before you, because he knows that if you obtain the victory, your works will praise the Lord. It is your high privilege to triumph in God and bring glory to His name. Let not Satan bear you down.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 17*

I call to mind one experience in my life when I was thrown into despair. My husband was brought to the point of death with the cholera. In my distress I caught hold of him, drew him off the bed, and held him up before the Lord in prayer. People were dying from this disease all about us, but the Lord broke the spell that was upon my husband, and he was healed. The Lord will heal you if you will take hold of His strength and believe.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 18*

Exercise faith before your dear children. Let your words and actions before them be such as to bring help and blessing to them. Cast away the temptations of the enemy, and have faith in God. It is possible for you to come out of this terrible experience with a new song in your mouth. What a triumph this would be. "O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord all the earth." [*Psalm 96:1.*] I hold you up before God in the arms of my faith.*23LtMs, Lt 136, 1908, par. 19*

Lt 138, 1908

Cummings, Brother and Sister [R. S.]

Lodi, California

May 6, 1908

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Dr. R. S. Cummings
Paradise Valley Sanitarium
National City, California

Dear Brother and Sister Cummings:

I thank you for your letter. I have a deep interest in your work in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. I am praying for you, and I believe that you will continue to have success. "The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people shall see His glory." [*Psalm 97:6.*] Satan would be pleased to see his plans for the defeat of the work at Paradise Valley succeed; but, my brother, the Lord will vindicate the right.²³*LtMs, Lt 138, 1908, par. 1*

I have faith to believe that the Lord will work for Brother Starr. I am praying that a change may come to him and that he may be led to praise the Lord for deliverance. I am so thankful that you sympathize with this afflicted brother and that you are doing a good work for his dear children. This brings relief to both father and mother in their affliction. The Lord will bless you for this, and I know that your efforts will not be in vain. Do not fail nor become discouraged.²³*LtMs, Lt 138, 1908, par. 2*

I came to Lodi to attend the camp-meeting, leaving home last Friday morning in company with my son W. C. White and Minnie Hawkins, my copyist. Dr. Starr also accompanied us. Sara McEnterfer and Dores Robinson went on the day before to find a place and to prepare for our coming. We had a trying journey; for although the distance was short, we had to do much waiting at the

stations where we changed cars. But I am thankful that no accident or harm of any kind befell us. I feel safe in putting my trust wholly in the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 138, 1908, par. 3*

On Sabbath we had a strange day. In the night a strong wind began to blow, and this continued through the following day with occasional heavy showers. Elder Haskell spoke in the forenoon and I in the afternoon. As soon as my discourse was ended, I was hurried into a carriage and taken to my stopping place.*23LtMs, Lt 138, 1908, par. 4*

I feel a deep interest in this camp-meeting. This is a comparatively new settlement, and a good number of our people are making homes here. The homes that are being built are usually one-story cottages, erected with taste and neatness. There is no great display. There is a work to be done in this place. I pray that the Lord will let His Spirit come upon those who are assembled and imbue them for labor.*23LtMs, Lt 138, 1908, par. 5*

There is a desire on the part of some to establish a normal school at this place. They need a schoolhouse larger than that now occupied by the church school; and it is proper that they should have this. We trust that the Lord will give success to the establishment of His work in this town. We want the name of the Lord to be magnified. We desire so much to see the work of the Lord move forward harmoniously. We are God's peculiar people, chosen of Him and precious. Let us each stand in our lot and place, acting in harmony with the Spirit of God.*23LtMs, Lt 138, 1908, par. 6*

It has been presented to me that ere long a thorough work will be done for the places surrounding San Diego which have not yet had the message of warning. But the success of our efforts will always depend upon the purity of our faith. The knowledge we have of the resorts in Southern California lays our people under solemn responsibility to give the truth for this time in clear, distinct lines. Wherever a church is established, the members should feel the responsibility resting upon them to give the warning to souls about them. What a grand work would be done if every man and woman who professes to believe the truth would put forth earnest, untiring

efforts to bring the light of truth to those who are in darkness, supply with leaves from the tree of life those who are perishing for the bread of life.²³*LtMs, Lt 138, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 140, 1908

White, J. E.

Lodi, California

May 6, 1908

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Elder J. E. White
Edgefield, Tennessee

My dear son Edson:

I have just received and read your letter in regard to the proposed sanitarium for the colored people. For some time I have expected that something of this sort would come; for when I was so distressed in regard to the little rented building that was being used for a sanitarium when I was last in Nashville, a building was presented to me in the night season that answered to the description of this place recently found.²³*LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 1*

When the matter was considered of turning the building now used for a publishing house into a sanitarium for the colored people, I thought that possibly that might do; but I could obtain no clear light concerning it. When the letters came describing the property that the brethren now have in mind, it seemed to me to correspond to the pattern of the building which I saw.²³*LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 2*

I would advise our people to secure this property and then encourage all to do their best to have it well equipped for the treatment of the colored people. If all will move conscientiously and practice self-denial, this enterprise can be carried on successfully.²³*LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 3*

The colored people have not had the advantages that they should have had, and this has pained my heart. And yet I could not

encourage Elder Washburn to take hold of the work of erecting a new building, for I could not see where the funds for such a work were to come from. The plans regarding this place that you have written about seem sensible; I am glad the building can be secured at so reasonable a price.*23LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 4*

I quote from your letter: "If a sanitarium was established at Nashville, one of the main features of it should be that of a training school in which the colored workers could come in and in a few weeks or months obtain such knowledge of common, simple treatments as would enable them to relieve the distress of their own people, which is so common everywhere in the South. Every school teacher, every Bible worker, sent out by the Southern Missionary Society, should understand the simple principles of proper diet and the methods of simple treatments."*23LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 5*

I agree with all you say regarding the treatment of the sick and the diet question. This work of training laborers has been presented to me as just the work that needs now to be done. The very best class of helpers, those who have intelligence, should be secured, that the colored people may now have the advantages of which they have been so long deprived.*23LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 6*

I trust this movement will be carried on without delay. I have no doubt but that means necessary can be secured. There is to be a far larger dependence upon God. The Saviour is ever present to relieve suffering humanity. Let faith and works blend. The efficiency of the great Healer will make the consecrated, faithful, and intelligent worker a power in the cause.*23LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 7*

In the instruction given to those who shall come in to receive a training, let theory be blended with faith in the mighty Healer, and let there be given a genuine knowledge of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Ever give to God the glory for the work of healing that is done. The faith that will look to Christ as One who is able and willing to make His loving kindness known, will bring blessing to the sick. Every simple, natural means used for the restoration to health without the use of drugs will be made a testimony to the power of the great Healer. The reason why more decided victories are not gained in the work of ministering to the

suffering is because the human agent feels competent to do the work, and therefore he leaves out of his work the great power that is essential in every case.*23LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 8*

“And the prayer of faith shall save the sick.” [*James 5:15.*] After you have given the treatment, you have a right to ask Jesus to impart healing power. You have a right to claim the promise. When treatments are given to the sick, let prayers be offered that God will make the efforts successful. We need far more humility, more living faith in the Lord Jesus.*23LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 9*

I am so thankful to our heavenly Father for the plain and positive declarations in His Word concerning the Sabbath. The Sabbath commandment is to be repeated over and over again. Let us not be foolish in our experience, but let us seek to bring others to see the truth as we see it and to have a deep religious experience. This we cannot do unless we have a deep knowledge of God for ourselves.*23LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 10*

There must be a drawing together on the part of the workers. The promise is, “Where two or three are agreed as touching anything, it shall be done.” [See *Matthew 18:19, 20.*] How many there are who ask the question, Am I my brother’s keeper? Said the angel, Yea, thou art thy brother’s keeper. To every professing Christian the words are spoken, Suffer not thy brother to be left unwarned; cherish a spirit of kindness and love toward the erring. When a man commits a wrong, it is often because spiritual blindness is upon him; he is deceived and deluded. Treat him not as an enemy. The Lord has bought him with a price. “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [*John 3:16.*] The soul who accepts the sacrifice of Christ in his behalf is pledged to have a special care for his brother who is erring.*23LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 11*

I have been shown that among those who accept present truth, there are many whose dispositions and characters need converting. Every one who claims to be a Christian should examine himself and see if he is as kind and considerate of his fellow beings as he desires his fellow beings to be of him. When this is done, there will be a showing that is after the divine similitude.*23LtMs, Lt 140, 1908,*

par. 12

The Lord is honored by our acts of mercy, by the exercise of thoughtful consideration for the unfortunate and distressed. The widow and the fatherless need more than our charity. They need sympathy and watchcare and a helping hand to place them where they can learn to help themselves. All deeds done for those who need help are done to Christ. In our study to know how to help the unfortunate, we should study the way in which Christ worked. He did not refuse to work for those who made mistakes; His works of mercy were done for every class, the righteous and the unrighteous. For all alike He healed disease and gave lessons of instruction.²³*LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 13*

Those who claim to believe in Christ are to represent Christ in deeds of kindness and mercy. Such will never know until the day of judgment what good they have done in seeking to follow the example of the Saviour. In heaven a book is written for those who interest themselves in the needs of their fellow beings, a book whose record will be revealed in that day when every man will be judged according to the deeds written therein. God will repay every act of injustice done to the poor. Those who manifest indifference or disregard for the unfortunate must not expect to receive the blessing of Him who declared, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."^[Matthew 25:40.]²³*LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 14*

We are of different minds and capabilities. One man cannot carry the responsibility of correcting all other minds that do not coincide with his. The carrying out of such a plan would spoil the work of God. He places the workers in association with one another, that each may help the other. None should draw themselves apart because their fellow workers who are conscientiously acting their part are not following out their exact plans. The Lord brings different minds and characters together, that He may bring unity out of diversity. The Saviour in His labors had to deal with all classes of men and all characters, and His life was the daily lesson book of those with whom He came in contact. Let us bear this in mind. The Lord is testing us individually; our motives are being held under close examination. In the past there has been too much trust in

argument. As the truths of the Word are taught, let the evangelist and the physician remember that he has a part to act in bringing about the fulfilment of that Word. If they will work in faith and humble dependence upon God, many will be led to accept the evidence of the Word and to obey a Thus saith the Lord.²³*LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 15*

I have written these words that they may suggest to you ways in which you may help others to act wisely. Now is our time and opportunity to work out God's plans in the earth.²³*LtMs, Lt 140, 1908, par. 16*

Lt 142, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

Lodi, California

May 10, 1908

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Elder J. E. White
Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Edson and Emma:

We were pleased indeed, when the needs of the Huntsville school were presented at the Lodi camp-meeting, to see the people take hold in earnest and give their pledges to the amount of \$1,100. This was not the only call that was made for means at this meeting. A large number of our books and papers were taken by our people. The outlook for means was not very encouraging, we thought, at the beginning of the meeting. There was little appearance of wealth in the place. The homes of our people were small, one-story cottages. But the people had a mind to work, and money was raised for several lines of work.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 1*

The meeting was a very harmonious one, and for this we thank the Lord. Sister Haskell, Sister Bainbridge, Dr. Maria L. Edwards, and Dr. Lillis Wood-Starr gave instruction in health and temperance lines, and some members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union worked with them. From beginning to close a genuine work went forward. This is the first camp-meeting that has been held in Lodi, and the impression made upon the community was good.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 2*

Elder Haskell and his wife carried their responsibilities wisely. Elder Haskell could speak positively in regard to the testimonies of the Spirit of prophecy and of the work that God had accomplished through them. It was pleasing to see the spirit of liberality that

existed and the willingness to help in many lines of work. We hope that a true report of the work done here will be given in our papers. Many books were sold, and this will mean that light will shine to believers and unbelievers.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 3*

One day during the meeting Brother Hansen, a member of the Lodi church, took me to ride through the orchards and vineyards that lie around the town of Lodi. Sara and Minnie Hawkins accompanied me. He had a carriage similar to our large carriage, with easy, cushioned seats. We rode for fifteen miles upon a perfect road. The country is very level. We enjoyed this very much, but it was my last ride in that place.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 4*

The wife of this brother is one of the teachers in the Lodi church school. Brother and Sister Hansen are both anxious to go to the southern field. They have no children and I think are in good circumstances. We encouraged them to go. The parents on both sides will feel this move, but they are all believers, and I think the change could be made. I hope they will be able to go to Nashville and do the work they are both anxious to do. They seem to be whole-hearted people.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 5*

I wish to express myself as in full harmony with the establishing of the food factory where there is so much that can be utilized in the line of machinery to advance the work. This is as it should be. I am glad that Brother Hare and his wife are with you. We enjoyed their visit with us; they were a help to us.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 6*

I am also glad that the work can be carried forward decidedly in Madison and Huntsville. If the Lord sees that there is a spirit to unify, if all will work in faith under the supervision of God, truth will bear away the victory.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 7*

I am much pleased with the proposal to purchase the building you have in view for the sanitarium for the colored people. This is something that has been needed for years. If this work can be carried forward in right lines, and the work of the food factory is carried forward successfully, we may expect to see great and encouraging changes. Let the different phases of the work be conducted in a way that will bring glory to God. I shall be relieved of a great burden when I know that Brother and Sister Hare are to

bring their experience in to help in this work. Let every worker look to God for guidance.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 8*

I would say to our brethren who anticipate having a part in these interests, Have courage in the Lord. Let us move under the guidance of His Spirit. Let many prayers go up to the throne of God for the success of the work. The prayer of faith will accomplish much, yes, everything.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 9*

Those who have to do with the locating of our schools and sanitariums are to remember the warning, Move out of the cities. The workers in our sanitariums are to bear in mind what should be the character and aims of our educational institutions. We are ever to remember that we are working for the restoration of man. The nurses are to be trained to use natural methods for the relief of physical suffering, never forgetting that it is their aim to restore the moral image of God in man. This is true missionary work, a work that has been needed for years.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 10*

Christ is the pattern for the self-denying missionary. He came to earth to show us how to live and labor, how to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Draw nigh to God day by day, that you may learn the lessons needful to prepare you for the future immortal life. Make no mistake here. Be sure to secure your life insurance policy for eternal life in the city of God. Soon all our large cities will be visited with the judgments of God.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 11*

I feel sorry that you have to leave your home, which you have described to me, but which I have never seen. But when the food factory is opened and there is a better showing than there has been, you may feel like making the change to some place where you can be a genuine help.*23LtMs, Lt 142, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 144, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

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May 15, 1908 [typed]

Previously unpublished. +NoteOne or more typed copies of this document contain additional Ellen White handwritten interlineations which may be viewed at the main office of the Ellen G. White Estate.

Elder J. E. White
Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear children Edson and Emma:

I received your letters and have read them with interest. I am thankful that the Lord is working with your heart and mind and that He is giving you a healthful, wholesome experience. I am very thankful also that your mind is relieved. May the Lord carry you forward step by step up the ladder, giving you an experience that is after the divine similitude.*23LtMs, Lt 144, 1908, par. 1*

Edson, time now is short, and I am very anxious that you and Emma shall advance round after round of the ladder heavenward. Trials you will have, but pray and believe, and receive the rich blessings of heavenly grace. Consecrate mind and heart. Draw nigh to God daily, and you will obtain rest and fulness of peace. Do not miss one opportunity of obtaining a better understanding of the Word of God, and of His will concerning you, that you may both know how to work intelligently.*23LtMs, Lt 144, 1908, par. 2*

You have souls to save or to lose. I know the atmosphere at Battle Creek to be an objectionable one as regards physical and spiritual health. It has been a grief to me that it should have been Emma's plan to go there. I could not recommend her to take such a step. She cannot save the soul of her sister; Hattie must learn to comply with the requirements of the Word of God. I am sorry that Emma should think of going there. I fear that she will regret it; for neither Frank nor his wife can be a help to her spiritually.*23LtMs, Lt 144,*

1908, par. 3

If ever there was a time when Emma needed to place herself in an atmosphere that is pure and spiritual, that time is now. This is a time when we must make our calling and election sure. I cannot see why Emma should turn from the invitations I have given her to come to my home and prefer to go to Battle Creek. It is the health of her soul that I am so deeply interested in. I know that association with Frank Belden can be of no help to her in this line. Unless Frank shall make decided changes, he will certainly lose his soul.²³*LtMs, Lt 144, 1908, par. 4*

I repeat what I have said before. If Emma will come to us, we will do all in our power to make her stay here a pleasant one. I have horses and carriages, and we can take her out whenever she may want to go. She can have the services of the most skilful physician at the sanitarium, and I will pay all her expenses. In Dr. Rand she can find the best possible help. I am willing to do all in my power to help Emma. I have reached the place where I feel that I must stop my work of writing to a great degree and take more outdoor exercise. I should ride out every day.²³*LtMs, Lt 144, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 146, 1908

Bree, Maggie Hare

Lodi, California

May 9, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *1MR 325; 6Bio 165*.

Mrs. Harold G. Bree
Whangarata, N.Z.

Dear Sister Maggie:

I will write you only a few lines at this time. I am sending with this a copy of a letter I have written to Dr. E. R. Caro. You understand the circumstances of this family, for you were with us when Dr. Caro's mother and wife and children, in response to our invitation, came to occupy the cottage close by us. There was no other place to which they could go, and we made them as comfortable as we could. They remained with us over a year, and we supplied their needs, supposing that when Dr. Caro should come to his senses, he would return to his family. In the action he has taken in stealing the children, Dr. Caro has acted like one insane. I send you a copy of a letter to Sister Caro, that you may understand how I regard the situation.²³*LtMs, Lt 146, 1908, par. 1*

We are now at Lodi, attending the camp-meeting. The meeting is drawing to a close, and we expect to leave here Sunday morning. We are leaving the grounds a little before the meeting closes, hoping to meet some of the brethren who are looking for a site for the Healdsburg school. The lot of land that the brethren have in mind is near Sebastopol. Professor Reed is very anxious that Willie and I shall see the place and give advice as to whether we should settle the school there.²³*LtMs, Lt 146, 1908, par. 2*

Yesterday one of the brethren of the Lodi church took Sara and Minnie and me in his carriage to look at the orchards and vineyards about this town. The country is very level, and almost as far as the eye could reach stretched beautiful orchards and well-kept

vineyards.²³*LtMs, Lt 146, 1908, par. 3*

We have had an interesting meeting at Lodi. I have spoken several times. There is a good outside interest. A number of our people are settling in and about Lodi. The church numbers about one hundred and fifty.²³*LtMs, Lt 146, 1908, par. 4*

I would be pleased to see you once more. We hope to hear of Sister M. Caro through the daughter Edith, who is at Mill Valley. I understand that she has seen the children, but we have received little definite information besides this. Edith worries constantly in regard to her children, and she has grown very thin. I feel very sad over her case. I know that the father has not judgment to manage his children aright; he will let them do as they please.²³*LtMs, Lt 146, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 148, 1908

Caro, E. R.

Lodi, California

May 12, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *5MR 357*.

Dr. E. R. Caro
Auckland, N.Z.

My Brother:

I was so sick after you took the children that for nights I was unable to sleep. Scene after scene was presented before me, where falsehoods were being uttered by you. Satan worked upon your mind to do this wicked thing. I knew that he must have the control of your mind, and I knew that unless you changed your attitude, you were a lost man. I pray that you will come to see yourself as you are.²³*LtMs, Lt 148, 1908, par. 1*

We are all prisoners of hope. We need to study constantly the plan of salvation. God saw that after the fall man had no power within himself that could keep him from sin, and provision was made whereby he could have help. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [*John 3:16*.] One wonderful in counsel is our Helper. The Son of God left the heavenly courts and gave His own life for the propitiation of sin, that all men might hear the message of deliverance from the bondage of sin.²³*LtMs, Lt 148, 1908, par. 2*

A voice is heard, saying, "Whosoever will, let him come." [*Revelation 22:17; John 7:37*.] Christ clothed His divinity with humanity that He might say to every soul, Flee to the stronghold, ye prisoner of hope. Turn not to human agencies, but to Christ; He is the hope of His people. The Son of God came to declare that although the agencies of evil had created rebellion in heaven, and sin had entered the universe of God, yet Christ and the Father

would redeem the fallen race. Laying aside His kingly crown and royal robe, He gave Himself to the human family, to pass through test and trial, and to demonstrate to every son and daughter of Adam that it is possible through faith in Him to resist the devices of Satan. Tempted in all points as man is tempted, Christ overcame through the power of divinity. He seeks to teach men and women that they may overcome through the same power.*23LtMs, Lt 148, 1908, par. 3*

Dr. Caro, you need the great Physician to deal with your case. Him you cannot contaminate with your falsehoods. You have acted like a man bereft of reason. God has no place in your plans. It was the cruelty born of insanity that caused you to frame the lies you have circulated regarding your wife. Before you can be truly wise, you must repent and be converted. Before you can be truly wise, you must realize your dependence upon God and learn to give up your unjust and cruel plans.*23LtMs, Lt 148, 1908, par. 4*

To know oneself is to have great knowledge. The man who rightly estimates self will let the Lord mold and fashion him and discipline his mind. He will have an earnest desire to possess a firm trust in God; but this will not take the place of efforts for self-improvement. He who realizes his deficiencies will spare no pains to reach the highest possible standard of physical, mental, and moral excellence.*23LtMs, Lt 148, 1908, par. 5*

No one who will be satisfied with a low standard should have the responsibility of the training of the youth. The true teacher will try by precept and example to win souls to Christ. He will receive the truth in the love of it, allowing it to cleanse his own heart and mold and fashion his character after the divine similitude. You, Dr. Caro, need to receive the truth in the love of it. You need to fall on the Rock Christ Jesus and be broken. You need to become humble in spirit. It is the duty of every teacher and every father to cleanse the soul from everything that is untrue.*23LtMs, Lt 148, 1908, par. 6*

You are not qualified to give a right training to your children. You will indulge them, allow them to have their own way, and spoil their faith in you and in their mother. Their mother is the true guardian of these children. Should they be left to your guidance, they would

both be ruined. The mother has good judgment in the management of her children; she is discreet in her instruction. Your mother is the better judge as to which of you is best qualified to bring up these children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 148, 1908, par. 7*

Were you to have the training of your children while you remain in your present condition, you would ruin their health and spoil their souls. You are not qualified for such a work, for your own mind is not under the influence of the Spirit of God. You need to humble your heart before the Lord. Satan has been your adviser for a long time, and an active power in your life for the accomplishment of an evil work. Now is your time, now is your opportunity to break with the enemy and place yourself under the full control of the Spirit of God.*23LtMs, Lt 148, 1908, par. 8*

I pray that you will repent and be converted. What a course you have pursued! What a lot of falsehoods you have circulated that you might make the actions of your wife appear in the most objectionable light. But your wife has acted the part of a Christian in this time of trial and affliction. The love of God received into the heart has been a working agency in her life.*23LtMs, Lt 148, 1908, par. 9*

I have written letters to you, inviting you to come to my home. We have been assured that your wife would have forgiven you if you had come to her and united with her in finding your bearings. You wrote me that you were sick, and I said everything I could to urge you to come to us. Your actions were such that you could not be surprised that we should suppose that you had partially lost your reason. I wrote you that you could take treatment at the sanitarium that is close beside us. I did not charge you with any design to do an evil work. Everything connected with that transaction is written in the books of heaven; and unless you repent and become converted, that account will come up before you at the judgment to exclude you from the city of God.*23LtMs, Lt 148, 1908, par. 10*

I feel deeply grieved for your mother.*23LtMs, Lt 148, 1908, par. 11*

Lt 150, 1908

Caro, M.

Lodi, California

May 9, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Dr. M. Caro
Auckland, N.Z.

Dear Sister Caro:

Letters have been received from individuals in Australia that demand that a decided statement be made by those who can speak in behalf of the wife of Dr. E. R. Caro.^{23LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 1}

In August 1906, Dr. Caro's wife came to San Francisco to meet her husband. The doctor's mother, feeling that she could not allow her to travel with the three children alone, accompanied her, which was a wise thing to do. But when the Sisters Caro arrived at San Francisco, the doctor was not there to meet them, and no trace of his whereabouts could be found. The distress of his mother was very great; for she supposed her son was lying sick in some part of the city and was unable to reach them. Every conceivable means was tried to find the doctor, but in vain.^{23LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 2}

We felt deeply the humiliation and distress of Sister Caro, and we tried to share her burden as far as this was possible. We are very thankful that we could help in this time of perplexity and trial.^{23LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 3}

For over a year Edith Caro lived in a little cottage a few steps from my door. In the care she gave her children, Sister Caro revealed herself to be a kind and faithful mother. She did not permit her children to rule her, but she ruled them firmly and cared for them kindly. When they did wrong she corrected them, but not harshly. She was a faithful mother, and her children loved her. She taught the eldest daughter to be helpful and to find amusement for the little

ones. Sister Caro showed herself to be a wise mother in requiring obedience from her children; for this was the only way she could make them happy and teach them to obey God.²³*LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 4*

Under no circumstances would Sister Caro leave her children, unless they could be with someone whom she could thoroughly trust. A few times only did she consent to attend the Sabbath services on the hillside, choosing rather to stay at home and be with her children.²³*LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 5*

I believe that it was in the providence of God that Sister Caro was near me in this experience, that I might testify to her kindness and faithfulness as a mother, and that the falsehoods of the doctor might not be received as truth. I can bear positive testimony that she is a woman who loves the Lord and who is striving to keep His commandments. She gave evidence that she was a child of God and was seeking to serve Him in truth and righteousness. The Bible and the *Testimonies* were her books of study.²³*LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 6*

Although the house in which she lived was small, it was kept tidy. When Sister Edith Caro could get sewing to do, that could be done without neglecting her children, she was ready to do it. She was always willing to earn what she could. Dr. M. Caro, the grandmother of the children, whenever she could do so, obtained work as a midwife or nurse, and thus earned means to help support the family.²³*LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 7*

Dr. E. R. Caro had written to me during this time, telling me that he was sick and was seeking to regain his health. I wrote to him several times inviting him to come to our home. I told him we had horses and carriages, and he could ride out with his family. We would do all in our power to help him to get well. But the man did not accept my offer. In my letters to him I did not make one complaint in regard to the support of his family. We gave them freely of that which our land produced and were thankful that we could do this.²³*LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 8*

The means that Dr. Caro now and then sent me was always placed in the hands of his mother, and also his letters, with the exception of

one or two which were sent under restriction that they should not be shown to anyone. These I sealed up; but it may become necessary to make their contents known. The doctor has taken such a course that we cannot tell when he is speaking the truth and when cruel falsehood.*23LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 9*

Later the family moved to the city of Oakland, where his wife hoped to get employment as a masseuse. His mother went to Loma Linda to get preparation for the work of Bible teacher. On the afternoon that the children were taken, a fictitious call was made for Sister Caro to give treatment to a woman in a distant part of the city. She answered the call, leaving her children in the care of Brother Rice's family, where they were living. She was so thankful that here was an opportunity to earn something for the support of herself and her children. But when she reached the place mentioned in the message, she could find no address like that given her. After some search and inquiry she returned home to find that her husband had called at Brother Rice's during her absence and had taken the two children.*23LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 10*

When the news reached me, I was like one stunned. Sister Caro was so broken-hearted by her loss that for a time it seemed that she would die. We feel deeply grieved over the action of the doctor, and that he should regard as a virtue the deed he has done. Why did he not consider the mother's agony of heart at the loss of her little ones? Could he suppose that she would remain passive, ignorant of the welfare of her children? And did he not understand that for this wicked thing he will have to give account to the Judge of all the earth? Did he suppose that God would permit such cruelty to go unpunished? Nay; these children are the Lord's property, bought with the price of the Son of God. Did Dr. Caro suppose that his children, even though they were separated from their mother for years, would forget her loving care for them, her prayers for them at their bedside, and the lessons taught them by her from the Word of God?*23LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 11*

O that the Lord would make the doctor realize what he has done and deliver him from the satanic workings of the enemy!*23LtMs, Lt 150, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 152, 1908

Hall, L. M.

St. Helena, California

May 12, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *12MR 262*.

Mrs. L. M. Hall
Barbour Street
Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Sister:

I wish I could see you. How long do you think you will remain in Battle Creek?²³*LtMs, Lt 152, 1908, par. 1*

I have recently made a journey to Lake County, and I stood it much better than I expected. I will enclose with this an account of our trip. If it were possible I would like to secure a little place where I can go at times from the pressure of the work here. Especially would I enjoy such a place in the hot season of the year. I was much pleased with the scenery on the way to Lakeport.²³*LtMs, Lt 152, 1908, par. 2*

On our return journey we spent a few hours at the home of Brother Workman who has rented a fruit farm in a valley among the mountains ten miles back from Kellogg. Mr. Workman has been sick, but in this place among the mountains he can support himself.²³*LtMs, Lt 152, 1908, par. 3*

The eldest son of this Brother Workman is Mabel's husband. They are still in Washington, working their way through school. Mabel cannot apply herself to study so closely as her husband; her eyes will not permit it.²³*LtMs, Lt 152, 1908, par. 4*

We have just returned from attending the camp-meeting at Lodi. The meeting was a very harmonious one, and for this we thank the Lord. Sister Haskell, Sister Bainbridge, Dr. Maria L. Edwards, and

Dr. Lillis Wood-Starr gave instruction in health and temperance lines, and some members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union worked with them. From beginning to close a genuine work went forward. This is the first camp-meeting that has been held in Lodi, and the impression made upon the community was good.*23LtMs, Lt 152, 1908, par. 5*

Elder Haskell and his wife carried their responsibilities wisely. Elder Haskell could speak positively in regard to the testimonies of the Spirit of Prophecy and of the work that God had accomplished through them. It was pleasing to see the spirit of liberality that existed and the willingness to help in many lines of work. We hope that a true report of the work done here will be given in our papers. Many books were sold, and this will mean that light will shine to believers and unbelievers.*23LtMs, Lt 152, 1908, par. 6*

One day during the meeting, Brother Hansen, a member of the Lodi church, took me to ride through the orchards and vineyards that lie around the town of Lodi. Sara and Minnie Hawkins accompanied me. He had a carriage similar to our large carriage, with easy cushioned seats. We rode for fifteen miles upon a perfect road. The country is very level. We enjoyed this very much, but it was my last ride in that place.*23LtMs, Lt 152, 1908, par. 7*

I have a request to make of you. Could you not have some of the children at the Home gather clover blossoms for me? I will pay them for doing this. I understand that at the Orphans' Home there are fields of clover.*23LtMs, Lt 152, 1908, par. 8*

With love.*23LtMs, Lt 152, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 154, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

May 19, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *1MR 325-326*.

Elder S. N. Haskell
Box 597
Oakland

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I will write only a few lines to you this morning. I have had quite a serious time since I came from Lodi. I took cold and have been quite seriously afflicted.*23LtMs, Lt 154, 1908, par. 1*

I have been told that it is announced that I am to speak to the school at Healdsburg next Sabbath. I shall put my trust in the Lord. He is my strength and my wisdom.*23LtMs, Lt 154, 1908, par. 2*

I would like to have you tell me which of the two places the brethren have in view, as a possible location for the school, you think to have the best advantages. W. C. White favors the place at Santa Rosa, and this is much less in price. Please tell me how you view the matter. I am expected to look at the place next Friday. I shall be on the ground about noon of that day.*23LtMs, Lt 154, 1908, par. 3*

I will be glad to have you respond at once to this, and let me know which of the two sites you think the most suitable.*23LtMs, Lt 154, 1908, par. 4*

Lt 156, 1908

Hare, Brother and Sister [Metcalf]

St. Helena, California

May 14, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mr. Metcalfe Hare
Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Brother and Sister Hare:

I am pleased that you can be for a time in Nashville, to get an understanding of the work there, and to render some help in the setting in operation of the food factory. You understand the health food business and can move intelligently and economically; for you and Sister Hare both understand the light that has been given upon health reform. And you can be a great blessing to the people in that place; they will respect your experience. Let us each seek to know in our own experience the meekness and lowliness of Christ who gave His life for a world that was seared and marred by the curse.*23LtMs, Lt 156, 1908, par. 1*

I shall be pleased to hear from you. I trust that you may be a blessing to our people in Nashville. Much light has been given for our people in that place, and this instruction has been repeated over and over again. Earnest efforts have been put forth by the Lord's servants for Nashville; they have toiled early and late to see the work advance. I hope to see these efforts crowned with success. May the Lord give you wisdom and grace to help to perfect the work that has been begun under great difficulties. Be of good courage in the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 156, 1908, par. 2*

Higher education is a constant unfolding of the intelligence in regard to the truth. It embraces the training of the physical, mental, and moral powers. True education means the inculcation of ideas that will enable us to give to others a knowledge of the Creator and the Redeemer. Let us remember that our Saviour was a constant

worker. O how I long for the wickedness of the wicked to come to an end. May the Lord strengthen and bless you, and help you to perfect a character in the likeness of the divine pattern. Christ is our example; and He is without spot or blemish. Dwell upon this thought. Humanity must become like Him through obedience to His will.*23LtMs, Lt 156, 1908, par. 3*

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed at the last time.*23LtMs, Lt 156, 1908, par. 4*

“Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.” [1 Peter 1:3-9.]*23LtMs, Lt 156, 1908, par. 5*

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy, in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*23LtMs, Lt 156, 1908, par. 6*

“And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man’s work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the

world, but was manifest in these last times for you.” [*Verses 13-20.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 156, 1908, par. 7*

This whole chapter is worthy of our earnest study. It places before us the standard that the Lord requires each of us to reach. Present these thoughts as you seek to reach the people.²³*LtMs, Lt 156, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 158, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

May 14, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *TDG 143; 3SM 295-296*.

Elder J. E. White
Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Son Edson:

I would urge you to bear in mind that the Lord, He is God. Do not allow yourself to be thrown into perplexity. During His earthly life the Saviour ever had helpful words to speak to those who needed help. He was the helper of every soul who felt the need of His grace. He has not changed.²³*LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 1*

I sincerely wish that I could help you financially, but I have not yet succeeded in getting means to pay my workers and to settle my indebtedness at the bank. I am paying eight per cent interest on the money I have hired from the bank. I have just received small loans at six and four percent interest; but this will not settle my obligations. I will be greatly relieved when I can get my books into circulation.²³*LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 2*

I feel very thankful that the work of circulating *Christ's Object Lessons* is being taken hold of in Southern California and that so many of these books are being sold. Every dollar that this little book can bring in is needed for the support of our school work. And the same may be said of *Ministry of Healing* for our sanitariums. I am very thankful for this ingathering of means for our institutions.²³*LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 3*

I was much pleased with the camp-meeting in Lodi, of which I have already written you something. There was a strong wind blowing most of the time, and a few showers fell, but no damage was done. The results of the meeting were encouraging.²³*LtMs, Lt 158, 1908,*

par. 4

Valuable help was given by several of our sisters, who took a prominent part in the health and temperance work. These were Sister Bainbridge, Sister Haskell, Dr. Maria Edwards, and Dr. Lillis Wood-Starr. These workers made the meetings very interesting, and this relieved me somewhat from the work of speaking.*23LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 5*

A special work was done for the youth by Elder Luther Warren, and at the close of the meeting a number were baptized.*23LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 6*

We left Lodi Sunday morning, hoping to get to St. Helena that evening. But at Sacramento our train did not make connections with the St. Helena train, and we decided to go on to Oakland that evening. I was expecting to go to Sebastopol the following day to look at a prospective site for the Healdsburg school; but our cars were delayed so long that we did not reach Oakland until 9 p.m. I was very weary and suffered much with pain in my hip. We therefore concluded, instead of going to Sebastopol the next morning, to come directly home. Thus far I have [not] been able to make this journey to the proposed school site, but my strength is returning, and I hope to go to Healdsburg at the end of this week.*23LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 7*

In all His habits of life, the Saviour gave an example of what God designs His church on earth to be. Tell this to the people. Christ desires to present His church before the Father without spot or blemish.*23LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 8*

From His earliest years the Saviour's life was one of poverty. His childhood days were spent in toil. Working at the carpenter's bench, bearing the burdens that came to Him as a member of the family, He often became weary. He lived in a corrupt age. Yet He was uncorrupted by the evil that surrounded Him, uninfluenced by the characters of those who were artificial and wicked. In the open fields and amid the scenes of nature, He found rest from toil and food for spiritual life. Looking beneath the surface, He gathered knowledge from the mysteries of nature that filled Him with peace and joy.*23LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 9*

During the years of His public ministry, the Saviour was continually watched by crafty and hypocritical men. Spies were continually upon His track to catch something from His lips that they could use to create prejudice against Him. Again and again they tried to make Him appear guilty of wrong. There were occasions when they laid traps for Him by presenting to Him questions, the answers to which they hoped to use to cause His condemnation by the people. But at every attempt they were compelled to retire from the field confounded; their actions were revealed in their true light by the answers of Christ. The Saviour's discourses presented a power of truth to the multitudes who listened. Even the men who were sent to spy upon His actions were forced to return with the report to those who sent them, "Never man spake like this man." [John 7:46.] I am instructed to say to the Nashville church, Pray, pray. Let your conversation be with grace; for Christ is listening to the words you speak. Let compassion for one another be blended with all you say; then you will reveal the character of Christ. The manners of Christ were gentle and unassuming; as His followers we are to partake of His nature. We need to be daily learners of the great Teacher, that the atmosphere surrounding the soul may be filled with spiritual life.*23LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 10*

The question has been asked by some, Has Sister White healed the sick? I answer, No, no; Sister White has often been called to pray for the sick, and to anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord Jesus; and with them she has claimed the fulfilment of the promise, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." [James 5:15.] No human power can save the sick, but through the prayer of faith the Mighty Healer has fulfilled His promise to those who have called upon His name. No human power can pardon sin or save the sinner; none can do this but Christ, the merciful physician of body and soul.*23LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 11*

It has often been my privilege to pray with the sick. We should do this much more often than we do. If more prayer were offered in our sanitariums for the healing of the sick, the mighty power of the Healer would be seen. Many more would be strengthened and blessed, and many more acute sicknesses would be healed.*23LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 12*

The power of Christ to stay disease has been revealed in the past in a remarkable manner. Before we were blessed with institutions where the sick could get help from suffering, by diligent treatment and earnest prayer in faith to God, we carried the most seemingly hopeless cases through successfully. Today the Lord invites the suffering ones to have faith in Him. Man's necessity is God's opportunity.*23LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 13*

“And He went from thence, and came into His own country, and His disciples follow Him. And when the Sabbath day was come, He began to teach in the synagogue; and many hearing Him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto Him? that even such mighty works are wrought by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and of Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not His sisters here with us? And they were offended at Him. And Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And He could do there no mighty work, save that He laid His hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.” [*Mark 6:1-5.*]*23LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 14*

With all our treatments given to the sick, simple fervent prayer should be offered for the blessing of healing. We are to point the sick to the compassionate Saviour, and His power to forgive and to heal. Through His gracious providence they may be restored. Point the sufferers to their advocate in the heavenly courts. Tell them that Christ will heal the sick if they will repent and cease to transgress the laws of God. There is a Saviour who will reveal Himself in our sanitariums to save those who will submit themselves to Him. The suffering ones can unite with you in prayer, confessing their sin and receiving pardon.*23LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 15*

Sister White has never claimed to heal the sick. It is Christ who has healed in every instance, as it was Christ who, in the days of His ministry, raised the dead to life. It is Christ who performs every mighty work through the ministry of His servants. This Christ is to be trusted and believed in. His blessing upon the means used for restoration to health will bring success. The mercy of Christ delights to manifest itself in behalf of suffering humanity. It is He who

imparts the ministration of healing to the sick, and physicians are to give to Him the glory for the wonderful works performed.²³*LtMs, Lt 158, 1908, par. 16*

Lt 160, 1908

Hare, Brother and Sister [Metcalf]

St. Helena, California

May 13, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mr. Metcalfe Hare
Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Brother and Sister Hare:

I cannot tell you how glad I was to hear that you were to look over the building at Edgefield, built for a health food factory. This building has been presented to me as having special advantages for the work for which it is designed. The experience you have had will enable you to take in these advantages, and I hope you will give the matter a fair judgment.*23LtMs, Lt 160, 1908, par. 1*

I have not felt that the men there who have had good experience in many other lines of work would be able to discern the advantages as I see them. I depend more upon your judgment than upon that of any other man in Nashville, because you have had an experience in this work that others have not. For this reason, Brother Hare, I wish you to write me yourself about this matter.*23LtMs, Lt 160, 1908, par. 2*

The proposition was made by some to sell the machinery and building separately, but I said, No; if once the machinery is sold, it will be much harder to dispose of the building.*23LtMs, Lt 160, 1908, par. 3*

I have not seen the machinery with my natural eyes, but only through the representations given me. While our brethren were speaking discouragingly of this enterprise, one stood up and spoke of its advantages. Its greatest advantages lay in its being so retired and yet having the cars so close that goods could be shipped with little expense. Thus while having all the advantages of easy

transportation, the workers could have all the advantages of retirement, and to them this is a great consideration. No better atmosphere could be obtained in the city of Nashville.*23LtMs, Lt 160, 1908, par. 4*

I would have you consider every phase of this enterprise, and enter into the work of building it up on lines which are in harmony with the experience you have had in Cooranbong. I knew that it would not be wise to depend upon the judgment of those who have had no experience in this line of work. You have had an experience that will make your judgment of value. After you have considered the situation, let me know your opinion regarding it. I have a special interest in this location.*23LtMs, Lt 160, 1908, par. 5*

I shall certainly encourage you, my brother, in taking hold of this work.*23LtMs, Lt 160, 1908, par. 6*

Light has been given me that Edson White, if he will carefully guard his health, may exert an influence that God will bless. But he should not leave Nashville because of discouragement.*23LtMs, Lt 160, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 162, 1908

Daniells, A. G.

St. Helena, California

March 29, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *SpM 426-429*.

Elder A. G. Daniells
Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Daniells:

I received your letter from Chicago, stating the need of a meetinghouse in Takoma Park. It seems strange that the believers in Takoma Park have no suitable house of worship. I agree with you that provision should have been made for a good meetinghouse in view of the large number of our people who are living there.²³*LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 1*

There is a decided work to be done in Washington. But some of the brethren there, who should be far advanced in the understanding of spiritual things, are not working out the plan of God, but are following their own inventions. The converting power of God needs to take hold of the workers in the school, in the publishing house, and in the churches. The leaders in the work need to understand the deep, earnest work that must be done before heavenly agencies can make the impressions upon the minds of the youth that will lead them to come to the Lord with their human wills broken and seek Him in true repentance.²³*LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 2*

The responsible workers in our schools in Washington and other places need to bear in mind that there are thousands upon thousands in the cities who need help in many ways. Let the workers bring to mind the words of Christ, "Ye are the light of the world; a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted." [*Matthew 5:14, 13.*] The Lord Jesus is a miracle-working God; we must let Him be our dependence.²³*LtMs, Lt 162, 1908,*

par. 3

After Christ was received up into heaven and set at the right hand of His Father, His disciples went forth and preached the Word; and the record states that the Lord worked with them, confirming the word with signs following. Today the Lord is qualifying His servants to take up medical missionary work. He calls for men and women who are peaceable in spirit, who learn of Jesus and are willing to follow His instruction, who day by day wait upon the Lord to know His will, prepared to go where He bids them go and to take up the work which He requires.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 4*

Backsliding in Health Reform

I am instructed to bear a message to all our people on the subject of health reform; for many have backslidden from their former loyalty to health reform principles. The light God has given is being disregarded.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 5*

A true reformation needs to take place among the believers in Washington in the matter of healthful living. If the believers there will give themselves unreservedly to God, He will accept them. If they will adopt in the matter of eating and drinking the principles of temperance that the light of health reform has brought to us, they will be richly blessed. Those who have received instruction regarding the evils of the use of flesh meats, tea and coffee, and rich and unhealthful food preparations, and who are determined to make a covenant with God by sacrifice will not continue to indulge their appetites for foods which they know to be unhealthful. God demands that the appetites be cleansed, and self-denial be practiced in regard to those things which are not good. This is a work that will have to be done before His people can stand before Him a perfected people.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 6*

The Lord has given clear light regarding the nature of the food that is to compose our diet; He has instructed us concerning the effect of unhealthful food upon the disposition and character. Shall we respond to the counsels and cautions given? Who among our brethren will sign a pledge to dispense with flesh meats, tea, and coffee, and all injurious foods, and become health reformers in the

fullest sense of the term?*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 7*

If we could be benefited by indulging the desire for flesh meats, I would not make this appeal to you; but I know we cannot. They are injurious to the physical well-being, and we should learn to do without them.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 8*

In this experience of backsliding from the principles of reform, our people have been repeating the history of the children of Israel in the wilderness during their forty years of travel. Those who continue to follow their own course in this respect, eating and drinking as they please, will gradually grow careless of the instruction the Lord has given regarding other phases of the present truth; they will surely reap as they have sown.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 9*

I have been instructed that the students in our schools are not to be served with flesh foods or with food preparations that will cause disturbances of the stomach. Nothing that will serve to encourage a desire for stimulants should be placed on the tables.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 10*

I appeal to young and old, and to middle-aged. Deny your appetite of those things that are doing you injury. Serve the Lord by sacrifice. Let the good work begin at Washington, and go forth from there to other places. I know whereof I am writing. If a temperance pledge, providing for the abstinence from flesh foods, tea and coffee, and some other foods that are known to be injurious, were circulated through our ranks, a great and good work would be accomplished. I ask you at this time, Will you not circulate such a pledge? The means saved by such sacrifice, if used for the furtherance of the cause of God, would be blessed to the salvation of many souls.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 11*

Let the children have a part in this work. We are all members of the Lord's family; and the Lord would have His children, young and old, pledge themselves to deny appetite and save the means needed for the building of meetinghouses and the support of missionaries.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 12*

I am instructed to say to parents, Place yourselves, soul and spirit, on the Lord's side of this question. We need ever to bear in mind

that in these days of probation we are on trial before the Lord of the universe. Will you not give up indulgences that are doing you injury? Words of professions are cheap; let your acts of self-denial testify that you will be obedient to the demands God makes of His peculiar people. Then put into the treasury a portion of the means you save by your acts of self-denial, and there will be that with which to carry on the work of God.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 13*

There are many who feel that they cannot get along without flesh meats; but if these would place themselves on the Lord's side, resolved to obey His requirements in this matter, they would receive strength and wisdom as did Daniel and his fellows. They would find that the Lord would give them sound judgment; and they would be surprised to see how much could be saved for the cause of God by acts of self-denial. And the small sums gained by deeds of sacrifice will do more for the upbuilding of the cause than larger gifts will accomplish that have not called for denial of self.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 14*

I am sure if you will begin in Washington to do this work of reform—in the school, in the printing office, and among all our working forces—the Lord will help you to present a pledge that will help the people to return from their backslidings on the question of health reform. And as you seek to carry out the will of the Lord in this particular, He will give you clearer understanding of what health reform will do for you.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 15*

I have heard from several as I travel that Sister White has changed her view in regard to the reform diet. I would have all understand that Sister White has the same testimony to bear on this subject that she has ever borne.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 16*

There are those among us who occupy important positions of trust, and who should have stood on a high platform in the matter of health reform, who have refused to follow the light, and their course has been displeasing to God. Let these now turn to the Lord, that their example may no longer be a temptation to others.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 17*

Because of the example set by influential men in the indulgence of appetite, the truth has not made the impression on hearts that it

might have done. I appeal to you now to set an example in self-denial. Cut off every needless indulgence, that God may bless you with His approval and acceptance.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 18*

“If any man will come after Me,” said Jesus, “let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” [*Luke 9:23.*] Let us follow the Saviour in His simplicity and self-denial. Let us lift up the Man of Calvary by word and by holy living. The Saviour comes very near to those who consecrate themselves to God. If ever there was a time when we needed the working of the Spirit of God upon our hearts and lives, it is now. Christ is speaking to us individually, saying, “I am He that holdeth thy right hand. I am He that liveth and was dead, and, behold, I am alive forever more.” [*Isaiah 41:13; Revelation 1:18.*]*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 19*

There is a decided message to be borne to our people upon the question of health reform. Let us come into line that our prayers be not hindered. God cannot be glorified in the lives of ministers who give up these principles of reform; but He will reveal Himself to every soul who will be clothed with the righteousness of Christ. We need now to arouse and in all our schools follow closely the light that God has given on this question. Let the teachers in our schools return from their backsliding and educate themselves in a knowledge of the principles of healthful living. Let the students be taught to live these principles.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 20*

Cooking schools are to be established at many of our gatherings. Meetings are to be held where the children can be taught principles of temperance and the value of self-denial. In the year 1908, we are to do all in our power to advance the work of God in every line.*23LtMs, Lt 162, 1908, par. 21*

Lt 164, 1908

Workman, Brother and Sister [W. D.]

St. Helena, California

May 22, 1908

Previously unpublished.

My dear Grandchildren:

I have just received and read Mabel's letter. While reading it, I wished I could be with you and spend one month at Takoma Park. But I cannot take such a journey unless I have clear light that this is the Lord's will.²³*LtMs, Lt 164, 1908, par. 1*

I would be pleased to speak to the students in the school and to the workers in the sanitarium and the publishing house. I have a message for them. I know that in this year 1908 we have no time to lose. Every moment is precious. It should be our constant study to know how to form characters that will stand the test of the future.²³*LtMs, Lt 164, 1908, par. 2*

Whatever our age, it is our precious privilege to be learners of the blessed teacher Christ Jesus. "Search the Scriptures," was His charge, "they are they which testify of Me." [*John 5:39.*] The lessons that Christ gave to His first disciples, teachers and students are to learn today and treasure up in their hearts. Let us encourage a spirit of earnest purpose and be determined to climb round after round of the ladder until we reach the heavenly courts.²³*LtMs, Lt 164, 1908, par. 3*

The spiritual life can be kept vigorous only by much earnest prayer and the exercise of simple faith. Lay your individual case before the Lord, and believe Him fully. Receive in simple faith the light He sends you, that He may impart His Holy Spirit to give understanding of the requirements of His Word. We must relate ourselves so closely to the Lord that we can bear a living testimony to all with whom we associate.²³*LtMs, Lt 164, 1908, par. 4*

We have no moments, dear children, to spend in indifference. Every one of us must give account of himself to God.²³*LtMs, Lt 164, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 166, 1908

Prescott, W. W.

St. Helena, California

May 22, 1908

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+NoteOne or more typed copies of this document contain additional Ellen White handwritten interlineations which may be viewed at the main office of the Ellen G. White Estate.

Elder W. W. Prescott
Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:

I am awakened at twelve o'clock to write out the instruction that has been given me. In the night season I was addressing a company of people, and the charge was given, Wake up the watchmen to bear a decided testimony against every influence that would weaken the voice of the third angel's message. A special work is to be done in cleansing the mind and purifying the heart; for the end of all things is at hand. Let us arouse and present to the world the importance of a plain "Thus saith the Lord."*23LtMs, Lt 166, 1908, par. 1*

The words were spoken, I am the Light of the world. Kindle your soul's light from the wisdom of human agencies, and your light will go out in darkness. Seek My wisdom, and you will be guided by unerring counsel. This guidance it is the privilege of every child of God to have. Ask, and ye shall receive; but ask in faith believing. Ask for that which is in accordance with the word of God. Believing, ye shall receive.*23LtMs, Lt 166, 1908, par. 2*

Christ is the source of our strength. Let us study His teachings. In giving His only begotten Son to live in our world and to be subject to temptation that He might teach us how to overcome, the Father has made ample provision that we should not be taken captive by the enemy. Meeting the fallen foe, Christ overcame in behalf of humanity. He was tempted in all points like as we are, but He

resisted in the strength of divinity, that He might be able to succor us when we are tempted.*23LtMs, Lt 166, 1908, par. 3*

Becoming partakers of His divine nature, we are to learn to discern the temptations of Satan and, in the strength of His grace, overcome the corruptions that are in the world through lust. He who was once a sinful human being may be refined and purified through the imparted merits of Christ and stand before his fellow men as a laborer together with God. To the earnest seeker after God, the divine nature will surely be imparted, the compassion of Christ will certainly be vouchsafe.*23LtMs, Lt 166, 1908, par. 4*

There are constant dangers besetting the pathway of God's servants, and these dangers we may learn to avoid. At times, Elder Prescott, you have come very near making shipwreck of your faith. Only the grace of God and the confidence you have had in the messages He has sent through the Spirit of prophecy have held you back. I was shown that although you have had many years of experience in the cause of God, you are still in danger of making grave mistakes.*23LtMs, Lt 166, 1908, par. 5*

You will be inclined to catch hold of some minor matter which you consider to be important and place great weight upon it. At such times Satan is waiting and watching for an opportunity to influence your mind, and through you to work upon many other minds, leading them to questioning and doubt. The Lord has not called you to such a work as this. Upon some questions silence will reveal a spirit of wisdom and discretion.*23LtMs, Lt 166, 1908, par. 6*

Satan is working with all his ingenuity to sidetrack souls. What shall we do? Let us believe that the Lord is willing to raise up and strengthen the weak.*23LtMs, Lt 166, 1908, par. 7*

You will find your greatest strength in dwelling upon that which is spiritual. Let sanctification of the truth of the Word of God be revealed in your life. Let this agency refine and ennoble the soul. The Lord would have His ministering servants walk humbly before Him. "Take My yoke upon you," He invites, "and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:29, 30.*]*23LtMs, Lt 166, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 168, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

May 26, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *11MR 182-183*.

Elder J. E. White
Edgefield, Tennessee

My dear children Edson and Emma:

I wish I could be with you at this time to advise with you, and to counsel and encourage you. I do pray that the Lord will make your path of duty plain and help you to understand clearly the will of the Lord. May you have His strength and grace to help you. Do not fail nor become discouraged. The Lord has not left you. He is your helper, your front guard, and your rearward. I hope and pray that you will come out free from all entanglements.*23LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 1*

I am not as well as I should like to be. I feel very weak, but the Lord has wonderfully preserved me, and I am very thankful for His tender care. I know in whom I have believed.*23LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 2*

I am trying to obtain means, that I may help you; but I do not know that I shall succeed. At times I do not know what to do. I am so thankful that the Lord understands every phase of our experience. If we will follow the leadings of His Holy Spirit, we will not be left to fail or to become discouraged. Is not this a time to live so fully in the light of the Lord's countenance that we who receive so many favors of Him, so many rich blessings, may know how to treat those who are less favored?*23LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 3*

I know by the representations given me that we are to work more disinterestedly for the colored people. We are to teach them how Christians should live by exemplifying in our own lives the Spirit of Christ. With all patience we are to lift up the Lord Jesus before

them. Let us show that we have an interest in their souls. Because of this work, I do not urge you to leave the South until you know it to be your duty to do so. The Lord will guide all who will walk in His ways and cheerfully do their best. He will open ways before His faithful servants.*23LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 4*

We need such teachers for the colored people as Sister Wilson was. How ready and willing she was to work! While men and women should be prepared to carry the truth into the highways of life, they should also be ready to carry the truth into the byways. The message of present truth must be carried to all classes. Men and women are to be trained to help the cause of God wherever they may be.*23LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 5*

I have been shown that thousands will be called out to do their duty in various lines of labor. Time and patience and ability are demanded; for we are not only to make the people understand the truths of the Word, but we are to instruct these colored people how to become messengers of grace, how to lift up the Man of Calvary before their race.*23LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 6*

O when shall we learn to pattern after the meekness and lowliness of Christ. We need to be imbued with the Holy Spirit if we would successfully reach the needy classes in the South. We can give them some work to do, and thus cultivate their ability. There are many ingenious minds among these people. Teach them faithfulness and diligence. Everything cannot be done by machinery. There is need of human thought and clear discernment to comprehend their needs. Our church members need to be imbued with a larger measure of the Holy Spirit. If they will seek for this, the grace and love of Christ will fit them for efficient work.*23LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 7*

The instruction that is now being given to our students in the sale of books containing the truth for this time is fitting many to do an acceptable work. The people, understanding the object of the sale, give their orders more readily than they would under other circumstances.*23LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 8*

The Lord has given to the southern field object lessons of different kinds. The education being given to the students at Madison which

trains the youth to build, to cultivate the land, and to care for cattle and poultry will be of great advantage to them in the future. There is no better way of keeping the body in health than to follow the plan of training that the Madison school is carrying out. This is the same kind of work as we were instructed to do when we purchased the land for our school in Australia. The students had their hours for study and their hours for work on the land. They were taught to fell trees, to plant orchards, to cultivate the soil, and to erect buildings; and this training was a blessing to all who engaged in it.²³*LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 9*

The Lord in His providence has brought about the establishment of the Madison school through the efforts of Brethren Sutherland and Magan and a few faithful associates. Their labors have been performed under no ordinary circumstances. These men had an experience at Berrien Springs which was a severe one; but the Lord brought them safely through it and made it a means of blessing to them. They felt that they must go to the South and labor for this needy field. They went out not knowing whither they were going, and the Lord guided them to Madison, a beautiful place of four hundred acres. For a time the way for the establishment of the work seemed hedged up. The Lord led His servants through a trying experience; but He saw the end from the beginning. When some of their brethren expostulated and labored to discourage them, the Lord encouraged. And [in] the results of the efforts put forth at that place we can see that the Lord's blessing has rested upon their efforts.²³*LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 10*

The work that the laborers have accomplished at Madison has done more to give a correct knowledge of what an all-round education means than any other school that has been established by Seventh-day Adventists in America. The Lord has given these teachers in the South an education that is of highest value, and it is a training that God would be pleased to have all our youth receive.²³*LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 11*

The close confinement of students to mental work has cost the life of many precious youth. The Madison school, in its system of education, is showing that mental and physical powers, brain and muscle, must be equally taxed. The example that it has given in this

respect is one that it would be well for all who engage in school work to emulate. If the physical and mental powers were equally taxed, there would be in our world far less of corruption of mind and far less feebleness of health.²³*LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 12*

Let the work done for the people of the South be done in a true missionary spirit. Let the Spirit of the Lord guide in your work of ministry. Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. Work faithfully for the Master, seeking to lead others to do earnest missionary work. Such a class of labor will develop tact and ingenuity and intellectual and moral adaptability. Let those who work in the South understand that it is not preaching alone that is needed. Self-sacrificing work is called for at every step. The example given by the teachers of truth is not to be one of self-indulgence. Christ was a missionary in the truest sense of the term. His whole life was one of self-denying acts. He traveled from place to place; and as He journeyed and wherever He stayed, He taught the people the message of the gospel, illustrating His lessons with the objects of nature that were all about Him.²³*LtMs, Lt 168, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 170, 1908

Evans, I. H.

St. Helena, California

May 22, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder I. H. Evans

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother Evans:

As we consider the work that has been established at Takoma Park, we thank the Lord that One wonderful in counsel guided us to this location and prepared the way before us. The interests that have been established at Washington are weighty interests; the workers stationed there hold important positions and exert a wide influence. It is of great consequence that the men and women there reveal that in word and spirit and action they are in harmony with the divine Teacher. Divided sentiments are no honor to the cause of God. The Lord calls upon all who are located in that important center to be light-bearers to the world.²³*LtMs, Lt 170, 1908, par. 1*

I have a message to give to those who for years have hindered the work in the South. It is now time to come into line. A species of selfishness has sometimes characterized your work, and this has provoked our enemies to institute lawsuits against us, when if a greater spirit of tenderness and unselfishness had been manifested, less excuse would have been given to rob the cause of God. Brother Evans, you are to consider that whatever your position, you are constantly to reflect light, blessed light. "The man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue. The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain." [2 *Samuel 23:1-*

4.]23LtMs, Lt 170, 1908, par. 2

The Lord has not been honored by the position taken in the past by some of the leading men of the General Conference. The work has been too much restricted, and in consequence the world's night, which should have been made light by the bright shining of the truth for this time, has been left to its gloom.23LtMs, Lt 170, 1908, par. 3

Christ represents His people as those who are to dispel the darkness of this world. "Ye are the light of the world," He declares. "A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.23LtMs, Lt 170, 1908, par. 4

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law until all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." [Matthew 5:14-20.]23LtMs, Lt 170, 1908, par. 5

Had you possessed more of the true missionary spirit, men would have been encouraged to go out to the unworked fields of the South with this last warning message, and in Memphis and New Orleans and other cities many would have taken hold of the truth. If when an interest was awakened in any place, this interest had been followed up with diligent effort, many would have received the message of truth, and these would have used their means for the support of the work. But the cities have not been worked. The light has been hid under a bushel.23LtMs, Lt 170, 1908, par. 6

While we were endeavoring to build up the work in Australia, which we did under great difficulties, the hindering policy was a grief to us and a shame to the people who professed to hold this precious,

sacred truth regarding the soon coming of the Lord. It has been under similar difficulties that the workers at Madison and Huntsville have labored to establish their work. Had a true spirit of unselfishness rested upon the men at the head of the work, the Madison enterprise would have had the support of the people, and the work there would have gone forward much more rapidly. Many more souls would now be in the field, giving the message in the cities of the southern field, and long ere this many of the cities of the South would have been faithfully worked.²³*LtMs, Lt 170, 1908, par. 7*

The work that is to be done for the South must be done quickly. Soon the enemy will work more openly for the passing of Sunday laws, and then our work will have to be done under great difficulties. Let workers be sent to the southern field. This is an important part of the Lord's vineyard. In some of the large cities, representatives of all nationalities are to be found. When these are converted to the truth, they will labor for their own people, and thus the work will continually broaden.²³*LtMs, Lt 170, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 172, 1908

Officers of the General Conference

St. Helena, California

May 26, 1908

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To the officers of the General Conference
Washington, D.C.

Dear Brethren:

I have read a very encouraging letter from Prof. P. T. Magan to Prof. E. A. Sutherland, regarding the recent council held in Washington. I am very thankful for the good report it brings regarding the council.²³*LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 1*

I was very thankful to hear of the efforts that are to be made in behalf of the Huntsville and Madison schools. They have long waited for the help they need, and an earnest effort should be made to redeem the time.²³*LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 2*

When I read the resolutions published in the *Review*, placing so many restrictions upon those who may be sent out to gather funds for the building up of institutions in needy and destitute fields, I was so sorry for the many restrictions. I can but feel sad; for unless the converting grace of God comes into the conferences, a course will be taken that will bring the displeasure of God upon them. We have had enough of the spirit of forbidding.²³*LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 3*

This morning I could not sleep after midnight. I awoke bearing this message to our leading men, Break every yoke that would hinder or limit the power of the third angel's message. The calls that have been made for large liberality, which have been responded to so nobly by our people, should lead to feelings of confidence and

gratitude, rather than to the placing of yokes upon the necks of God's servants. Let your requirements ever be dictated by the Holy Spirit of God. When the officers of the General Conference allow such restrictions to be made, they give evidence that they need clearer spiritual eyesight, that the heavenly anointing is not upon them.²³*LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 4*

Representations have been made to me of a work that does not bear the divine credentials. The prohibitions that have bound about the labors of those who would go forth to warn the people in the cities of the soon-coming judgments should every one be removed. None are to be hindered from bearing the message of present truth to the world. Let the workers receive their directions from God. When the Holy Spirit impresses a believer to do a certain work for God, leave the matter with him and the Lord. I am instructed to say to you, Break every yoke that would prevent the message from going forth with power to the cities. This work of proclaiming the truth in the cities will take means, but it will also bring in means. A much greater work would have been done if men had not been so zealous to watch and hinder some who were seeking to obtain means from the people to carry forward the work of the Lord.²³*LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 5*

The Lord's mercy and love are misrepresented by a policy that would hinder the message of His grace from going to any part of the world. Is man to be a dictator to his fellow man? Is he to take the responsibility of saying, You shall not go to such a place? Let us rather say to those who desire to labor: It is your privilege to work for souls on every occasion and to make earnest request to God in their behalf. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." [*Colossians 3:17.*] "Put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which ye are also called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." [*Verses 14-16.*] The Holy Spirit is working upon human minds. Those upon whom the Spirit lays the burden of labor, and who are of good report in the church, encourage them to enter new fields. Let the work of the

Lord go forward with power. Let the people be encouraged to prepare the way of the Lord and to make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*23LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 6*

The enemies of truth are working with all their unconsecrated powers to hinder the advance of the message. The churches of the world are being drugged with the opiates of error. The great deceiver is making determined efforts to becloud the understanding of the people. Let not those be discouraged who would go forth to warn a perishing world. The cause of God needs the labors of men who have faith, men who can pray and who can open the Scriptures in simplicity to the people. It is the simplicity of true godliness that will speak of the love of [God for] souls ready to perish.*23LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 7*

God requires much more of the men at the head of the work than they give Him. Some give Him long sermons, but this He does not require. Workers are needed just now who will explain the Word of God in its simplicity. There is a fearful deception upon human minds. Even those who hold positions of trust are not all faithful. But do not allow yourselves to sleep. The light of truth must go forth as a lamp that burneth.*23LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 8*

If our leaders realized the time of night, they could not leave our cities unwarned and be willing to do so little to change the present condition of things in the world. God requires that every soul who believes in Christ shall go forth and bear much fruit. He requires that they be in earnest in doing missionary work, faithful in their home life, in their student life, true to their church duties. Those who have pledged themselves by baptism to follow Christ, who have professed to put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, are to consider the words of the apostle Paul, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." [*Verse 1.*]*23LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 9*

Let there be less sermonizing and more humbling of the soul in prayer for the divine presence among us. Our meetings should be seasons of humble seeking after God. O that we might sense our need of Christ and by living faith claim the promise of His presence.*23LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 10*

There are some of our ministers who are true burden-bearers, whose hearts go out in prayer to God, and who weep between the porch and the altar, crying, "Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach." [Joel 2:17.] There are a few who are in earnest. But there are many who have but little sense of their great need of divine blessing.²³*LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 11*

In visions of the night I was in a company where our ministers were assembled. A few were humbling themselves before God and confessing their sins. They were weeping and pleading with God to spare His people and to give not His heritage to reproach. But with many there was no special burden to get near to the Lord. I looked for the burden-bearers; but there were few who carried any genuine burden for souls. While some of the ministers were brokenly calling upon the Lord, and were weighed down as a cart beneath sheaves, the hearts of many were untouched. What kind of account will those have to give who stand in holy places of trust, and yet have little or no burden for the souls of the perishing!²³*LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 12*

There is need of a great reformation in our ranks. The ministers who are drawing pay from the conference need to ask themselves the question, Am I a faithful worker? Am I a spiritual help to the church? There are those who demand high wages for their labors, but who bring few souls into the truth to stand steadfast and true to its principles. It is time for our ministers to humble their hearts before the Lord and bear a straight convincing testimony to the people. It is time for them to labor earnestly to increase the membership of the churches, leading all to a thorough understanding of the truth for this time. The Lord wants living members in His church, men and women who will encourage one another in faithful service.²³*LtMs, Lt 172, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 174, 1908

Gotzian, J.

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May 28, 1908 [typed]

Previously unpublished.

Mrs. J. Gotzian
Paradise Valley Sanitarium
National City, California

Dear Sister Gotzian:

I would like to spend some time in Paradise Valley. The warm weather of St. Helena is very trying to me. If I could be near enough to Paradise Valley so that I could speak to the workers there, I think I could be some help to them. I am pleased to hear that the sanitarium is doing so well lately. The patronage is excellent.²³*LtMs, Lt 174, 1908, par. 1*

When I see you again, you will have been to Madison. I hope you will stay there long enough to test the climate. I am glad that you are going. May the Lord go with you and bless you and strengthen you for the journey. Please write to me after you get there. Madison is a beautiful place; and if you can stand the climate, I am sure you will enjoy your visit there. I have the fullest confidence in Brethren Sutherland and Magan and their associate workers. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon them, is my prayer.²³*LtMs, Lt 174, 1908, par. 2*

You will remember that we have had some conversation in the past about building a plain and simple house in some desirable locality at Paradise Valley. I cannot at present spare the means, for I am perplexed to know where to obtain the money necessary for the publication of my books. But it is certainly your privilege to have a home where you can live when you choose to do so. At present you have no place that you can call your own, and this does not seem to be right. I would be pleased to see you own a good horse and easy

carriage, so that you could ride out when you wish to do so. I would like to be a partner with you in building the cottage and may be able to furnish the money later on.²³*LtMs, Lt 174, 1908, par. 3*

It is your privilege to help with your means those who need help. You should be at liberty to place it where you think it will do the most good. I would not dare to advise you to place very large sums where they would be beyond your control. It seems to me that those who have had the use of your money for years, and who are now in prosperous circumstances, should be willing to let others who are in distressing circumstances be benefited by its use.²³*LtMs, Lt 174, 1908, par. 4*

It is not the plan of God that you fasten your money largely in one institution; for emergencies will arise that call for financial help, and then if we cannot obtain this means, we shall be placed at great disadvantage. I would advise you, when in the future you loan a large sum of money, not to leave the impression with those to whom you lend that you will never call for it. We must move wisely and intelligently. May the Lord help in this matter, that you may obtain your means and place it where it is most needed and be enabled to place yourself in comfortable circumstances.²³*LtMs, Lt 174, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 176, 1908

Gilmore, Alexander

St. Helena, California

May 24, 1908

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Alex Gilmore
15 Ellice Street
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Brother:

I thank you for the means you have sent me. I was in great need of this in order to do the work the Lord would have me accomplish at the present time. The advancement of the cause in the Spanish fields creates a demand upon me to have *Great Controversy* and other books translated and published in that language. When you can spare another thousand dollars for the advancement of the cause, it will be gladly received. God is honored when we return to Him of the means He entrusts to us.²³*LtMs, Lt 176, 1908, par. 1*

All that the Lord has given me in trust I have invested in His cause. I see that the end is near and that there is a decided work to be done—a work in the accomplishment of which we have the privilege of being laborers together with God. Let us be wide awake to honor and glorify His name. Let us do all in our power to bring the truth before those who are perishing for the need of it.²³*LtMs, Lt 176, 1908, par. 2*

I have tried in every possible way to give to the world the light the Lord has given me for the people. I am thankful for the help you have rendered. If in the future you can help still further, be sure that the means will be appropriated in such a way as to bring the truth before souls.²³*LtMs, Lt 176, 1908, par. 3*

Since my husband died, I have worked to the utmost of my ability for the upbuilding of the cause of truth in new fields, and the establishment of centers from which the truth might go forth as a lamp that burneth. This work has been done at the cost of means and strength. But in the strength of God, and with His blessing resting upon us, we have been enabled to establish the truth in right lines in many places, including many places in Europe and Australia. Thousands of dollars have I invested for the establishment of schools and health institutions and churches in these places, but I have never regretted what I have done. I am only thankful that the Lord has spared my life to accomplish a work for Him.*23LtMs, Lt 176, 1908, par. 4*

With this I will send you a copy of an appeal to our ministers for deeper consecration.*23LtMs, Lt 176, 1908, par. 5*

Again I thank you for the money you have sent. I had been drawing from the bank money on which I was obliged to pay a high interest. If you have other means that you can spare, we shall be glad to receive it. In the future we shall be glad for all that we have done that has had a part in the upbuilding of the cause of God in the earth.*23LtMs, Lt 176, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 178, 1908

Scriver, Sister

St. Helena, California

May 24, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Scriver:

You spoke to me a year ago of means which you would soon have to help the cause of God where it is most needed. I told my son to encourage you to help the Loma Linda Sanitarium by a loan. Now I will tell you of my own desire to hire some money for the prosecution of my work. I am in great need of means at the present time in order to hasten the work of getting my books before the people; and if you would help me in this work, I believe it would be well pleasing to God. I have several workers engaged with W. C. White in preparing these books for the press.²³*LtMs, Lt 178, 1908, par. 1*

The latest demand upon me is for *Great Controversy* to be translated and published in Spanish. I ask you to help me, that I may accomplish the work that the Lord has represented to me should be done. I pray that the Spirit of the Lord may impress your mind to let me have means for the advancement of the work.²³*LtMs, Lt 178, 1908, par. 2*

I am enclosing with this a copy of an appeal to our ministers for deeper consecration; in a few days I will mail you another manuscript relating to our duty to circulate our publications.²³*LtMs, Lt 178, 1908, par. 3*

Lt 180, 1908

Irwin, G. A.; Hare. M.

St. Helena, California

May 26, 1908

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G. A. Irwin and M. Hare

Dear Brn. Irwin and Hare:

I have been writing letters to the workers in Washington in regard to the position some have taken with reference to the work in Madison. Instead of having the hearty help and co-operation of their brethren, the workers at Madison have had much hindrance and discouragement. I have feared that his experiences in the establishment of the work at Madison would cost the life of Brother Sutherland. He had not the strength to carry so many burdens. I had serious fears that he would die. We prayed earnestly that the Lord would spare his life, and our prayers have been heard and answered.²³*LtMs, Lt 180, 1908, par. 1*

We sincerely hope that the work of the food factory can be carried to a favorable issue, with the help of Brother Hare, and of the men who are willing to make some investment to see the work begun.²³*LtMs, Lt 180, 1908, par. 2*

I would gladly be with you at this time if I could stand the journey, but I dare not travel. I am expected to attend the camp-meeting at Oakland next week, and I must save my strength for that. We pray that the Lord will guide you in all judgment and help you to decide wisely in regard to your future course. I believe that the Lord will give you clear light, and that you will walk in faith and assurance, doing the very things the Lord would have you do.²³*LtMs, Lt 180, 1908, par. 3*

Last night a deep impression was made upon me regarding the spiritual needs of our ministers. There has been a spirit to bind about the work which the Lord has pointed out to be done, and the results of our efforts have been far from what they might have been. I have tried to present in a clear manner the grave loss that has been sustained by the exercise of a spirit that would make the human agent bend to human decrees. For years the work has been delayed and hindered, and now the word comes, Break every yoke. Let the men and women in responsible places help to make decided changes in the methods of conducting the work. The Lord is soon to come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. We need the Holy Spirit to guide us in our work if we would be prepared to meet the Lord when He appears.*23LtMs, Lt 180, 1908, par. 4*

There is great need of the Holy Spirit's influence in our midst. There must be an individual work done in the breaking of stubborn hearts. There needs to be deep heart-searching that will lead to confession of sin. Every sin must be confessed and blotted out before the judgment of the last day, for then the fate of every soul will be eternally sealed. O that the sinners would open their hearts and invite the Saviour in! The peril of the unconverted soul, who can describe it! Believers should at this time stand with softened, sanctified, broken hearts, every sin confessed in repentance that needeth not to be repented of. The Holy Spirit is waiting to kindle in the heart the love of God, that His praise may be spoken from lips that are true, unselfish, clean, and honest. When holy principles guide the life, the soul will be beautiful in its simplicity.*23LtMs, Lt 180, 1908, par. 5*

Dr. S. P. Edwards, who has been sick at the sanitarium for some time, has just passed through a wonderful experience. Prayer was offered for him at the sanitarium, and he was anointed with oil. After several had prayed, Dr. Edwards says, he felt the power of God pass through his body, and he believes that he was healed. Two days later he and his wife visited me, and we talked over this experience and had a season of prayer. We felt the blessing of God rest upon us and received the assurance that our faith was accepted. A few days ago I was walking outdoors when I saw Dr. Edwards coming to meet me. I saw at once that there was a great

change in him. There was a good healthy color in his face. He grasped my hand firmly, saying that he was much stronger. He has already gained several pounds.*23LtMs, Lt 180, 1908, par. 6*

How good the Lord is to those who obey Him and who rest in His promises. Dr. Edwards will render praise to the Lord for His loving-kindness toward him. He is the happiest man I have seen for a long time.*23LtMs, Lt 180, 1908, par. 7*

I shall attend the camp-meeting in Oakland, if the Lord wills. I expect the Lord to open the way before us, that we may see His grace revealed. We need the Holy Spirit upon those who shall assemble, to work upon the fallow ground of the heart. We trust that there will be a breaking of heart before God and an earnest seeking after Him.*23LtMs, Lt 180, 1908, par. 8*

I have much to say in regard to our yearly gatherings. O that all would seek the Lord and prepare for faithful service. Our camp-meetings have not been altogether what they might have been. We have not realized that at these times we have a special work to do for ourselves and for God.*23LtMs, Lt 180, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 182, 1908

Wessels, Brother and Sister [J. J.]

St. Helena, California

May 29, 1908

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Mr. J. J. Wessels
Glendale, California

Dear Brother and Sister Wessels:

Yesterday I had a very busy day, writing from the early hours of the morning until almost eight o'clock. Besides this I had an interview with Elder Cottrell. And this morning I praise the Lord for an excellent night's rest and freedom from pain. I am more than thankful for the strength that the Lord is giving me. I praise the Lord for His great love expressed to me. He is indeed blessing me, and I mean to use my strength prudently.*23LtMs, Lt 182, 1908, par. 1*

I am not surprised at what you write me concerning Glendale. This institution, so near to a center of influence, ought to be appreciated. Our work is a reformatory one. Our knowledge must not be confined to that which textbooks give us. We need to have the converting power of God in our own hearts, then we shall understand how to work in Christ's lines.*23LtMs, Lt 182, 1908, par. 2*

I am very glad that you are at Glendale because of the school privileges that your children can have. The discipline that you can give them will be of the highest advantage. In the home there is diligent work for father and mother. By persevering efforts at home, the evils found in the schools may be largely corrected.*23LtMs, Lt 182, 1908, par. 3*

The object of true education is that the younger members of the Lord's family may be trained in accordance with our faith and

prepared for a home in the family above. Satan has used the most ingenious methods to weave his plans and principles into the work of the schools, and thus gain a strong hold on the minds of the children and youth. You will have to watch and pray and believe, and receive grace from the Lord to bring your children to Christ. Teach them the love of God. Teach them to fear Him and keep His commandments. Most earnest labor must constantly be given to impart the knowledge of saving grace and to bring the character into conformity to the divine similitude. Purity of soul is worth more than any other thing. It will run like a thread of gold through all the life.*23LtMs, Lt 182, 1908, par. 4*

Prepare the minds and hearts of your children for the higher school in the courts above. If you and your dear children can obtain a fitness for citizenship in the kingdom of God, what a great victory will be gained. Be of good courage in the Lord. We may expect large things of Him. Let us glorify His name upon the earth.*23LtMs, Lt 182, 1908, par. 5*

I expect to be at the camp-meeting held at Los Angeles, and I hope to see you both there. I meant to have written a letter to Mother Wessels, but I cannot do this now. I will say to her in this, Be of good courage in the Lord. I am glad you can be with your son and his family. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." [*Psalm 103:1.*] Let us praise God's name, that His mercy endureth forever.*23LtMs, Lt 182, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 184, 1908

Hurlbutt, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

June 2, 1908

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Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbutt
Lakeport, Lake Co., California

Dear Brother and Sister Hurlbutt:

I have been shown that you cannot properly carry on the work you have endeavored to do at Lakeport. You cannot give to the youth under your care the education that they need to fit them to meet successfully life's battles.²³*LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 1*

You believe in health reform, but you are in danger of placing before those under your care a poverty-stricken diet. The young appreciate good food, and we should not set before them tasteless dishes. It is not wise to prepare food in such large quantities that it must be left over to appear again and again on the table. It is wisdom to cook only a limited portion, for in warm weather food soon becomes sour, and in this condition it is unfit to enter the human stomach.²³*LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 2*

Your husband needs a liberal diet, and one that is wholesome and nourishing. Do not allow health reform to become health deform. If you will come up on to a higher level, you can be a light to shine amid the darkness that is about you. I write you these things because you are in danger of making mistakes, and I desire that you shall work wisely for the health of the members of your family. No member of your family has spoken of this matter to me, but scenes have been presented to me in which I have been shown that the food you place upon your table is not always

palatable.*23LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 3*

The Lord has entrusted you with a legacy, Sister Hurlbutt, and you are in danger of misapplying this gift. The Lord is the owner of this means; He wants to teach you that it is not His will that it be tied up in lands and property.*23LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 4*

Angels of heaven would have no such representations as now appear. God would have you take no burdens that you cannot carry, and thus leave the impression upon minds that a work has been left half done. Desperate efforts will be made by the enemies of truth to prejudice the minds of the people against God's commandment-keeping people and their work. If your school should come to be spoken of as a Seventh-day Adventist School for orphans and outcasts, the people would be led to take this as a sample of our other schools. They would measure all our schools by the habits and customs of this. Your work here would be pointed to as a sample of the work of Seventh-day Adventists. Thus wrong impressions would go forth, and in the minds and hearts of some a strong prejudice would be created against the cause of present truth. The Lord would have His commandment-keeping people make a different showing for the truth than has been made in the past. If ever a school is established at Lakeport, there must be no haphazard work done in it.*23LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 5*

In the night season I seemed to be in a meeting where we were gathered for counsel. One was present who gave this instruction for you: The world is God's great moral vineyard. In the cities and country places there is an important work to be done. Let it be done in such a way that no reproach will be brought to the cause of truth.*23LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 6*

In His efforts to reach the people of His day, Christ took up His position at the lakeside or in the great thoroughfares of travel, and there He preached the message of the gospel. There are workers in the world today who can labor in similar lines, and these must be sustained in their efforts. We are bearing to the people a world-wide message. It is to be given to every city and town and village. The little settlements in the mountains ought to be diligently worked, that present truth may be brought to souls who are looking for more

light. It is a privilege to use a portion of the means the Lord has lent you in helping forward this good work. It is also your privilege to let those about you see that a work of reform is going forward in your own lives.^{23LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 7}

I believe that at some time, in some favorable part of Lake County, we shall hold a camp-meeting. I greatly desire that this shall be, that the light may shine forth to all the towns and settlements. But you must act your part for the spread of the truth. The light must shine in the byways and the hedges.^{23LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 8}

In the parable of the sower, the Saviour gave an illustration of His own work and the work of His servants. The seed sown fell upon all kinds of soil. So we are to sow the seeds of truth. We are bidden to cast it "beside all waters." [*Isaiah 32:20.*]^{23LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 9}

The night on which I slept for the first time in your house the Lord presented many things before me. I was shown that Mr. Hurlbutt should take his position decidedly for that which he knows to be truth. This he must do before he can truly glorify God.^{23LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 10}

I am instructed to say to Mr. Hurlbutt, It is time for you to come into the ark of safety. Noah preached for one hundred and twenty years to the antediluvians; and some appreciated the messages he gave, but many did not. Of all those inhabitants of the old world, only eight received the message and were saved. Yet that message had to be given; and by its rejection of truth, the world was condemned. Our message to the world is to be a savor of life unto life to those who receive it. To those who spurn it, it is a message of condemnation.^{23LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 11}

My brother, take a decided stand for the truth. You understand what is truth, but you have so long halted, that you are loth now to take hold. In the representation given to me, the messenger turned to you and said, Now, just now, is your opportunity. Humble your heart before the Lord, and take your position as a keeper of His commandments. Then your light will shine forth. Then you will take more pleasure in advocating the truth than you have heretofore taken in showing your farm with its fine fields and orchards. Set

your light on a candlestick, where it may give light to all that are in the house.²³*LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 12*

God will accept you if you will accept the message He sends. Give yourself to Christ. This is your only hope of salvation. If you will do this, the assurance of the disciple John may be yours, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." [*John 1:12.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 13*

Submit your will to the will of God, and you will grow in grace, and will gain a rich experience. You will have a faith that works by love and purifies the soul. The fruits of the Spirit will be seen in your life, the efficiency of the Spirit will be revealed in your works. Christ is a sympathetic, compassionate Redeemer. Now, just now, place yourself on His side. He will receive you. The blessing of God is worth everything to you. I urge you to step out in faith and receive it.²³*LtMs, Lt 184, 1908, par. 14*

Lt 186, 1908

Stafford, M. G.

Melrose, California

June 13, 1908

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Mr. M. G. Stafford

Dear Sir:

I have carefully read your three-page letter, dated June 11, 1908, in which you write:²³*LtMs, Lt 186, 1908, par. 1*

“I was shown by the Comforter that I was manifestly declared to be the Son of God, one with Jesus, and the Father.”²³*LtMs, Lt 186, 1908, par. 2*

“And that probation would end next March the 20th, and that we will have till the tenth of March to get out of the cities; and as it was when Nineveh was about to be destroyed, they had to get down in sackcloth and ashes to save the city, so now to save ourselves we must put on the poor man’s uniform suit of blue drilling clothes.”²³*LtMs, Lt 186, 1908, par. 3*

“The dress must be plain, and no coat for women, a plain apron, no hat, hair combed down plain, a shawl for covering on shoulders or head. Men must put off fine shirts, cuffs, and collars, quit shaving, and not cut the hair off.”²³*LtMs, Lt 186, 1908, par. 4*

This with the other portions of your letter in explanation of the above, I have read; and this is my answer to you:²³*LtMs, Lt 186, 1908, par. 5*

Truly I say unto you, Your message is not in harmony with wisdom or truth. This burden you are carrying is not from the Lord, but is the

result of weariness and weakness of mind. I advise you to lay down this burden, and to take counsel from your friends as to what you shall do to preserve your health, and to use what strength you have in the wisest manner.*23LtMs, Lt 186, 1908, par. 6*

There is a solemn message regarding the coming of the Lord to be given to many thousands of people who have not yet heard it. Therefore the time is not yet so near as you suppose.*23LtMs, Lt 186, 1908, par. 7*

You have requested to see me, but my time and strength are needed otherwise, and I do not wish to see you.*23LtMs, Lt 186, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 188, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

June 17, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell
Box 597
Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have been very much burdened since leaving the camp-ground, and since I have arrived home, I have not slept well. In some respects the atmosphere here does not seem so good as that in Oakland. We have plenty of sunshine, but I found the bracing air at Melrose very beneficial. Yet I have not realized the exhaustion that I expected I would experience. I will not let go of the Mighty One, my Saviour. He is my strength, my front guard and my rearward.²³*LtMs, Lt 188, 1908, par. 1*

When we got on to the car at Melrose, we found that we were without tickets; for Elder Sutherland, who had them, had missed the train. We reached home, however, without much inconvenience. Miss Hannaford and Ellis James, who had earned some money on the camp-ground by canvassing, were able to provide sufficient to get the tickets we needed.²³*LtMs, Lt 188, 1908, par. 2*

I find plenty of work to do of such a character that I dare not leave it undone. My trust is in the Lord. The consideration of the matters relating to Sister Gotzian's money in the St. Helena Sanitarium has been a trial to me. The action of the sanitarium it has been hard for me to reconcile with the principles of true justice.²³*LtMs, Lt 188, 1908, par. 3*

Last night I received instruction that made a deep impression upon my mind. If the men and women who claim to believe the truth would act in harmony with the truth, there would be decided changes made in all our churches. When we returned to this country from Australia, many things in the work seemed to be going in wrong lines. The Lord sent messages at that time regarding crooked things that needed to be made straight; but the messages were not heeded. There are many souls who, I am afraid, will never be rid of their religious delusions, but will perish in them. O how I long to see our church members clothed with their beautiful garments and prepared to go forth to meet the Bridegroom. I am in fear and trembling for many who have not yet on the wedding garment. They are like the blind; they do not discern their dangers. Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. There are many who are expecting to sit down to the marriage supper of the Lamb who are unprepared for the coming of the King.*23LtMs, Lt 188, 1908, par. 4*

I would be glad if you would drop me a line, telling how the Melrose meeting closed. Be of good courage in the Lord, and He will strengthen and help you.*23LtMs, Lt 188, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 190, 1908

Simpson, Brother and Sister

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 15, 1908

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Dear Brother and Sister Simpson:

I received Brother Simpson’s letter today and was very pleased to hear from you. I think if we would communicate more frequently, we would find blessing in it. *23LtMs, Lt 190, 1908, par. 1*

Brother Simpson, I understand your temperament. You experienced a blessed conversion at the time of your daughter’s illness and her wonderful recovery. This mercy was no small evidence to you that the Great Physician had a special care for you. It was a miracle wrought for you both, to arouse you to a higher sense of your obligation to serve and glorify His name. *23LtMs, Lt 190, 1908, par. 2*

The Great Physician has manifested His love for you; keep His grace ever before you. In simplicity of soul render thanksgiving and honor to Him. Love the Lord and trust wholly in Him; for He has wrought in your behalf. The evidence given you of the love of God for you is a token that is never to be forgotten. You can do a good work by rendering thanksgiving to the Lord. *23LtMs, Lt 190, 1908, par. 3*

The Lord would have you consecrate soul, body, and spirit to Him. Temptations will come to you, but you must grow up into Christ, your living Head. Do not hide your light under a bushel, but put it where it may give light to all that are in the house. The third angel’s message contains the truth for this time. When you humble your heart before God, you will see light in His light, and then with clear voice you will proclaim the message, “Here are they that keep the

commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus Christ.”
[*Revelation 14:12.*]23*LtMs, Lt 190, 1908, par. 4*

Let the truth of God abide in your heart by a living, holy faith. Bible truth must be comprehended before it can convict the conscience and convert the life. The remnant people of God must be a converted people. The presentation of this message is to result in the conversion and sanctification of souls. We are to feel the power of the Spirit of God in this movement. This is a wonderful, definite message; it means everything to the receiver; and it is to be proclaimed with a loud voice. We must have true, eternal faith that this message will go forth with increasing importance till the close of time.23*LtMs, Lt 190, 1908, par. 5*

The Lord has given me a message for you: You must plan wisely, manifesting in your words the spirit of the great Teacher, the kindness and tenderness of Christ. My brother, do not answer abruptly when addressed. Remember that Christ is your pattern in this. Be meek and lowly in heart, as He was. Let it be seen in your appearance and actions that you are bound up with Christ. Keep the door of your lips at all times. Use kindly words and simple language.23*LtMs, Lt 190, 1908, par. 6*

In the giving of this message, self must not swell into large importance. The message must come from lips that are sanctified and holy. Take deep views of Bible truth. Do not suppose that display and what the world calls style are necessary in order to reach the higher classes. The words and deportment must be of a godly sort in order to do this work.23*LtMs, Lt 190, 1908, par. 7*

All who are connected with our health institutions should live in such close connection with God that it can be seen that Christ is formed within, the hope of glory. Consistency is a jewel. Our faith must reach out after God and the Holy Spirit. Will you not give an example that is in harmony with the character of the work? You are to win souls to the truth. Be wise in your belief of the truth. Be watchful unto prayer. Wrestle with God in prayer, and then go forth to labor in the wisdom that He will bestow upon all who desire to learn of Him.23*LtMs, Lt 190, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 192, 1908

Lindsay, Harmon

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 16, 1908

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Dear Brother Lindsay:

I am pleased that you are at Paradise Valley. If you will walk humbly with God, the blessing of the Lord will be with you. I trust that your experience will be a help to the workers at Paradise Valley. Great blessing is to be found in faithfully filling the lot and place where the Lord stations us.*23LtMs, Lt 192, 1908, par. 1*

“Many shall be purified and made white and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked”—the determinedly wicked—“shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” [*Daniel 12:10.*] To live the truth before men will always involve a cross, for Satan is on the field of battle to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness against the truth. The unwillingness on the part of wrongdoers to put away their evil works will result in the ruin of many souls; but the Lord will reward every faithful worker.*23LtMs, Lt 192, 1908, par. 2*

Stand in the humility and the strength of Christ. Satan is a mighty foe, and a host of evil angels are working to carry out his devisings. But if you will look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith, all the synagogue of Satan can have no power to prevail against you. This last conflict of Satan is to be a decisive one, and only the grace of Christ will give you power to gain the victory. The wisdom of men is foolishness with God. The wisdom of God must be your strength.*23LtMs, Lt 192, 1908, par. 3*

I hope to meet you, when we come to the camp-meeting in Southern California. I say again, I am glad that you are in

connection with the work of God at Paradise Valley. Be of good courage in the Lord. May He give you a large experience and use you to bless and to help the souls who come to the sanitarium.*23LtMs, Lt 192, 1908, par. 4*

There are many places to be worked, many churches to be warned. We need to consider carefully how we expend the Lord's means; but you have had experience on this point.*23LtMs, Lt 192, 1908, par. 5*

“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily, my Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a *sign between Me and you throughout your generations* that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you; everyone that defileth it shall surely be put to death. ... Six days may work be done, but in the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord.” [*Exodus 31:12-15.*] We see in these words the importance that is given to the seventh-day Sabbath. It is to be held as a heavenly memorial, and its observance is the sign of obedience and loyalty to God.*23LtMs, Lt 192, 1908, par. 6*

My brother, do not allow yourself to become depressed and discouraged. Do not believe all the reports you hear. Keep Christ ever before you, inquiring, Is this the way of the Lord? It behooves us to cultivate earnestly the things that are pure, and holy, and of good report.*23LtMs, Lt 192, 1908, par. 7*

Remember that your life belongs to God; He has bought it with the price of His blood. We are day by day to prepare to meet Him when He comes in the clouds of heaven. Be of good courage, and keep the Word of the Lord, which is Spirit and life. Let nothing hinder you from forming a character that the Lord can accept. Keep your eye upon the mark of the prize of your high calling. You have experienced trials; but looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith, you may take courage and endure a little longer. May the Lord keep you, is my prayer.*23LtMs, Lt 192, 1908, par. 8*

If you will allow the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit to come into your life, you will be a blessing to the workers at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. I have confidence that you and Brother and Sister

Cummings will exert a precious, united influence in that institution. Be of good courage in the Lord, that you may enjoy the fulness of His grace.²³*LtMs, Lt 192, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 194, 1908

Teachers in the Washington School

St. Helena, California

June 2, 1908

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To the teachers in the Washington School:

I am instructed to say to our people in Washington, You are living far beneath your privileges. You are not meeting the requirements of God. The Lord is not pleased with your spiritual standing. As the truth of God is received into the heart in the love of it, it will be an active power in your lives for the sanctification of the entire being, quickening the soul and enlarging the heart and mind.²³*LtMs, Lt 194, 1908, par. 1*

In the night season these words were spoken to me: Charge the teachers in our schools to prepare the students for what is coming upon the world. The Lord has been waiting long for our teachers to walk in the light He has sent them. There is need of a humbling of self, that Christ may restore the moral image of God in man. The character of the education given must be greatly changed before it can give the right mold to our institutions. It is only when intellectual and moral powers are combined for the attainment of education that the standard of the Word of God is reached.²³*LtMs, Lt 194, 1908, par. 2*

These words were clearly and forcibly spoken: “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.” [*James 5:16.*] Press together, and love as brethren. Pray together. The Lord has paid the price of His own blood for the salvation of the world. He suffered every indignity that men could devise and Satan could invent in order to carry out the plan of salvation. Let not the teacher seek to exalt self, but let him see the necessity of learning of Christ daily and making Him the pattern. For teachers and students, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ should be the only example.²³*LtMs, Lt 194, 1908, par. 3*

Bear in mind that the Lord will accept as teachers only those who will be gospel teachers. A great responsibility rests upon those who attempt the last gospel message. They are to be laborers together with God in the training of human minds. The teacher who fails to keep the Bible standard always before him misses an opportunity of being a laborer together with God in giving to the mind the mold that is essential for a place in the heavenly courts.²³*LtMs, Lt 194, 1908, par. 4*

“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, and the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. And He shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord; and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, nor reprove after the hearing of His ears; but with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth: and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins.” [*Isaiah 11:1-5.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 194, 1908, par. 5*

“And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise Thee: though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song: He also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.”²³*LtMs, Lt 194, 1908, par. 6*

“And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord, for He hath done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitants of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.” [*Isaiah 12:1-6.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 194, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 196, 1908

Daniells, A. G.

Sanitarium, California

June 20, 1908

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Elder A. G. Daniells
Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:

I have been reading letters from you concerning the Bible teacher needed at Union College.*23LtMs, Lt 196, 1908, par. 1*

I will say that Elder Owen is needed just where he is, and he is where the Lord would have him be. God has a work of special importance to be done in Southern California, and I know from the light given me that this work must now be perfected.*23LtMs, Lt 196, 1908, par. 2*

Loma Linda has been specified to me as a very important place, and one which demands the best Bible teacher we can supply. There are promising youth here who are to be qualified to fill important positions in the work. They should have the best class of instructors, and capable Bible teachers who understand the truths of the Word. The truth and righteousness revealed in the Word of God is to be the stronghold of our workers.*23LtMs, Lt 196, 1908, par. 3*

There has been given to me an outline of the work that must be done at Loma Linda, and I know that we must give to that place our best labors. The Lord wants the wisest talent there, for by means of our very best educational talent we are to train our ministerial laborers. The work is to be carried after the Lord's order, and not according to the suppositions of men.*23LtMs, Lt 196, 1908, par. 4*

The Lord has given us a wonderful advantage in enabling us to secure Loma Linda for the establishment of the work in progress there. A school is to be built up at Loma Linda that will train Bible workers and missionary nurses for efficient service. The Lord calls for the best talents to be united at this center for the carrying on of the work as He has directed—not the talent that will demand the largest salary, but the talent that will place itself on the side of Christ to work in His lines.²³*LtMs, Lt 196, 1908, par. 5*

We must have medical instructors who will teach the science of healing without the use of drugs. If physicians refuse to give their services unless they can be paid the highest wage, we shall not bribe them. We are to prepare a company of workers who will follow Christ's methods.²³*LtMs, Lt 196, 1908, par. 6*

There has been a dearth of means for our educational work because we have neglected to follow fully the Lord's directions. The Lord now asks that energy and zeal be given to the carrying out of His methods. The books *Christ's Object Lessons* and *Ministry of Healing* are the Lord's specified agencies for the financial aid of our institutions. By following the plan that He has laid down, a continual work of education may be carried on. I pray that God may teach us to understand His ways and help us to learn daily of Christ.²³*LtMs, Lt 196, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 198, 1908

Brethren in Oakland

St. Helena, California

June 16, 1908

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To our brethren in Oakland:

I am very desirous that the work that is now being done in Oakland shall be regarded by the workers in and about Oakland in its true importance. It is a matter of greatest interest for them at this time. I read in some paper a statement that two large tents were to be pitched in East Oakland. I do not know what denomination was to engage in this tent effort; but I would urge our workers at Melrose to bind off the work of the camp-meeting there very firmly.²³*LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 1*

I urge those in charge of the meetings to keep a firm hold of the workers and to let the trumpet give a certain sound. Educate the people to bind themselves up with truth and righteousness. May the Lord let His Holy Spirit come so manifestly to His people that the light shall shine forth in clear, distinct rays, leading men and women to distinguish clearly between the false and the true.²³*LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 2*

Again and again I am instructed to charge our people with their individual responsibility to work, and believe, and pray. The reception of Bible truth will lead to continual self-denial; for self-indulgence can never be found in Christlike experience. Truly converted men and women will reveal the cross of Calvary in their daily actions. There are many Seventh-day Adventists who do not understand that to accept the cause of Christ means to accept His cross. The only evidence they give in their lives of their discipleship is in the name they bear. But the true Christian considers his

stewardship a sacred thing. He does not lose his self-control, but perseveringly studies the Word and yields up his life to the service of Christ.²³*LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 3*

The word of encouragement is given, “Be not weary in well-doing,” “always abounding in the work of the Lord.” [² *Thessalonians 3:13; 1 Corinthians 15:58.*] There is a world to be saved, a work to be done that can only be accomplished by the proclamation of the gospel message. “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [*John 3:16.*] Should we not thank the Lord with heart and soul for His unspeakable Gift? Should we not be willing to devote every capability and talent to the work of representing Christ before the world?²³*LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 4*

In our efforts to make known the truth for this time, we have no need to stretch ourselves beyond ourselves. We do not need powers of oratory in order to be successful workers. Our teachings should be so simple that even the children can understand them. Let us tell in simple language the reasons for our observance of the seventh day. Let us point men and women to the Word of God and the instruction that He gave His ancient people regarding His requirements.²³*LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 5*

“And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now, therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.²³*LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 6*

“And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord.” [*Exodus 19:3-8.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 7*

With upraised hand the people here made a solemn covenant with the Lord; and they became His denominated people, pledged to obey all the commandments of the Lord. And the Lord said to Moses, "Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee forever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord." [*Verse 9.*]*23LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 8*

"And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.*23LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 9*

"And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. And the Lord came down upon Mt. Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.*23LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 10*

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish. And let the priests also, which come near to the Lord, sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break forth upon them. And Moses said unto the Lord, The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai: for Thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. And the Lord said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the Lord, lest He break forth upon them." [*Verses 16-24.*] Then was the great work done of giving the ten commandments to Israel.*23LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 11*

The influence of the prayer of faith is as far-reaching as eternity. The Lord will bless all who will seek Him with the whole heart, and who with humble souls and earnest purpose strive to follow the

example of Christ. To those who thus seek to become partakers of the divine nature, the words are spoken, "Be not weary in well doing," "always abounding in the work of the Lord." [2 *Thessalonians 3:13*; *1 Corinthians 15:58*.] Let us beware lest self-sufficiency become mingled with our efforts to gain eternal life.²³*LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 12*

Let powerful appeals come at this time from those who fear and honor God. He who labors in faith and humility, holding fast to the promises of God, will prevail. The greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven will be given to the faithful, believing children of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 198, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 200, 1908

Churches Near Where Camp-Meetings Have Been Held

St. Helena, California

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To the churches near where camp-meetings have been held:

I am instructed to speak to our people regarding the duties that devolve upon them at the close of a camp-meeting. Thoughtful attention is to be given to all who are willing to be helped. There is visiting to be done. There are many who have long followed their own will and way, and these need to be helped to ascend the ladder heavenward. Mercy's voice is to be heard, inviting men and women to unite their interests to serve the Lord and to glorify His name.*23LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 1*

The efforts begun at the camp-meeting to draw souls to the truth, you are to continue by individual, disinterested labor. Satan is at work with vigilance to efface the impressions that have been made there by the Holy Spirit of God. There are some who work earnestly during the camp-meeting; but they do not consider their need of continuing their labors when the camp-meeting is over, and these find many opportunities for the mind to be drawn away from heavenly things and centering upon worldly interests. We have need of wide-awake workers, who will endeavor to hold the interest that has been aroused, and who will seek to strengthen that interest by faithful, untiring effort.*23LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 2*

We have many evidences that the Lord is waiting to be gracious to His blood-bought heritage. Mercy's voice has been calling sinners and backsliders to lay their burdens at the foot of the cross. Let our people unite to carry forward the good work begun at the camp-meeting. The salvation of souls is hanging in the balance. Let those who have the truth in heart and mind reveal the power of the

truth.²³*LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 3*

I heard words spoken to some believers who have long been professed followers of Christ: Why are you so indifferent? Why do you not unite with those who have the burden of the work upon them? In working disinterestedly for others you will help your own souls. Converse with those who need help. Search the Scriptures with those who do not believe. Offer simple, earnest prayers in their behalf. Let none be indifferent. A word spoken in season, how good it is!²³*LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 4*

Why does indifference so soon overcome those who ought to be a help to men and women by leading them to understand the rich promises of God? In your faithful efforts you will have the cooperation of heavenly angels. Many who appear careless in regard to spiritual things are really not so; and if they are approached in a spirit of wisdom and love, they will respond. Who will heartily engage in this work of drawing souls to Christ?²³*LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 5*

The Lord is dishonored by a spirit of indifference. With deep earnestness the words were spoken: You who have been backsliders in the church, come now, and make a covenant with God by sacrifice. Give up every idol. In response to the appeals of the Spirit of God, I heard heart-broken confessions. Surrenders were made, and voices were heard, saying, I will give up every idol if I may have the meekness of Christ in my heart and His love in my life.²³*LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 6*

To one party who had been working on the side of the enemy, these words were spoken: "And you hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience; among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved;) and hath raised us up

together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Jesus Christ.” [Ephesians 2:1-7.]²³LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 7

If you will arouse yourselves from your spiritual stupor, participating humbly in the work of God, the Lord will give you tongue and utterance. As you arouse from your condition of lukewarmness, you will realize that the Spirit of God is fitting you to take part in His work. The words were spoken, Come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty powers of darkness. This is the only remedy for a condition of backsliding.²³LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 8

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather the giving of thanks.” [Ephesians 5:1-4.]²³LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 9

“By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. ... Now therefore we are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom the building fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” [Ephesians 2:8-10, 19-22.]²³LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 10

There are few who understand the parable of the lost sheep, few who have learned the lesson that it teaches. Read this parable in the *fifteenth chapter of Luke*. The divine Teacher desires that all shall bring the teachings of this story into the daily life.²³LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 11

The Christian workers who go forth under the influence of the Spirit

of God to proclaim the message of truth need the prayers of those who remain at home. Work and prayer will accomplish all that we desire. The spirit of self-exaltation which has for so long been exercised, and which hinders the advancement of the message, must be put away by confession and humbling of soul. The Lord calls upon His professing people to humble the heart before Him, and to repent and be converted.*23LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 12*

Time is short, much shorter than many comprehend. The end of all things is at hand. The work done at our camp-meetings should be of a character to meet the spiritual needs of the people. Christ will work upon every heart that is prepared to receive Him. The Lord, who sees the end from the beginning, would have us aroused to our responsibilities, and put forth earnest efforts to seek and to save the lost. We should be intensely in earnest in warning the people. The call comes, Wake up the watchmen; the morning cometh, and also the night. Let every Christian instrumentality unite its energies and capabilities under the direction of the great Teacher to give the warning message to those who have not heard it.*23LtMs, Lt 200, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 201, 1908

Belden, F. E.

St. Helena, California

June 1908

Previously unpublished.

Frank Belden

My dear Nephew:

Once more I make my appeal to you. You are my sister's son—the child of one who unselfishly did the work of the Lord. Will you not now turn square about?²³*LtMs, Lt 201, 1908, par. 1*

Genuine conversion from sin to righteousness is your only hope. Thus saith the Lord, "If he will seek Me with all his heart, confessing his sins, I will be found of him. But he will receive no help by lowering the standard of righteousness to meet his erratic ideas." When you yield up your own will and become converted, then there will be hope for you. When you fall on the rock and are broken, when genuine conversion takes place in your life, you will respond to the invitation of Christ. You will join your weakness to His strength, your ignorance to His wisdom, your unworthiness to His merit, your spiritual weakness to His enduring might, your poverty to His boundless wealth.²³*LtMs, Lt 201, 1908, par. 2*

When you surrender all to God, and thus become one with Christ, He will use you to the glory of His name. When you do this, you will have the spirit of peace. But I am bidden to say to you that you are working decidedly against Christ. God cannot accept you unless you make a decided stand for truth.²³*LtMs, Lt 201, 1908, par. 3*

At different times you have sent documents to me to read. I have read a few pages, and then God has declared to me that your time in writing these documents was lost. Your mind has become changed into the likeness of the evil agencies that have controlled it.²³*LtMs, Lt 201, 1908, par. 4*

On one occasion, as I looked at the batch of MSS you had sent, the word of the Lord came to me, It is a mixture of such a character that no human mind could understand it. Frank Belden is serving his own unsanctified heart. He does not understand his own spirit, and he never will, unless he is converted. Unless he is born again, he will never be permitted to pass through the gates of the holy city. His whole mind and soul will have to be renewed before he can be perfect in righteousness. He has caused great perplexity to those who are trying to work in truth and righteousness. He can never untangle the perplexities he has made for others and for himself. If he would give himself to the Lord by covenant, God would let His light shine into his perplexed, confused mind.*23LtMs, Lt 201, 1908, par. 5*

Once more I say, When you give yourself to God, and wed your heart to Him who gave His life to you, you will become an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ. You will become a sharer in His kingdom. If you continue in the faith, you have the promise, "Where I am there shall ye be also." [*John 14:3.*] You will have the indwelling of the spirit of peace. A thorough conversion will change your whole conception of truth. I am charged to say to you, Cease your continual controversy with God and His believing ones. When you really lay down your battle axe, and become meek and lowly, your heart will be joined to the heart of Christ. Your life will be joined by hidden links to His life. You will join yourself to the Lord by a perpetual covenant.*23LtMs, Lt 201, 1908, par. 6*

In writing this, I have relieved my soul. Break the bands with which Satan has bound you. This you must do before you can enter into covenant relation with God.*23LtMs, Lt 201, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 202, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

June 23, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell
Box 597
Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I am greatly interested in the work that is being done in Oakland. Continually there is kept before me the warning, The end of all things is at hand.²³*LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 1*

I feel an earnest interest that those who have been creating dissension and strife shall be convicted of their wrong and shall repent and be converted. Tell this to the people: "Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you." [*John 12:35*.] Because the time is short, we need to follow diligently the King's business.²³*LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 2*

Two nights ago, in visions of the night, I seemed to be addressing a company of our people. This is what I was saying: I have a message for those who have been working to destroy the influence of the messages that the Lord has been giving to His servants. There are some who for years have been spreading their roots far, but their fruit bearing for Christ is represented by the barren fig tree. Christ is hungry for fruit, but coming to these representatives, He finds nothing but leaves.²³*LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 3*

The lesson of the barren fig tree is one that we should keep continually before us. It is not profession of righteousness that will meet the needs of the world today and fulfil the will of God for the

human family. God is looking for fruit-bearing branches. "Feed My sheep with pure provender," is the Lord's command to those who stand as teachers of the gospel of salvation. He has made provision that the gospel's saving power shall be represented in all places.*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 4*

I was shown that mistakes have been made that have left wrong impressions upon minds, because men were allowed to preside over important interests who were deficient of the saving grace of the gospel, who had not made its purity and simplicity a part of their lives, and who did not seek God often in humble, earnest prayer. Righteous, self-denying words were not considered by them to be a necessary part of Christian experience. They did not see the necessity of having the spirit of Christ and of emulating His example in their work of ministry.*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 5*

I heard words of warning and entreaty spoken to young men, imploring them to make a full surrender and to obtain a thorough conversion. Ministers were exhorted to make decided changes. The Saviour was presented to me as standing before the congregation and addressing those who had stood to discourage and hinder others. The words were spoken, Break every yoke. You are years behind where you should be in the carrying out of the plan of redemption. Let each seek his orders from the One in whom dwelleth truth and righteousness. Let all come into right relation to God, making thorough work of repentance. Let us press our case to the throne of grace. Let all seek for spiritual eyesight, that they may see where they have abused the mercies of God by reining up men to meet their finite ideas of duty, instead of allowing them to follow the directions of the Spirit of God. They cannot see the harm that has been done to the cause of God by so long following human judgment, because their spiritual eyesight is blinded. I pray that thorough conversions may now be experienced.*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 6*

"And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him: and He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying,*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 7*

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 8*

“Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, 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 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.*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 10*

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.” [*Matthew 5:1-20.*]*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 11*

This *fifth chapter of Matthew* contains a soul-saving message to all who will receive it. Those who will be humble in spirit, and will receive these truths from the lips of Christ, will be converted, and the rebuke of God for the past wrongs will be removed.*23LtMs, Lt*

202, 1908, par. 12

“Let your light so shine before men,” the Saviour declared, “that they may see your good works.” These “good works” will be begun when the experience of repentance and conversion is brought into the life. Not until then can words and works “glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Unless we reveal the converting power of God in our lives, we cannot walk in safe paths. [*Matthew 5:16.*] It is not in saying we believe the truth, but by showing that we are changed in character, that we can make known to others the transforming power of the grace of God.*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 13*

What is expected of the subjects of the kingdom of Christ? The answer is given by Christ Himself, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” [*Verse 48.*] No soul can enter into the heavenly courts who does not have an understanding of God’s requirements and who [does not] strive to be perfect even as God is perfect.*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 14*

“Enter ye in at the strait gate,” the Saviour says, “for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” [*Matthew 7:13, 14.*]*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 15*

Let us obey these words of divine instruction. Let us labor to prevent souls from being snared by the wiles of Satan. Let us not consider it humiliating to confess the faults that the Lord has pointed out, but let us heed His words of warning and encouragement.*23LtMs, Lt 202, 1908, par. 16*

Lt 204, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

July 16, 1908

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Elder S. H. Haskell
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Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

There are some things I wish to bring before you. I have been perplexed to meet the current of unbelief that has so long been undermining the confidence of the people of God in the light He is giving through the testimonies.²³*LtMs, Lt 204, 1908, par. 1*

In the night season, a representation was given me of ways by which we may strengthen the faith of our people. I was instructed that we must keep before their attention the lessons that God gave to Israel through their leader Moses. In the experience of Israel, every new move that was made was to be a carrying out of the principles given them by God during their forty years of wandering. Read the history of this people, just before they came into possession of Jericho.²³*LtMs, Lt 204, 1908, par. 2*

The book of *Deuteronomy* is a most interesting book. We should rehearse more often the history of events that it contains. We do not dwell enough on these wonderful experiences. Moses was instructed to repeat over and over to Israel the history of their experiences—their failures and their victories.²³*LtMs, Lt 204, 1908, par. 3*

I am referred to the history of our meetings and gatherings in Australia. At these camp-meetings the Lord laid the burden upon

His servants to appreciate the light that was being given through the messages of His Spirit. Ministers and leading men were led to substantiate the testimonies the Lord gave for the instruction of His church. These words, spoken before large audiences, are to be republished; for there are many who need these strong arguments in order to help them to vindicate the light given by God to His people.*23LtMs, Lt 204, 1908, par. 4*

In our ministry of the Word, the Lord would have affirmative evidence given to the people. I have been reading the Bulletins of 1893 and 1897. They contain most decided testimony in the affirmative, testimony which if presented to the people will prove a power for the truth. The Spirit of the Lord was upon these ministers as they bore their testimony before thousands of people. Please notice particularly Elder Jones' talks beginning on pages 5, 164, 178, 296, and 358 of the General Conference Bulletin for 1893; and his series on "The Spirit of Prophecy" in the Bulletin for 1897.*23LtMs, Lt 204, 1908, par. 5*

We are to take some of these discourses and republish them as soon as suitable plans for doing so can be made. They contain the most decided testimony that we can bring before the people at this time. Again and again the message comes to me, Repeat the messages that have been given under the dictation of the Spirit of God.*23LtMs, Lt 204, 1908, par. 6*

I have not yet recovered from my sickness. I have but little appetite, but have slept better the past two nights. I am much oppressed by the heat. While I write, my left eye is bound up, but this experience I have had many times before.*23LtMs, Lt 204, 1908, par. 7*

I will hasten off these lines to you that you may know how my mind is being exercised. I urge you again to read the Bulletins of 1893 and 1897. You will see how ably Elder A. T. Jones has handled the subject of the testimonies. The Lord, who saw the end from the beginning, gave to A. T. Jones, Dr. Kellogg, and several others a message at that time that was right to the point, and which would be a powerful witness to the testimonies that God had sent to His people. All we have to do is to present in our conferences the arguments of these men, given under the inspiration of the Spirit of

God, and at a time when Mrs. White was in a far country. There are persons coming into the truth who know little or nothing of the experiences of Mrs. White, and these, unless enlightened, when placed in trying and responsible places, will reveal weakness. Here in these articles the objections to the testimonies are fully met. The blessing of the Lord attended the meetings where these discourses were given. The light given me is, Let these men who have given heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils read their own productions and see who has changed. Set these questions before the people in the affirmative. All who are newly come to the faith should have them.²³*LtMs, Lt 204, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 206, 1908

Hirschmiller, Charles I.

St. Helena, California

July 14, 1908

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Charles I. Hirschmiller
South Lancaster, Massachusetts

Dear Brother:

I have read your letter, and I would say to you, Look not at your sinful life; for there is no hope to be found in doing this. Look to your crucified Redeemer. He assumed human nature and was tempted in all points like man is tempted, that we might know how to meet the foe. He waits to impart to each member of the human family power to become a partaker of the divine nature, power to overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust.*23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 1*

Christ is your sin-pardoning Redeemer. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth in Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God." [*John 3:14-18.*]*23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 2*

You can see from these Scriptures that it is no virtue in any one to be faithless. The Son of God came to save to the uttermost all who

would come unto God by Him. Though your sins are as scarlet, yet if you will come to Christ, confessing your sins, He is faithful and just to forgive you your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Will you not exercise faith in the One upon whom the Lord has laid all power. "The Father judgeth no man; but hath committed all judgment unto the Son; that all men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father, which hath sent Him." "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." [John 5:22-24.]*23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 3*

For days I have been in a condition of weakness and suffering, but I am aroused to write and tell you that you have a full and complete Saviour. I am instructed to say to you, Look unto Jesus, who gave His precious life for you. You have a part to act. You must come to the Saviour just as you are; you must <come> believing His Word and claim His saving grace. This is your only remedy—believe in the sacrifice that has been made in your behalf.*23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 4*

My brother, if you will grasp the words of Christ, you will stand on vantage ground. Plant your hopes on the assurances of the Word. Whatever may be your faults, whatever sins you may have committed, you are to have more faith in the Word of God than in fasting or any other act you can perform. Accept a "Thus saith the Lord," believing <His Word> simply and trusting it fully.*23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 5*

Do not depend on the state of your feelings for assurance that you are a child of God. You are to work out the sum of your belief. Bear in mind that the Lord Jesus is your efficiency. It is your privilege to become meek and lowly in heart as you study the life of Him who is the author and finisher of your faith.*23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 6*

Ever remember that God has a people prepared for His name. There are victories for you to gain, and these you are to have through your faith in Christ. When you feel discouraged, disappointed, go to God in prayer. Trust in Him, and do His will. All

the fasting in the world will not take the place of simple trust in the Word of God. “Ask,” He says, “and ye shall receive.” [*John 16:24.*]*23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 7*

God is a very present help in time of need. If you will put your trust in Him, He will make His goodness pass before you; He will lead you by His counsel. His Holy Spirit, His providences, the teachings of His word—all will be agencies in instructing you and leading you in the way of the Lord. God’s promise to you is, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” [*Hebrews 13:5.*] Therefore you may say with humility, yet with firm confidence, This God is my God forever and ever.*23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 8*

I am instructed to say to you, Trust not in self, but trust in God. This is the measure by which we are judged in the sight of heaven—our faith in God. Seek earnestly to work the works of God. Ever maintain the simplicity of true godliness. “He that sinneth against Me,” God says, “wrongeth his own soul.” [*Proverbs 8:36.*] Study the Scriptures; for there is nothing that will so firmly establish your faith in God or your belief in His truth as this. If you will have faith in God, you cannot fail of coming out victorious.*23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 9*

Do not speak of trials and discouragements. Look away from these things to Christ. Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. You are the purchase of His blood. Do not disappoint the One who gave His life that you might be an overcomer. He was tempted on every point that you and I can be tempted on; and in order to resist, He spent whole nights in prayer and communion with His Father. Christ did not leave this world until He had made it possible for every soul to live a life of perfect faith and obedience, to have a perfect character.*23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 10*

Christ has made it possible for you to practice His life. You have His precious words in the Bible; believe in them, carry out their teachings. Never doubt the Word of God. This Word, if received into your life, will refine and sanctify you and increase your usefulness. It is your privilege to help those who need help, to speak words of encouragement to those who need encouragement. Bear in mind that you are to show to the world the light of the glory of God.*23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 11*

“Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” [*Philippians 4:4-7.*] *23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 12*

You are not called upon to fast forty days. The Lord bore that fast for you in the wilderness of temptation. There would be no virtue in such a fast; but there is virtue in the blood of Christ. Will you not believe that there is power in His sacrifice to purify and refine you, power in His grace to make you a laborer together with God? *23LtMs, Lt 206, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 208, 1908

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Lt 210, 1908

Hibbard, E. J.

St. Helena, California

July 1, 1908

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E. J. Hibbard
916 Laguna St.
San Francisco, California

Dear Brother Hibbard:

I have a message for you to give to our people. Do not work to awaken sympathy in behalf of Elder A. T. Jones; for he is not converted from the error of his course; he is determined still to follow his own way. He is even now making strenuous efforts, by his false representations, to prejudice minds against those who have stood firmly for the truth in Battle Creek. We thank God for the grace given to Brother Campbell to hold fast his faith in this trying crisis. Surely the Lord has been with him.²³*LtMs, Lt 210, 1908, par. 1*

I bore a special message to A. T. Jones, warning him that unless he was on his guard, Dr. Kellogg would weave his web of deception about him. I gave him a letter to Dr. Kellogg, that he might read it to him. I told him that if he would let the Lord use him, he could help Dr. Kellogg. But I showed him that unless he held fast to God, before he was aware of it, Dr. Kellogg would enlist his sympathies and co-operation.²³*LtMs, Lt 210, 1908, par. 2*

We had seen so much of the manifestation of self-confidence in A. T. Jones that we felt he would need to be on guard. A. T. Jones went through a special experience at the Fresno camp-meeting, which those present at that meeting will recollect. Many of the leading men in our conference felt that they could not have A. T.

Jones serve any longer; that he must be released from the presidency of the conference, because he was not reliable. He would often take his own course and express his own ideas in ways that were objectionable. This had become so frequent, that before we reached the Fresno camp-ground, committee meetings had been held in which the sentiment prevailed that he should not serve any longer.*23LtMs, Lt 210, 1908, par. 3*

A. T. Jones came to me and told me what was being done. He seemed to be in great perplexity. I reminded him of the many cautions that had been given him. I told him that we had feared, because of his independent action, his unwise words, and authoritative manner, some such move would be made. "Well," he said, "it is made; and if you have no light on the subject, it will be carried out."*23LtMs, Lt 210, 1908, par. 4*

That night a very plain message was given me for Elder A. T. Jones, regarding the course he had taken. I was shown that unless he was thoroughly converted, he could not be permitted to serve in so important a position. His impetuosity, his rashness, his independent course of action were doing injury to the cause of God.*23LtMs, Lt 210, 1908, par. 5*

The next morning I came to the meeting, where quite a company of ministers and leading workers had gathered, and there I gave the instruction that [the] Lord had given me for Elder Jones. I also spoke words to Elder Corliss, who had been led to speak and act as a man in his position ought not to do. Then the Spirit of the Lord came in. Elder Jones, who was sitting near the back of the tent, rose and came forward before the congregation and made a hearty confession. But in spite of all our efforts for him, Elder Jones did not maintain the right position. At Battle Creek he worked counter to the will of God when he and another by his side planned for the school to remain a little longer in Battle Creek. Message after message was sent to Battle Creek to him, urging him if possible to save Frank Belden from becoming the sport of temptation. By this means I hoped to help Elder Jones also. But both he and Frank Belden made light of all my efforts. He was under the influence of Dr. Kellogg notwithstanding his assertions to the contrary; he had been thoroughly warned.*23LtMs, Lt 210, 1908, par. 6*

I have written this that you may understand where A. T. Jones stands. When he repents, and keeps repentant every day, the Lord will let us know it. But until then, we cannot encourage his having influence or give him opportunity to spoil the flock of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 210, 1908, par. 7*

It is time now for us to work by our influence and by our means to help those who desire to become missionaries in the cause. The Lord does not have any use for such men as A. T. Jones until they shall see their true condition and become converted. When men and women are truly converted, they cannot fail of giving evidence that God has wrought miraculously in their behalf.²³*LtMs, Lt 210, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 212, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

July 15, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *7MR 406*.

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

There is a matter about which I wish to speak to you. Sometimes you speak words to one another, in the presence of others, that are not wise. You adopt a little tantalizing way with one another and speak words that will not provoke to love and good works. You mean no harm by this, but it is something that will not always be understood by those who hear it. I advise you to break off this habit.*23LtMs, Lt 212, 1908, par. 1*

You and Sister Haskell are united in doing a sacred work. You hold positions of grave responsibility. Sister Haskell is fully justified in always speaking respectfully to you. I know that you honor and respect one another. Let this honor and respect be revealed in all your words. Let your words and works glorify God.*23LtMs, Lt 212, 1908, par. 2*

A word to the wise is sufficient. You are the Lord's workers, laborers together with Him. Ever strive to meet His approval. There is many a battle for you to fight.*23LtMs, Lt 212, 1908, par. 3*

I write you these words that you may stand in the true moral dignity which it is your privilege to maintain before your associates. Let them see that you respect and appreciate one another. Then the Lord will look upon you with approval and will own and bless you. I have confidence in you both, and I do not want you to cherish anything in your lives that is undignified or do anything that you would not do were you in the presence of Christ.*23LtMs, Lt 212, 1908, par. 4*

Lt 214, 1908

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Lt 216, 1908

Workman, Brother and Sister [W. D.]

St. Helena, California

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Mrs. Mabel Workman
Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

My dear Grandchildren:

I am glad to get an opportunity to write to you, even though I may be able to send only a short letter. Several times I have commenced a letter to you, but each time something has come up that has required my attention, and I have not been able to finish. This time, however, I hope to complete it.²³*LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 1*

I often in my mind look toward Takoma Park, a place that has been of great interest to me. Your grandfather, I think, never saw this beautiful spot. The Lord selected this place for us for the establishment of our printing house and our school and sanitarium. Here a work of education may be carried on after God's order. Here principal and teachers should pledge themselves to become true Bible teachers, keeping ever before them the glory of God. If those who hold positions of responsibility in this work are guided by the counsel of God's Word, all difficulties will be wisely and successfully met.²³*LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 2*

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

matters.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 3*

We each have a character to form after the divine similitude; we have a duty to perform in maintaining strict temperance in eating and drinking and dressing. And we have the perfect pattern before us in the life of Christ. It is your privilege to study the guide book. With determined effort, keep your thoughts toward heaven. Christ is your leader. Following Him, you will grow in knowledge of His will and way. You are bought with a price, and it is your privilege to give to others an unerring example of the charity, the love, the righteousness of Christ. He came to the world to teach all, high and low, rich and poor, how to become partakers of the divine nature. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [*John 3:16.*] What a privilege is ours. We need faith, a living, growing faith, if we would become partakers of the divine nature, and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 4*

I am thankful that you have the privileges you are now enjoying. I have a great desire to see Washington once more, and I believe I shall see it some time in the future. I hope also to visit Nashville and see the school and sanitarium there.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 5*

I am thankful that we have at Takoma Park a sanitarium that is capable of advancing the Lord's plan of education. The instruction it gives in lines of practical missionary work should serve an excellent purpose. The restoration of health to the body should lead to the restoration of sin-sick souls. All our schools, those for the colored as well as those for the white people, should be furnished with facilities for giving this line of instruction. The students should be taught how to care for the sick. This branch of the work must necessarily be conducted on a smaller scale in some places than in others; but in every place it should bear the mark of thoroughness; for habits of thoroughness and neatness will be a great recommendation as the student goes out to engage in practical work.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 6*

I have been instructed that it is the Lord's plan that there be co-operation between our schools and sanitariums, and that sanitarium

work should be done in connection with our school work where ever this is possible. Means will be needed for this work; but even though we may be limited in our facilities, it is our privilege to have the mark of perfection on all the arrangements made. And this will inspire confidence in the work, and in the truth which we profess and teach.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 7*

I have been shown that the cheap, half-way work that has been done in some of our institutions has hurt the reputation of our sanitariums and has brought reproach upon them. It has resulted in a loss of confidence, and a limiting of the means that would have come to our work in gifts and offerings. The Lord has permitted adversity to come because of carelessness, and of a cheapness that has existed, and which should be put entirely away. Those who hold positions of responsibility in connection with our health institutions should regard it as a privilege to take advantage of every circumstance to benefit the institution.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 8*

Sanitariums should be connected with our schools, because it is of the greatest importance that the students be taught how to care for the sick. There is need of sanitarium facilities in every mission field that shall be entered, and these should be planned for with regard to the location of the school interests. Whatever may be the measure of such sanitariums in regard to size, they should be perfect in their methods of instruction and plan of arrangement.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 9*

I thought you would like to read these things, and so I write them. All who are sent to new fields need this instruction. We have a deep interest in you and pray that the blessing of God may attend you.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 10*

In regard to my health, the warm weather has not been favorable for me; yet I am grateful that I can keep at work, for there is much to be done. Your father is busy all the time.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 11*

There is some talk of having Ella go to Brother Workman's for a short visit. Ella's baby is a good-natured boy; but the care of him is new work for Ella, and she carries a burden that is a little too much

for her. It may be, if she visits at Brother Workman's home for awhile, this will prove a blessing to her.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 12*

Arthur White is well and strong and is, I think, the best-natured baby I ever saw.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 13*

Now I must close. Be of good courage in the Lord; make Him your trust.*23LtMs, Lt 216, 1908, par. 14*

Lt 218, 1908

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

St. Helena, California

July 16, 1908

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To the president of the Indiana Conference

Dear Brother:

I have a message for our people in Indiana and trust that it will be read to our brethren and sisters in every church in the conference. My heart is made glad as I hear of the efforts being made by our people in Indiana to establish a sanitarium at La Fayette. The circumstances connected with the beginning of this work at La Fayette are certainly very encouraging. If the churches in Indiana will unite heartily to completion this good work that has been begun, very many will be benefited thereby. *23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 1*

The blessing of the Lord will come to His people as they perform acts of self-denial and self-sacrifice in order to establish a place where the sick may be healed and where they may also become acquainted with the principles of health reform. The Lord would have these suffering ones have every advantage of learning the truths concerning the question of health reform. *23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 2*

The message given to all our people regarding the "Extent of the Work," as published in the *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, pp. 51-59*, I here repeat to you. Also a few words from *page 62:23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 3*

"God has qualified His people to enlighten the world. He has entrusted them with faculties by which they are to extend His work

until it shall encircle the globe. In all parts of the earth, they are to establish sanitariums, schools, publishing houses, and kindred facilities for the accomplishment of His work. ...*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 4*

“Christ co-operates with those who engage in medical missionary work. Men and women who unselfishly do what they can to establish sanitariums and treatment rooms in many lands will be richly rewarded. Those who visit these institutions will be benefited physically, mentally, and spiritually—the weary will be refreshed, the sick restored to health, the sin-burdened relieved. In far-off countries, from those whose hearts are by these agencies turned from the service of sin unto righteousness, will be heard thanksgiving and the voice of melody. By their songs of grateful praise, a testimony will be borne that will win others to allegiance to and fellowship with Christ.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 5*

“The conversion of souls to God is the greatest, the noblest work in which human beings can have a part. In this work are revealed God’s power, His holiness, His forbearance, and His unbounded love. Every true conversion glorifies Him and causes the angels to break forth into singing.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 6*

“We are nearing the end of this earth’s history, and the different lines of God’s work are to be carried forward with much more self-sacrificing than is at present manifest. The work in these last days is in a special sense a missionary work. The presentation of present truth, from the first letter of its alphabet to the last, means missionary effort. The work to be done calls for sacrifice at every advance step. From this unselfish service the workers will come forth purified and refined as gold tried in the fire. ...*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 7*

“The Lord has signified that His work should be carried forward in the same spirit in which it was begun. The world is to be warned. Field after field is to be entered. The command given us is, Add new territory; add new territory. Shall we not as a people, by our business arrangements, by our attitude toward a world unsaved, bear a testimony even more clear and decisive than that borne by us twenty or thirty years ago?*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 8*

“Upon us has shone great light in regard to the last days of this earth’s history. Let not our lack of wisdom and energy give evidence of spiritual blindness. God’s messengers must be clothed with power. They must have for the truth an elevating reverence that they do not now possess. The Lord’s solemn, sacred message of warning must be proclaimed in the most difficult fields and in the most sinful cities—in every place where the light of the third angel’s message has not yet dawned. To every one is to be given the last call to the marriage supper of the Lamb.²³*LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 9*

“In proclaiming the message, God’s servants will be called upon to wrestle with numerous perplexities and to surmount many obstacles. Sometimes the work will go hard, as it did when the pioneers were establishing the institutions in Battle Creek, in Oakland, and in other places. But let all do their best, making the Lord their strength, avoiding all selfishness, and blessing others by their good works. ...²³*LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 10*

“Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel. It is necessary to the advancement of the cause of God. As through it men and woman are led to see the importance of right habits of living, the saving power of the truth will be made known. Every city is to be entered by workers trained to do medical missionary work. As the right hand of the third angel’s message, God’s methods of treating disease will open doors for the entrance of present truth. ...²³*LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 11*

“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.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 12*

“On every hand we see those who have had much light and knowledge deliberately choosing evil in the place of good. Making no attempt to reform, they are growing worse and worse. But the people of God are not to walk in darkness. They are to walk in the light, because they are reformers.”*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 13*

Self-Denial and Vigilance

Erroneous opinions, arrived at because of faulty education in the home, have been handed down by children to children’s children, and habits of indulgence have been fostered which have resulted in ruined health to thousands. Our sanitariums are to be places where correct education can be given to many on matters that pertain to life and health. The habits of eating should be carefully guarded, that none shall make themselves sick by indulgence of appetite. The Lord is not pleased when His people, bought by the sacrifice of His beloved Son, thoughtlessly injure themselves by wrong habits of living. As we pass through this world, we should seek to instruct all who will be taught how to avoid and how to overcome self-indulgent practices.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 14*

If we are believers in Jesus Christ, we shall seek to become intelligent as to how to keep the brain clear and active, that not a tittle of our influence shall be lost. We should seek to become laborers together with God by keeping the system in such a condition that it can render perfect service. It is poor policy indeed to ill treat the digestive organs upon which the happiness of the whole being so largely depends. When the stomach is disturbed, the mind is disturbed, and the brain nerve power is weakened. It therefore becomes a religious duty with every soul to learn the science of healthful living, to keep the question of diet in mind, and to treat the matter conscientiously.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 15*

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

great improvement in health and mental clearness.²³*LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 16*

The strength of the temptation to indulge perverted appetite can be measured only by the longsuffering of Christ in His long fast in the wilderness. Christ knew that in order to carry out the plan of salvation, He must begin the work of redemption just where the ruin began. Adam fell on the point of appetite. Christ took up the work of redemption just where the ruin began. The same is true of our experience. We are to begin the work of reform just where the work of degeneracy is so keenly felt.²³*LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 17*

To teach us how to overcome the temptings of appetite, Christ has given us the record of His own experience of nearly six weeks of fasting, followed by His wonderful victory over the powers of Satan. In this experience Christ broke the power of appetite for all who will accept the aid of the divine power on which He relied. He made it impossible for Satan to destroy the human race through indulged appetite and made it possible for men and women in His strength to live a Christian life. Those who believe in Christ must, like Him, guard the appetite.²³*LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 18*

Study again and again the counsel given in *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6*, regarding “God’s design in our sanitariums.” From pp. 224 and 225, I copy the following:²³*LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 19*

“In the preparation of a people for the Lord’s second coming, a great work is to be accomplished through the promulgation of health principles. The people are to be instructed in regard to the needs of the physical organism, and the value of healthful living as taught in the Scriptures, that the bodies which God has created may be presented to Him a living sacrifice, fitted to render Him acceptable service. There is a great work to be done for suffering humanity in relieving their sufferings by the use of the natural agencies that God has provided, and in teaching them how to prevent sickness by the regulations of the appetites and passions. The people should be taught that transgression of the laws of nature is transgression of the laws of God. They should be taught the truth in physical as well as spiritual lines, that ‘the fear of the Lord tendeth to life.’ [*Proverbs 19:23.*] ‘If thou wilt enter into life,’ Christ says, ‘keep the

commandments.’ [Matthew 19:17.] Live out My law ‘as the apple of thine eye.’ God’s commandments, obeyed, are ‘life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.’ [Proverbs 7:2; 4:22.]*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 20*

“Our sanitariums are an educating power to teach the people in these lines. Those who are taught can in turn impart to others a knowledge of health-restoring and health-preserving principles. Thus our sanitariums are to be an instrumentality for reaching the people, and agency for showing them the evil of disregarding the laws of life and health, and for teaching them how to preserve the body in the best condition. Sanitariums are to be established in different countries that are entered by our missionaries, and are to be centers from which a work of healing, restoring, and educating shall be carried on.”*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 21*

[A variant copy of this letter includes the following paragraphs:]*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 22*

Why Do We Establish Sanitariums?*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 23*

Why do we establish sanitariums? That the sick who come to them for treatment may receive relief from physical suffering, and may also receive spiritual help. Because of their condition of health, they are susceptible to the sanctifying influence of the medical missionaries who labor for their restoration. Let us work wisely, for their best interests.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 24*

We are not building sanitariums for hotels. Receive into our sanitariums only those who desire to conform to right principles, those who will accept the foods that we can conscientiously place before them. Should we allow patients to have intoxicating liquor in their room, or should we serve them with meats, we could not give them the help they should receive in coming to our sanitariums. We must let it be known that from principles we exclude such articles from our sanitariums.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 25*

The conduct of the workers, from the head manager to the worker occupying the humblest position, is to tell on the side of truth. The institution is to be pervaded by a spiritual atmosphere. We have a warning message to bear to the world, and our earnestness, our

devotion to God's service, is to impress those who come to our sanitariums.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 26*

We are living in the very close of this earth's history, and we are to move cautiously, understanding what the will of the Lord is, and, imbued with His Spirit, doing work that will mean much to His cause, work that will proclaim the warning message to a world infatuated, deceived, perishing in sin.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 27*

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." *John 4:35.23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 28*

In our efforts to help the sick, we are to take them away from the cities, where they are continually annoyed by the noise of trains and street cars, [to a place] where they can be surrounded by the scenes of nature, and where they can have the blessing of fresh air and sunshine. This subject was laid out before me in Australia. Light was given me that the cities would be filled with confusion, violence, and crime, and that these things would increase till the close of this earth's history. There is much to be said on this point. Instruction is to be given line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. Our physicians and teachers should be quick to see the advantage of retired locations for our sanitariums and schools.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 29*

Again and again during the past five years symbolic representations have been presented to me in visions of the night, showing what we ought to be doing in sanitarium work to help the sick to recover soundness of body and mind. We must have sanitariums in favorable places in different localities. This is God's plan. He has ordained medical missionary work as a means of saving souls, and that which we see here is a symbol of the work before us. We are to arouse our churches to engage disinterestedly in God's work, and to carry forward this branch—medical missionary work.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 30*

On the night of October 10, 1901, I was unable to sleep after half past eleven at night. Many things regarding the sanitarium work were presented to me in figures and symbols. At one place I saw

sanitarium work being carried on in a beautiful building. On the grounds surrounding the building there were many fruit trees. This institution, which was away from the city, was filled with life and activity. As in the visions of the night I saw this place, I said to our brethren, "Oh, ye of little faith! You have lost much time." On the lawn were the sick in wheelchairs. There were some patients to whom the physician had given a prescription to spend all their time out-of-doors during pleasant weather.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 31*

Some had come to the institution with discouragement written on their countenances. I seemed to be living there myself, and I could not help speaking of the change that took place in their countenances. Where once was written despair, we could now read hope and joy. Amidst the singing of the birds, we all knelt down on the grass and united in praising the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 32*

Then it seemed as if we had been in the place for months. I was speaking to the sick people, telling them of God's goodness and mercy, when one arose and sang a beautiful hymn. The voices of nearly all were raised in expressions of thankfulness for help received.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 33*

On the grounds of this beautiful place I saw in the visions of the night, there were many shade trees, the boughs of which hung down in such a way as to form leafy canopies somewhat in the shape of tents. Underneath these canopies patients were resting. The sick were delighted with their surroundings. While some worked, others were singing. There was no sign of dissatisfaction.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 34*

I awoke, and for some time could not sleep. Many vivid scenes had passed before me, and I could not forget the words I had spoken to the patients and the helpers: "Brethren and sisters, Christ has instructed me to say to you, The Holy Spirit will make your hearts tender and soft by His grace. The Lord will guide you and teach you His way."*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 35*

Institutions in which medical missionary work can be done are to be regarded as especially essential to the advancement of the Lord's work. The sick and suffering are to be relieved and then, as

opportunity offers, they are to be given instruction in regard to the truth for this time. Thus we can bring present truth before a class of people who could be reached in no other way.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 36*

The idea that a sanitarium should not be established unless it could be started free from debt has put the brake upon the wheels of progress. In building meetinghouses, I have had to borrow money in order that something might be done at once. I have been obliged to do this in order to fulfill the directions of God. For the past twenty years I have been borrowing money and paying interest on it to establish schools and sanitariums and to build meetinghouses. The institutions thus established and the churches built have been the means of winning many to the truth. Thus the tithe has been increased, and workers have been added to the Lord's forces. Will my brethren consider this and work in accordance with the light God has given us? Let that which should be done be done without delay. Do your best to remedy the neglect of the past.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 37*

One night we seemed to be in a council meeting, and the question was being considered, How can the sanitarium work be best advanced? One present proposed one thing, and still another proposed something entirely different. One of dignity and authority arose and said: "I have words of counsel for you. Never, never repeat the mistakes of the past. Men have placed too much confidence in themselves, and have allowed cultivated and hereditary tendencies to wrong, which ought to have been overcome, to bear away the victory. Various lines of work are to be earnestly carried forward for the enlightenment of those who are in spiritual darkness. Evangelical work must receive first attention, and it is to be intelligently carried forward in connection with all lines of medical missionary work."*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 38*

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

discern that which needs to be done, and prayerfully do it, that the mistakes and errors of the past may not be repeated.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 39*

“The one who is placed in the position of business manager,” he said, “must daily be managed by the Lord. He occupies a very important place, and he must possess the necessary qualifications for the work. He should have dignity and knowledge, together with a clear sense of how to use his authority. Christ must be revealed in his life. He must be a man who can give religious instruction and exert a spiritual influence.”*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 40*

He who gave the Israelites instruction from the pillar of cloud, and led them through the wilderness into the Promised Land, is our Leader today. We are under divine guidance, and if we are obedient to God’s commandments, we shall be in perfect safety, and will receive distinguished marks of His favor. ...*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 41*

Intelligent, self-denying, self-sacrificing effort is now needed. The medical missionary work given us to do means much to every one of us. It is a work for soulsaving. Christian philanthropists should step forward just now to fulfill the gospel commission.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 42*

Let our brethren send in their gifts with thanksgiving and with prayer that they may be multiplied and blessed by the Lord, as was the food given to the disciples to give to the five thousand. If we make the best use we can of the means we have, God will enable us to feed the multitude who are starving for the Bread of Life.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 43*

For the past twenty years the Lord has been giving the message that plants are to be made in many places. He will greatly bless us as we endeavor to carry out His will. Out of the city into the country is the word that has been given, and this word is to be obeyed. Our sanitariums are to be established in the most healthful surroundings.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 44*

I could not but weep for joy as I saw how plainly the providence of God has been revealed in our selection of places for sanitarium

work in San Diego, Los Angeles, and the Redlands and Riverside district.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 45*

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.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 46*

Several years ago it was presented to me that the gentile world should be called upon to make donations to our work. Let discreet, God-fearing men go to worldly men that have means, and lay before them a plan of what they desire to do. Many of these men, if approached in the right way, will make gifts to the work.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 47*

Why not ask the gentiles for assistance? I have received instruction that there are men and women in the world who have sympathetic hearts, and who will be touched with compassion as the needs of suffering humanity are presented before them. Let men who have the ability to tell what a sanitarium should be, and the need that there is for such institutions, go to the gentiles for financial aid. There are men of the world who will give of their means for schools and for sanitariums. The matter has been presented to me in this light. Our work is to be aggressive. The money is the Lord's, and if the wealthy are approached in the right way, the Lord will touch their hearts and impress them to give of their means. God's money is in the hands of these men, and some of them will heed the request for help.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 48*

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.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 49*

May the Lord bless you in your work, is my prayer.*23LtMs, Lt 218, 1908, par. 50*

Lt 220, 1908

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

St. Helena, California

July 23, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *12MR 310-311*.

To the president of the Florida Conference

Dear Brother:

I have just read your article in the *Review*, and also your letter of June 18, to my son, regarding a place which you have found near Orlando, where there is land and building, that seem to be suitable for a sanitarium.*23LtMs, Lt 220, 1908, par. 1*

I have no hesitancy in saying that I believe the time has come for Florida to have a sanitarium, so that the light which our sanitariums are established to reflect may shine forth to the people of Florida, and to the many health seekers who come from the northern states.*23LtMs, Lt 220, 1908, par. 2*

Our time is short in which to do the important work of giving the last gospel message to the world. Therefore if there is opportunity to purchase at a moderate price buildings suitably located and well adapted to the work we wish to do, let us improve the opportunity and save ourselves the time, the care, and the anxiety that would be required in the work of erecting the buildings ourselves.*23LtMs, Lt 220, 1908, par. 3*

I hope that this property which you have described, and which seems to have been brought within your reach by the providence of God, will become the means of strengthening the work in Florida, and that it will become an important center of influence from which many well-trained medical missionaries shall go forth with the message of mercy to the unworked parts of the Master's great field.*23LtMs, Lt 220, 1908, par. 4*

Not long ago I wrote a letter to our people in Indiana, regarding their effort to establish a sanitarium in La Fayette. I will send a copy to you, because I desire our people in Florida to have the same encouragement and counsel.²³*LtMs, Lt 220, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 222, 1908

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

St. Helena, California

July 23, 1908

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Dr. D. H. Kress
Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

I would be very pleased to see you and converse with you. I have a special interest in you and in your work. You both have an important work to do. Do not fail or be discouraged. The Lord will give you grace and the power of His Holy Spirit.^{23LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 1}

I have received special light that no minister should have kept before him the necessity of getting married. The thoughts of the students in our schools should not be diverted from the great object of their school work, which is to qualify body, and mind, and soul to glorify God. Let the minds of students be diverted from the great object of life to the subject of marriage, and they lose much of the advantages they should obtain in the school. Let our students make the most of their time to gain a knowledge of Him who gave His life to make it possible for every human being to grasp eternal life. From childhood to manhood or womanhood, we are to consider the meaning of the words of the apostle, "Ye are bought with a price." [¹ *Corinthians 6:20.*] When the father and mother realize this, they will live lives that are consecrated to God; they will copy Christ's example and seek to be complete in Him.^{23LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 2}

What is true education? The Psalmist answers, "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."

[*Psalm 119:130.*] What does this mean?—to the simple? It means those who feel their dependence upon God.²³*LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 3*

Let us reverently consider the great plan of salvation that has been laid and carried out for us. The only begotten Son of God clothed His divinity with humanity, and in our world was tempted by every temptation that man must meet. Therefore He is able to teach us how to meet and overcome the foe. In His human experience Christ met and conquered Satan. When attacked by the enemy in His weak condition, after having fasted for forty days and forty nights, He did not waver or compromise. Every word spoken was right to the point. “If Thou be the Son of God,” Satan said, “command that these stones be made bread.” Christ replied, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” [*Matthew 4:3, 4.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 4*

The Word of God is plain and distinct, revealing truth in contrast with error. Let us grasp the truth and hold it fast under every temptation. The Word of God, used as Christ used it in His hour of trial, will raise up a standard against the enemy for every tempted soul.²³*LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 5*

I have carried very heavy burdens for those of our number who have given themselves to work on the side of wrong. I feel so sorry that they should have done this. Lately I have been reading the General Conference Bulletins of 1893 and 1897, and I am much relieved with what I find there. The Lord certainly gave to A. T. Jones at those conference gatherings a message in vindication of the testimonies that should strengthen and bless His people. These discourses of his should be republished for the benefit of our people, and perhaps this may be the means of opening his own eyes.²³*LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 6*

I have been referred to case after case where men have spoken just such messages under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, yet who, later on, because they have not learned the lesson of walking humbly with God, and have failed to make Christ their efficiency, their front guard and their rearward, have become self-exalted and have lost their spiritual eyesight.²³*LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 7*

Read carefully the instruction given to the prophet *Ezekiel in the second and third chapters* of this book:*23LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 8*

“And He said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the Spirit entered into me when He spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard Him that spake unto me.*23LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 9*

“And He said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against Me: they and their fathers have transgressed against Me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.*23LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 10*

“And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak My words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious. But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee: Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat what I give thee.*23LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 11*

“And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and lo, a roll of a book was therein; and He spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations and mourning, and woe.*23LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 12*

“Moreover He said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that roll. And He said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.*23LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 13*

“And He said unto me, Son of man, go get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with My words unto them. For thou art not sent to

a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, [but to the house of Israel; not to many people of a strange speech and of a hard language,] whose words thou canst not understand. Surely had I sent thee to them, they would have harkened unto thee. But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto Me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard hearted. Behold I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. Moreover He said unto me, Son of man, all thy words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.²³*LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 14*

“Then the Spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the Lord from His place. I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing. So the Spirit lifted me up, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me.” [*Ezekiel 2:1-10; 3:1-14.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 15*

I was charged to bring these Scriptures before the people. These words are applicable to those who have set themselves so decidedly against the messages of the Lord. The Lord will surely deal with His people at the present time as He has dealt with them in the past. I thought the camp-meeting at Melrose would be an appropriate time to give this message, but it was not given because there were so many there who knew not their true condition before God. The enemy had filled hearts and minds with doubt and unbelief. Many were lost in the fog.²³*LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 16*

A straight testimony must now be borne. The Lord's purposes have not been carried out, and because of this a heavy burden has been laid upon the souls of some who have felt the burden of the work. At Battle Creek a work has steadily been going forward in opposition

to the messages that God has sent. Those who have maintained their positions of stubborn determination to counterwork the work of the Holy Spirit, by resisting the messages borne in our conferences, have exerted an influence that has been in marked contrast to the Holy Spirit's counsels. They are now called to come into line by repentance and confession. Truth, saving truth is to be repeated. Christ's reply to Satan in the wilderness of temptation brought Him into no controversy with the enemy. He did not attack Satan's theories, but kept to the affirmative. His example is a lesson to us. In all discussions with an opponent, we may meet him with a plain Thus saith the Lord. Do not deal with his objections, but present the truth in the affirmative. Truth, eternal Bible truth—this is essential for our salvation. Let it be expressed in our words and in our daily life. O how important it is that every soul who is striving for the crown of life strive lawfully.²³*LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 17*

The only begotten Son of God came to our world to reveal truth in contrast with error. This saving truth we are to reveal in our speech and in Christlike deportment. Truth never languished on the lips of Christ. It was clearly defined, in words, in works, in spirit. He declared of Himself, "For this cause came I into the world, that I might bear witness unto the truth." [*John 18:37.*] He was the truth, the Light of the world. His bright beams were to shine amid the moral darkness of this sin-cursed world.²³*LtMs, Lt 222, 1908, par. 18*

Lt 224, 1908

Prescott, W. W.

St. Helena, California

June 24, 1908

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Elder W. W. Prescott
Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:

I have been shown your peril during the time of your connecting with Dr. E. J. Waggoner. You both came to the conference of 1901 enthused with what you supposed to be precious spiritual light. You were desirous of presenting this light to me, but I was shown that much of that which you supposed to be precious light was dangerous, misleading fables, and that I must have no conversation with you regarding these ideas that were filling your minds. *23LtMs, Lt 224, 1908, par. 1*

The theories held by Ellet Waggoner were similar in character to those we had met and rebuked in several places where we met fanatical movements after the passing of the time in 1844. Dr. Waggoner was then departing from the faith in the doctrine he held regarding spiritual affinities. *23LtMs, Lt 224, 1908, par. 2*

You have many times escaped from the snare of the enemy. But you are not beyond the danger of making mistakes. You sometimes allow your mind to center upon a certain train of thought, and you are in danger of making a mountain out of a molehill. Brother Prescott, there has been a serious weakness in your work of ministry. It is a tendency to sway from clearly defined truth and give undue attention to some items which seem to require hours of argument to prove, when in reality they do not need to be handled

at all. It will be wise for you to say, when tempted to do this work, We cannot afford to arouse arguments upon points that are not essential for the salvation of the soul.*23LtMs, Lt 224, 1908, par. 3*

You are now in danger of occupying time and energy with certain points upon which you seem to have clear light. But I am charged to say to you that it will be better for you to keep silent regarding this subject. To devote so much attention to the jots and tittles will open the way for controversy regarding the truth we hold dear and bring in a large amount of criticism which need not exist.*23LtMs, Lt 224, 1908, par. 4*

I write this to caution you. Keep to the simplicity of the Word. Consider the great work that needs to be done.*23LtMs, Lt 224, 1908, par. 5*

There is a work to be done in Washington in following the light the Lord has given on the subject of health reform, upon temperance in eating and drinking. When the brethren there work to become health reformers, they will have clearer minds to discern what does and does not affect the salvation of the soul. Our ministers are to understand that health reform means much to each one of them.*23LtMs, Lt 224, 1908, par. 6*

Manna from heaven was given the children of Israel in their journeying in the wilderness. They “did eat angels’ food.” [*Psalm 78:25.*] But this did not satisfy them. They longed for flesh meats; and they mourned and murmured because they could not have their desire. Then the Lord granted their request, and that vast multitude was given quails in abundance. When the people reaped the result of their transgression, the Lord did not work a miracle to preserve life. While yet the flesh was between their teeth, the plague came upon them, destroying thousands of their number.*23LtMs, Lt 224, 1908, par. 7*

The Lord gave to Moses for Israel plain directions as to the way His name should be respected and His requirements met. No careless, haphazard work was to be done. From the pillar of cloud the Lord directed when they should pitch their camp and when they should move on. “When the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in their journeys; but if the cloud

were not taken up, then they journeyed not until the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.” [Exodus 40:36-38.]*23LtMs, Lt 224, 1908, par. 8*

The Lord is soon coming with power and great glory. Should not those who profess to believe in His coming be giving to the cause of the coming King the power of a right example? We are to evidence for our neighbors the same interest that we manifest for ourselves. Our love for God must be supreme.*23LtMs, Lt 224, 1908, par. 9*

Elder E. J. Hibbard has suggested to me that if Elder A. T. Jones were wisely labored for, he might come back into our ranks. The night after his letter came, a presentation was given to me showing me that we must be careful not to open the way for anyone to spoil the flock of God. Elder Jones has done a work that has destroyed the confidence of many of his brethren in him. He has been persistent in following out his erratic course. He has gone from place to place with falsehoods and misrepresentations, which have had to be followed up and refuted by Elder Daniells and others of our ministers. I was shown that it was by such work as this that Satan seeks to deceive if possible the very elect. When Elder Jones will humble himself before God, and do a thorough work of repentance, there will be something for us as a people to do. But until that time shall come, it is our duty to let him alone.*23LtMs, Lt 224, 1908, par. 10*

The Lord calls upon us individually to strive to reach the highest point of consecration to Him. Let us not, by a mistaken zeal, lead any poor soul off the track, placing him where Satan can ruin his experience. We need to come up on higher ground. We need to purify the soul by humble obedience. We are now deciding our own destiny, whether or not we will be sanctified and give to the world a correct representation of Christ’s holy character.*23LtMs, Lt 224, 1908, par. 11*

Lt 226, 1908

Prescott, W. W.

St. Helena, California

July 1, 1908

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Elder W. W. Prescott
Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:

I am instructed to say to you, Let there be no questions agitated at this time in the *Review* that will tend to unsettle minds. Let us seek for soul work. Let us as a people humble ourselves before the Lord and seek Him for true conversion. There is a work to be done in our hearts and in our homes that but few understand. There is need of much praying, not need of long prayers, but prayers of faith offered in humility of soul.²³*LtMs, Lt 226, 1908, par. 1*

We have no time now to enter into unnecessary controversy, but we should earnestly consider the need of seeking the Lord for true conversion of heart and life. There should be determined efforts made to secure sanctification of soul and mind. There is a deep and earnest work to be done in every church and in every family. Fathers and mothers have a solemn work to do in bringing their children to understand the necessity of seeking the Lord for salvation from sin.²³*LtMs, Lt 226, 1908, par. 2*

In all our schools, instruction is to be given that will lead the students to put on the white robe of the righteousness of Christ. In our larger churches, special, personal efforts should be made for fathers and mothers, that they may understand the consecration that is required of them, that they may do effectual work for the salvation of their children. Earnest prayers should be offered for the

institutions established for the education and training of our children and youth, that those who receive instruction there may grow up to honor and glorify God.*23LtMs, Lt 226, 1908, par. 3*

It will prove to be a great mistake if you agitate at this time the question regarding the "daily," which has been occupying much of your attention of late. [*Daniel 8:11-13.*] I have been shown that the result of your making this question a prominent issue would be that the minds of a large number will be directed to an unnecessary controversy, and that questioning and confusion will be developed in our ranks. Cannot you see that if this question is agitated now, that minds would be unfavorably impressed, and that many who should be seeking most earnestly for the saving grace of Christ would be drawn into controversy? And there are some who would make capital of this matter to turn souls away from the truth. My brother, let us be slow to raise questions that will be a source of temptation to our people.*23LtMs, Lt 226, 1908, par. 4*

I have had no special light on the point presented for discussion, and I do not see the need of this discussion. But I am instructed to tell you that this small matter, upon which you are concentrating your thought, will become a great mountain unless you determine to let it alone. I have been instructed that the Lord has not placed upon you the burden you are now carrying regarding this matter, and that it is not profitable for you to spend so much time and attention in its consideration. You are not using wisely the time God is giving you by thus devoting it to such jots and tittles, when you can be speaking words that will confirm the people of God in the faith they hold. God has not placed upon any of His ministers the work of sowing seeds that will produce confusion and unbelief.*23LtMs, Lt 226, 1908, par. 5*

You suppose that a mistake has been made in the view that has been held by some of our brethren in regard to the sanctuary question. There have been different opinions regarding the daily, and there will continue to be. If the Lord has seen fit to let this matter rest for so many years without correcting the same, would it not be wisdom on your part to refrain from presenting your views concerning it? I advise you not to present your ideas before our churches, but to let this matter alone; because at this period of our

history, the enemy will be served by an attack made on us regarding our disagreement on this point, if it is made prominent; and this will lead to a worse issue.²³*LtMs, Lt 226, 1908, par. 6*

The simplicity of our faith is to be dwelt upon. Let the ministers teach the people how to give to others a knowledge of the saving truth for this time. The teachings of Christ are very simple, but they are all essential. Let us heed His words; for we are exhorted to look to Him for guidance. We should ever bear in mind that we are to be taught of God. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth. ... And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace." [*John 1:14, 16.*] The power of the gospel is to come upon the companies who are raised up to bear witness to the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.²³*LtMs, Lt 226, 1908, par. 7*

Study the *78th Psalm*; it is worthy of our earnest consideration. A solemn work is before us, and the people of God should be far in advance of where they now stand in an understanding of eternal realities. What we need now is fishers of men.²³*LtMs, Lt 226, 1908, par. 8*

Let us as a people arouse to our duty to explain the truths of the Word to those who know them not. Begin earnest, self-sacrificing efforts for those who are perishing in their sins. Those who sow the seeds of truth will reap a rich harvest. The amount of good done by unselfish effort, no human mind can estimate.²³*LtMs, Lt 226, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 228, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

July 27, 1908

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Elder J. E. White
1713 Cass Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear children Edson and Emma:

While the rest of my family are sleeping, I am astir. I could not sleep this morning after two o'clock. I have been pleading earnestly with God for physical health, for strength of eyesight, and clearness of perception. We all need to watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation. Let us encourage in ourselves and in others a pure, strong, holy trust in the Word of the Lord. Satan is playing the game of life for every soul. Let us keep the heart with all diligence, guarding every point of attack, lest we be taken unawares.²³*LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 1*

“Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; but Christ as a son over His own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.²³*LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 2*

“Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their hearts; and they have not known My ways. So I sware in My wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)²³*LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 3*

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. While it is said, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was He grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware He that they should not enter into His rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”
[*Hebrews 3:5-19.*]23*LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 4*

I am charged to present these Scriptures to our people at this time. Shall we not take the warning to ourselves, repeating it over and over again? Strange things will be brought in among us who have had the light, but who have not walked in the light. Satan will work in every possible way with his deceptive wiles to undermine the faith of our people. But, my children, watch unto prayer, draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Let not your faith waver. If ever there were a time when there was need of daily consecration to God, it is now. Our faith must center in Him who is the gift of God to our world. “Ye are bought with a price,” the apostle says. [*1 Corinthians 6:20.*] And what a price!—the life of the only begotten Son of God, He who was without sin, and in whose mouth was found no guile.23*LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 5*

My children, there are stormy times before us, when “many shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.” [*1 Timothy 4:1.*] I urge you to make the Lord your arm of strength. Stand faithful and true as loyal soldiers of Christ Jesus. There is a heaven to win and a hell to shun. We must not be half-hearted now. We have a straightforward message to bear at this time, when Satan will, if possible, deceive the very elect. Let us pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit’s guidance.23*LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 6*

The Lord has a work for women as well as for men to do in becoming thoroughly acquainted with the teachings of Scripture.

We are instructed to eat the Word, that is, to apply it to our individual lives and to make it a part of ourselves.²³*LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 7*

We cannot at this time afford to place ourselves in the way of temptation. If compelled to be placed in hard and trying circumstances, the Lord will keep us and will be our shield. But when we place ourselves in peril, we give Satan the right of way.²³*LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 8*

Cultivate the heart's affections. Watch and pray, and let the voice of thanksgiving and praise be heard in an acknowledgement of the grace of Christ vouchsafed to you. Render to the Lord the fruit of the lips. Let no idle words be spoken, but praise the Lord with heart and soul and voice. "Whosoever offereth praise glorifieth God." [See *Psalms 50:23*.] We are not as faithful as we should be in acknowledging the goodness and blessings of God. There are many souls whom we might help if we would educate our tongues to speak a word in season.²³*LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 9*

Every individual believer is under obligation to give to others the truth he possesses. Nothing should be allowed to keep the servant of Christ from letting his light shine forth to his fellow men. We are ever to be learners, ever to be increasing in a knowledge of how to lead others to the light of truth. There are sinners all around us to be labored for. "Ye are laborers together with God." [*1 Corinthians 3:9*.] If we will arouse ourselves to co-operate with the divine worker, we shall see a great work accomplished. And we ourselves will grow in grace as we seek to communicate the will of God to others. Let self be hid with Christ in God.²³*LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 10*

I am instructed to urge the necessity of personal consecration and sanctification of the whole heart to God. Let each soul inquire, Lord, what wouldst Thou have me to do, that the vigilance of Christ may be seen in my life, that His example may be copied by me, and that I may speak sincere words that will help souls who are in the darkness of sin.²³*LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 11*

If we would keep our light burning, we must be constantly receiving a supply of the heavenly oil, the grace of the Spirit of God. And as

we seek to shed light upon the pathway of souls in darkness and sin, a new light will be imparted to us. Each consecrated vessel will be filled with the oil of grace, that it may be emptied into other vessels. As professing Christians, our lives must be Christlike; and this can only be when we receive to impart.*23LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 12*

I am instructed to say to our church members that we are far from meeting our responsibilities. Many among us who profess to believe are daily losing opportunities of receiving the grace of Christ and of imparting this grace to others. We should daily be increasing in ability to do the precious work of winning souls to Christ. This is such a precious work, such a satisfying work.*23LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 13*

All heaven is waiting for channels through whom can be poured the heavenly oil to refresh and strengthen needy souls. The Lord will protect and guide those who let this divine fulness flow from their lips in grateful praise and who labor, through deeds of charity and love, to bless mankind. Such workers will become consecrated agents for God.*23LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 14*

I have been writing for several hours by lamplight. I will commit this to you, that you may communicate it to others. May the Lord abundantly bless you and make you channels of light and blessing, is my prayer. I will be pleased to hear from you.*23LtMs, Lt 228, 1908, par. 15*

Lt 230, 1908

Jones, A. T.

St. Helena, California

July 25, 1908

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Elder A. T. Jones

Dear Brother:

It has been presented to me that I must speak to you, for you need help in order to break the spell that has been upon you. If you would humble your heart before the Lord, and accept the light that He has given you, you would have help from God.^{23LtMs, Lt 230, 1908, par. 1}

I have been instructed to use those discourses of yours printed in the General Conference Bulletins of 1893 and 1897, which contain strong arguments regarding the validity of the testimonies, and which substantiate the gift of prophecy among us. I was shown that many would be helped by these articles, and especially those newly come to the faith who have not been made acquainted with our history as a people. It will be a blessing to you to read again these arguments, which were of the Holy Spirit's framing.^{23LtMs, Lt 230, 1908, par. 2}

Be assured, Elder Jones, that if you see your mistake in pursuing the course you have for some time been following, and take your position on the side of truth in regard to this question, the spell that is upon you will be broken. We call upon you to take your stand on the Lord's side and act your part as a loyal subject of the kingdom. Acknowledge the gift that has been placed in the church for the guidance of God's people in the closing days of earth's history. From the beginning the church of God has had the gift of prophecy in her midst as a living voice to counsel, admonish, and instruct. We have now come to the last days of the work of the third angel's message, when Satan will work with increasing power because he

knows that his time is short. At the same time there will come to us, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, diversities of operations in the outpouring of the Spirit. This is the time of the latter rain. In view of this, the words of the apostle should come to us with impelling force, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. And He shall send Jesus Christ which before was preached unto you: whom the heavens must receive until the time of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." [Acts 3:19-21.]*23LtMs, Lt 230, 1908, par. 3*

"For Moses truly said to the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul that will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken have likewise spoken of these days. Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed." [Verses 22-25.]*23LtMs, Lt 230, 1908, par. 4*

I cannot describe to you the relief of mind that has come to me. We thank God that the spell that has been over you may be broken. Yield your will to the Holy Spirit's guidance. Blessed assurance will come to the heart that is opened to welcome the lowly Jesus.*23LtMs, Lt 230, 1908, par. 5*

Jesus says, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference." [Romans 3:20-22.]*23LtMs, Lt 230, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 232, 1908

Hare, Brother and Sister [M.]

St. Helena, California

July 26, 1908

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M. Hare
Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Brother and Sister Hare:

I have had some things on my mind that I wished to say to you, but again and again I have been prevented from doing so by other matters which have been brought up for my consideration. But I will not complain that there is so much to do; rather I will thank the Lord that He gives me strength to do it.²³*LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 1*

Last night I had a good night's rest, for which I am thankful. I took a longer ride than usual this morning, because I needed to rest my eyes. I pray continually that my eyesight may be preserved.²³*LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 2*

I am much pleased that you can help establish the health food work at Nashville. I pray that the Lord may give you wisdom for the work. In the night season I seemed to be talking with you, and saying, Do not fail or be discouraged. The Lord will impart to you skill and understanding. He will be a present help in every time of need. At such times it is your privilege to expect help from the One who understands. Do not worry. The Lord is your helper.²³*LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 3*

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

remember that the Lord is your helper and that He has promised to guide you with judgment.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 4*

How often I desire to see you and my son Edson. I still think we shall visit the South, for I have a message of encouragement for our people there. At times I am tempted to say that I cannot travel any more, but I still continue to do so. I have promised to attend the meeting at Los Angeles; and if the Lord gives me strength, I will leave here next week for that place. I have a message to bear to the people who shall assemble there. In the night season I seem to be standing before large congregations and giving to them the messages given to me for them by the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 5*

I have found the warm weather very trying during the past few weeks. It may be very warm in Southern California; nevertheless I will go, putting my trust in the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 6*

Our family is very small just now. We feel that we have the very best of help in our matron and cook Miss Hannaford. We can thoroughly depend on her. This last week I have been able to attend family worship in the morning and to lead in prayer. I have realized that the Lord is near to hear our heartfelt petitions. I am grateful to the Lord that He is so merciful to me, and I can offer my simple prayer to Him in full confidence. I love the Lord. I am not faithless, but believing.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 7*

It is our duty, as children of God, to talk faith and not doubt. We are to be hopeful and cheerful in the Lord. Let us not look on the dark side of circumstances, but look up and believe in the One whom God gave to the world to save us from our sins. Christ accomplishes our salvation by inspiring faith in our hearts and a belief in the truth. The truth makes free; and those whom the Son makes free are free indeed. Let us seek to honor God by revealing a constantly increasing confidence in the assurance that He will accept every soul who serves Him in sincerity.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 8*

We are the Lord's little children, and we are to be led and upheld by Him. If we will learn lessons from the kindness and patience and tenderness of Jesus, we will be a blessing to all with whom we are

associated. The Lord would have us take comfort in His promises and praise Him much more than we do. "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God." [See *Psalms 50:23*.] Let us learn how to express our gratitude to God for His wonderful condescension and love for mankind.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 9*

The only begotten Son of God consented to leave the heavenly courts and come to our world to live with an ungrateful people who refused His gracious mercies. He consented to live a life of poverty and to endure suffering and temptation. He became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And the Word declares, "We hid as it were our faces from Him." [*Isaiah 53:3*.] Of His own disciples, Peter denied Him, and Judas betrayed Him. The people whom He came to bless rejected Him; they put Him to shame and caused Him untold suffering. They placed His head a crown of thorns that pierced His holy temples. They beat Him with a scourge, and then they nailed Him to the cross. Yet amid it all, no word of complaint escaped His lips; no word of blame did He speak to His persecutors.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 10*

On the cross He was taunted with the words, "Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it again in three days, come down from the cross, and we will believe in Thee." [*Matthew 27:40, 42*.] Of the two thieves who were crucified with Him, one railed on Him. But the other reproved his companion and said to Christ, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." And the Saviour responded to his request, "Verily, I say unto thee today, Thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." [*Luke 23:42, 43*.] Christ did not say to the thief that he would be that day in Paradise, but, "Today, while I am hanging in agony on the cross, I say unto thee, Thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." The satanic agencies who were reviling the Saviour heard His words to the repentant thief, and they trembled as they heard.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 11*

Christ bore all this suffering in order to obtain the right to confer eternal righteousness upon as many as would believe on Him. O when I think of this, I feel that no complaint should ever escape my lips.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 12*

When Christ was placed in Joseph's tomb, the Roman guard were

stationed at the sepulcher to guard the body of Christ. Thus His enemies thought that they had made the body secure. They could not see that heavenly angels were also guarding the place and waiting for the moment when they should welcome to life again the Prince of life. "And behold there was a great earthquake." [*Matthew 28:2.*] An angel came down to earth clothed with the panoply of heaven. The bright beams of God's glory went before him, and before their brightness the Roman guard fell as dead men to the earth. The mighty angel rolled away the stone from the sepulcher and called forth the Son of God. Coming forth, the Saviour proclaimed over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, "I am the resurrection and the life." [*John 11:25.*]*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 13*

When we are having a hard time, let us consider how much that our salvation cost the God of the universe. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [*John 3:16.*] Let us consider what Christ has endured to make it possible to secure salvation for the world. This will hush every murmur and complaint. When we teach our hearts to respond to His love, our voices will ascend in thanksgiving when we are called to suffer in any way for Him who gave His life for us.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 14*

Brother and Sister Hare, it means very much to be an overcomer. I am very anxious that you shall stand on vantage ground, and that of you it may be said, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." [*Revelation 12:11.*] Let us encourage thankful, rejoicing hearts. Let our testimony be borne in clear, ringing tones, He gave His life for me; I will give my life for Him. He has bought me at a priceless cost, and I will glorify His holy name.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 15*

"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." [*Philippians 4:4.*] Let no murmuring word be heard. Do your best, and expect that the Lord will care for you. Let expressions of praise flow from your lips, as those who claim to be sons and daughters of God. Thus you will set an example that is worthy of imitation. You can both do much for the church by setting an example of praise to God; for others will catch from you the spirit of thanksgiving.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 16*

I hope our brethren will do their best to help you regulate and set things in order. With your knowledge of the health food work, you can do a good work and bring order out of confusion. You know how we had to labor in Australia under the hardest and most discouraging circumstances. But every one had to act a disinterested part in order to accomplish what was done. You have had some experience in looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of your faith. Let us remember that we each have an individuality, and that we each have a part to act in the work, which should be done faithfully.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 17*

We need and must have a daily supply of the rich grace of Christ. Let the prayer be constantly ascending to heaven, "Lord teach me to do as Jesus would do were He in my place."*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 18*

Our time to work is nearly ended. In our advocacy of the truth, our bitterest opponents should be treated with courtesy and respect—treated as Christ would treat them. They are bought with the price of Christ's precious blood. In our labors to advance the cause of present truth, Christ's ways are to become our ways, His example our pattern. If we will do this, our words and manners and influence will be a savor of life unto life to those with whom we deal. It is a solemn thought that by our influence we may close the hearts of those who know us to the truth, and every soul whom we thus influence will confront us in the judgment to condemn us.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 19*

I have a deep interest in the work you are doing. It is a work that I believe should be done. We would not urge you unduly if you feel that you cannot do this, but I feel sure that if you will determine to serve the Lord with faithful hearts and with a spirit of co-operation, your brethren will sustain you.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par. 20*

I pray that you both will walk in the path of humble obedience. I will always give you encouragement while you walk in the right way. It is our duty to fill that place in the work which we have knowledge and ability to fill. Make use of every opportunity of teaching to others your methods of manufacturing foods. May the Lord strengthen and bless you, is my prayer.*23LtMs, Lt 232, 1908, par.*

Lt 234, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

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Elder Haskell
Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

Since the hot weather has come, I have not felt well, and at times have thought that it might not be wise to attend the Los Angeles camp-meeting; still, I have hoped that this might be possible, and I expect we shall go. For one week my head and eyes have caused me much suffering, and I have written very little. Yesterday I was freer from pain, although last night I could not sleep past twelve o'clock. Finding it impossible to sleep, I decided to get up and make preparations for our journey. We are planning to leave here Wednesday afternoon, as this will enable us to get to the end of our journey in time to make all necessary arrangements before the Sabbath, and thus save any bustle or confusion at the beginning of the Sabbath.²³*LtMs, Lt 234, 1908, par. 1*

I had much satisfaction yesterday in reading over our Australian mail. We had several good letters, which you also will enjoy reading when we meet.²³*LtMs, Lt 234, 1908, par. 2*

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

question, What shall I do, that I may fully act my part in giving this last note of warning?*23LtMs, Lt 234, 1908, par. 3*

On Friday I had an interview with Elder A. T. Jones. This interview taxed me greatly. I placed before Elder Jones his true condition, but in such words as not to discourage him. Then we had a season of prayer. O how I wish that he might see himself as God sees him; as it is, he has little sense of his true condition. The Lord alone knows how to impress the hearts and minds of such. In our season of prayer, both W. C. White and I prayed that the Lord would reveal to our brother his true position.*23LtMs, Lt 234, 1908, par. 4*

We did not see anything to encourage us in the hope that Elder Jones is coming out from the darkness that is upon him. He feels that he understands himself; but he is as the blind and is feeling about to know what step to take next. I felt that I must speak plainly to him. I told him that notwithstanding the warnings that had been given regarding Dr. Kellogg's influence over him, he had gone into the very path he had been cautioned not to take; he had not spiritual discernment to understand the doctor's religious standing. I told him that he had become Dr. Kellogg's voice to the people.*23LtMs, Lt 234, 1908, par. 5*

I told him also of the instruction I had received to take his discourses, printed in the General Conference Bulletins of 1893 and 1897, and publish them for the benefit of our people, and especially for those who are newly come to the faith, and who knew little or nothing of the early history of the message. Through these discourses spoken at a time when A. T. Jones was led and controlled by the Holy Spirit, and similar statements from others, the faith of God's people would be strengthened. They would vindicate God's work among His people in this last days. What effect this will have upon his mind we cannot say. He seems like a man lost in the fog.*23LtMs, Lt 234, 1908, par. 6*

I will write no more now. We hope to meet you shortly in Los Angeles. We have heard nothing yet from the meeting in Eureka. Shall be glad indeed to see you both. Come in good season.*23LtMs, Lt 234, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 236, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

Los Angeles, California

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Elder S. N. Haskell
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Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I was very glad to read letters from you. We reached Los Angeles on Friday afternoon about 5:30, after a long and trying journey. The heat was very great, and we were delayed over eight hours at different places on the way. On Friday morning before daylight we were held for two hours, because of a freight wreck on the line, and again at 6:30 we were stopped because of another wreck. This time we were compelled to wait for nearly seven hours, while the wrecking car went ahead of us and cleared the line.²³*LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 1*

The heat in the cars was intense, so we took our lunch basket and went on to the hillside and ate our breakfast in the shade of a large water tank. We had plenty of fresh fruit with us, for which we were very thankful. Brother and Sister Crisler helped to make up our party.²³*LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 2*

After eating breakfast we returned to the car and waited for the time when we could move on. We had a compartment to ourselves, but we could not keep out the hot air, which was heavily laden with dust.²³*LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 3*

Although weak, I spoke Sabbath morning to an immense crowd

gathered in the large tent. My voice had not its usual strength; but the Lord blessed me with freedom, and I received the testimony from several who sat on the outskirts of the crowd, that they heard every word I spoke. I was glad of this opportunity to speak and trust that the Lord will strengthen me to speak several times. I am not so strong as I could wish to be, but I praise the Lord for His strength-giving power.*23LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 4*

This morning, Wednesday, I spoke to the ministers gathered in one of the smaller tents, presenting to them the advantages to be gained by having the meeting continue another week. Thus they could become more intimately acquainted with those coming to the ground who are not of our faith, and yet who in many respects are working on right lines. There are many Women's Christian Temperance Union workers here who are interested in our work, and some are attending the meetings. I am anxious that everything possible shall be done to become acquainted with these women.*23LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 5*

Day by day I have thought of you and wished you were here. But I know that something important has detained you.*23LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 6*

Last evening W. C. White, Elder Cottrell, and Elder Reaser came to my room and wished me to express myself in regard to Brother Reaser, whether it is best for him to go to Mexico or to remain in the work in Southern California. I was sorry to have to say to Brother Reaser that it was not wise for him to serve in this conference another year. His example of ruling it over God's heritage as he had done the years he had served makes it wise for him to change his field of labor. This ruling element has worked to the injury of the Lord's cause and has wrought changes in the conference which have greatly damaged its prosperity and success. Elder Reaser has made decided changes in his course. But the years that have passed have brought in an objectionable experience to many of our churches. That men with the Scriptures in their hands should consider themselves a ruling power to forbid or permit as they choose is a mystery. The Lord forbids it. God has given to no man an arbitrary power over His people. The man who, as president of a conference, undertakes to exercise such authority has mistaken his

duty. No man is placed as god, that his word should be yea and amen. The man who does not understand his own strong traits of character, and who seeks to become a law unto the church, will become a cause of weakness and of spiritual decadence. I am instructed that this spirit is no more to find place among us. We are to be under the rulership of the Lord Jesus Christ.²³*LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 7*

I am instructed to say to our ministers and workers in every line, Be careful that the work of cleansing and sanctification shall go on in your own individual souls. Let your first thought be to make your calling and election sure. Your example is to be full of kindness and encouragement. No masterful spirit is to come in, but let the heart be filled with the tenderness and love and compassion of Christ.²³*LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 8*

Let not commercialism come in to spoil your Christian experience. Let the same energy and careful thought that you once brought into worldly matters be cleansed from all selfishness and brought into your service for God, to whom we owe everything. Work every day for sanctification of the spirit through belief of the truth. Let all realize that they are chosen of God to reveal that they understand the mystery of godliness. Help souls to the clear light of Christian principle by extending a helping hand to all who need encouragement.²³*LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 9*

Every believer in Oakland and San Francisco, and in every church established in the name of the third angel's message, should now be at work to help the souls who need help. I would say to every believer, Bring the spirit of heavenly grace into your soul, into your experience—this is the impress of the character of Christ. Angels are watching you, and they sing songs of thanksgiving and praise to God and the Lamb when His people engage in faithful, unselfish labor for others. And your reward for service will be found in the reflection of the tender spirit of Christ in your character.²³*LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 10*

By communicating to others the grace we receive, we shall be made partakers of the rich blessings of God. Obedience to His will will keep the soul in the love of Christ. Bind yourselves up with

Christ and with God, and reflect His glory to the souls ready to perish. Let there be a reconversion of soul on the part of those who have allowed themselves to grow careless and indifferent. If we would look upon suffering humanity with eyes that see their need, and would heed the command of Christ, Go work today in My vineyard; if we would speak to them words of comfort and wisdom, work out before them the principles of the gospel, the message of mercy would soon reach to every part of the world.²³*LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 11*

We become overcomers by helping others to overcome, by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. The keeping of the commandments of God will yield in us an obedient spirit, and the service that is the offspring of such a spirit, God can accept. O that we all in the day of final award might hear the words spoken individually to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant." [*Matthew 25:23.*] How many in our churches will seek to set such an example as will reflect to mankind the Light of the world?²³*LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 12*

The Saviour calls for workers who will give themselves to be worked by the Spirit of God, workers who will yield to the refining, elevating influences of truth, and thus be fitted to wear the crown of life in the kingdom of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 236, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 238, 1908

Wilcox, F. M.

St. Helena, California

July 31, 1908

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Elder F. M. Wilcox
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Brother Wilcox:

I have words to speak to you. I am thankful for the encouraging way in which you write regarding the work at the Boulder Sanitarium. The Lord will not leave any institution that is conducted in the fear of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 238, 1908, par. 1*

I would say to you, Elder Wilcox, that when the Lord shall send you help that you know to be reliable, then you may look for His directions as to where you shall go and what you shall do. But until help is obtained, who will work faithfully for the advancement of His cause, you are in no case to move away from your present field of labor.²³*LtMs, Lt 238, 1908, par. 2*

In regard to the one mentioned concerning whom you have had so much trouble, I must say that the Holy Spirit has not been her guide. She is in need of the converting power of God to work on mind and heart. The sanitarium at Boulder is not again to accept her as a member of its staff of workers. This institution is not again to be subjected to such trial as it has passed through because of her influence. The sanitarium is to be carefully guarded from all such jealous, suspicious influences; for such a spirit at work in the institution will do much to counterwork the work for which the sanitarium is established.²³*LtMs, Lt 238, 1908, par. 3*

It is of great importance that a healthful, sanctified influence be

exerted by those who are connected with the work of the institution. If those who claim to be Christians are really such, a sweet, holy atmosphere will pervade the place that will be recognized by those who come to the institution. Let all who have a part to act in this branch of the work, put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, and reflect His likeness in words and works of righteousness.*23LtMs, Lt 238, 1908, par. 4*

I trust, my brother, that if at any time you should be removed from the Boulder Sanitarium, those who take your place will regard the instruction that has been given. May the Lord help you to distinguish clearly this duty and the responsibility that rests upon you to keep out of the institution all hurtful influences.*23LtMs, Lt 238, 1908, par. 5*

I would be glad if I could visit you at Boulder. We are having warm weather in St. Helena. In a few days I leave here for the Los Angeles camp-meeting.*23LtMs, Lt 238, 1908, par. 6*

Today I had some conversation with A. T. Jones, who is in St. Helena for a few days. His position is difficult to explain. He and W. C. White and I had a praying season together. What the result of his visit will be we cannot tell. Only the Lord can help the man. My prayer is that the Lord will bless and sanctify this interview to his good.*23LtMs, Lt 238, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 239, 1908

Jones, A. T.

St. Helena, California

July 1908

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Elder A. T. Jones:

I have been conversing with you in the night season. I have carried the burden of your case upon my soul because the Lord has presented to me the dangers of your expressing your strong natural traits of character. These traits come to be distinguished in an objectionable way if you encourage them. Your soul and your mind and your character, unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit of God, lead you to extremes in spirit and in language, after the natural mind.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 1*

What then? You are unchristian in disposition. No soul professing to serve God reveals in words and disposition what you have oftentimes revealed in speech and action. Can such be accepted in the heavenly courts? Why, heaven would soon have a warfare, a second rebellion, if those with your confident, unsanctified disposition should be received in the heavenly courts. Therefore the Bible is given us as our guidebook. When you are a thoroughly converted man, all who associate with you will know this. The expression of your face will not be as we now see it.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 2*

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

very work they were doing and to voice their sentiments.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 3*

Now this is the picture I am presenting to you. You were more strong in your expressions, in your spirit, in your talk, than were these men, and expressions were made of an extravagant character. Therefore you swelled yourself to large proportions and did everything you could do to misrepresent and, if possible, to turn away the flock of God to go into forbidden paths.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 4*

O how sad I have felt over your case as you held on, determined to have your own way in keeping up the pretense of fitting the students to be better prepared to leave Battle Creek. Your words were not in accordance with the message given me of God, that for their souls' safety they must leave Battle Creek. You held them in Battle Creek—flattered some and ridiculed others. How many were receiving lessons, from the education you were giving, directly contrary to a plain "thus saith the Lord"? When the Lord sends warnings to those in danger, He means what He says. Who is responsible for trusting to his own human wisdom and working directly opposite to the way the Lord has marked out that he should work? Had you had discernment, you would have lived out your profession and your prayer made at that time while at Fresno. If you had been worked by the Holy Spirit, there would have been a work done, showing zeal in proportion to the importance of the truths we are handling. The Lord would have given grace if you had humbled yourself and become meek and lowly of heart, and you might have been the instrument of warning hundreds and thousands through your words in writing and in ministry in speaking, and angels of God would have co-operated with the human instrument. But you turned traitor after being thoroughly warned. And your zeal was similar to Satan's zeal in the heavenly courts when he brought in his strange ministry. You made many souls sick with your doubts. But the picture has been one that it is impossible to describe. The ministers are overworked in counteracting your representation—the work being done by Dr. Kellogg and you.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 5*

A. T. Jones, the spirit that has possessed you has been to lead souls into false paths. Only eternity will reveal what has been

accomplished in the service of Satan in making souls sick with doubts. The ministry has been dishonored, greatly dishonored, and unrest has been brought in. And the Great Physician, who was waiting, longing to save to the uttermost all who would come unto Him, has been dishonored by A. T. Jones. You do not hesitate to make false statements, for Satan works your mind to utter falsehood. But now if you will be converted and live the prayer you made in Fresno that morning, as you promised to do, the Lord will work with you in the large gatherings of our people.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 6*

Our camp-meetings afford an excellent opportunity to illustrate health reform, for it is a part of our message. As we near the close of time, every soul who lives the truth will see the necessity of being a health reformer; and each minister will practice the health reform and will educate others in Christian temperance, presenting this subject in straight, clear, positive lines, not only by word, but by practice.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 7*

Precept and practice make impressions, because precept and practice are a power when not divorced, but combined. It is truth exemplified that becomes a power. But it does not stop here. We have found that where strict temperance is not only held forth in discourses before the public, but exemplified at our tables, a decided impression is made upon the community, and they are desirous to co-operate.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 8*

Health institutions, rightly conducted, give character to our work as genuine. In every city where health reform is presented to the people, there should be a limited ministry of the benefits of practical health reform and a place provided where the sick may be treated for common ailments. The building may not be all that could be desired, but it may be fitted up to give treatment in simple lines. This simple work will prove a blessing. A good physician, who understands the simple means we used in our first practice of health reform, has done wonders even in our camp-meetings. This work has always proved a blessing. If carried on under the labors of physicians and nurses, such work has given a practical sermon on health reform.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 9*

All who have had the light on health reform are to put their intelligence into practical use and will thus remove prejudice against health reform. To furnish conveniences for the wise treatment of common ailments will be blessed of God and do far more good than merely teaching without practicing. The backsliding of some upon this question is the result of a careless indifference to sound principles. After a camp-meeting, this work should be followed up by establishing a place for the practice of this branch of the work. This will be an agency for reaching the higher classes.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 10*

There are many things that need to be practiced in our camp-meetings to give a correct idea of health reform. Our teachings on health reform should be demonstrated in every respect. A letter came to me a short time since concerning the idea of bringing in peanuts, candies, and ice cream for financial reason. The light that the Lord has given over and over again on this subject is very plain. This practice was forbidden. The gain is not to be considered, but the influence of spoiling the stomach with these indulgences has proved a large objection religiously. It is contrary to health reform and is giving young children and grown-up children lessons in self-indulgence that the Lord forbids. There is need to give practical lessons in self-denial rather than lessons in self-indulgence. I am instructed to ever keep before the youth and older persons as well that the laying out of money for these sweets for the indulgence of appetite is not to be encouraged at all.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 11*

The lesson given is, Teach the children that they should have their missionary boxes and deny themselves as far as possible as a duty they owe to God—to act their part by self-denial. These lessons should come into every family. Everything of the character of ice cream, candies, and nuts brought into our camp meetings should not be permitted. Such practices as bringing these things upon the camp-ground give lessons which counteract the very messages the Lord would have our ministers bear to bring young children and older youth to practice self-denial, and to see that it is necessary to let all such indulgences alone if they are to be in health. These extras that they do not need injure the stomach.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 12*

I lift my voice of warning to all who shall attend our camp-meetings, to refuse to have such indulgences brought on the ground. Whatever may be the amount gained, the injury done will be a loss healthwise. Self-indulgence should not be encouraged. Our camp meetings are to educate old and young to practice habits of strict temperance; let not temptations be placed before the youth to become selfish. Remember the many places where there are calls for missionaries.*23LtMs, Lt 239, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 240, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

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Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

We have received and read with much interest the letters you have written relating to the property near Buena Vista which you regard as a good school location. In reply I would say that we are favorably impressed with your description of the place. Your letter was a very interesting one, and the place you describe is certainly worthy of immediate investigation. If you obtain an offer for it, please write and let us know. We desire to come into such a place as you have described for our school and sanitarium work.²³*LtMs, Lt 240, 1908, par. 1*

The conditions of the Madison place near Nashville were certainly not so good in some respects as those you describe in your letter. I know there are other places that I have not seen with my natural eyes that more fully meet the demands of our work than does the Madison school property; but it was in the order of God that this property should be secured. I have been hoping and praying that we might find these places for the establishment of our school work in the California Conference.²³*LtMs, Lt 240, 1908, par. 2*

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

some time.*23LtMs, Lt 240, 1908, par. 3*

I have been quite sick since coming to Southern California and am still weak. We came to the Glendale Sanitarium this morning. A Brother Crocker of Los Angeles brought Sara and Minnie Hawkins and myself out in his automobile. The camp-meeting has been extended for another week. There is a very deep interest in the meetings; the large tent is filled every evening, and at some of the meetings it has been difficult for many to find seats. Some outsiders are receiving the truth. Last Sabbath seven persons took their stand. I wish you might have been here with us. I am hoping to be strong enough to speak again tomorrow afternoon.*23LtMs, Lt 240, 1908, par. 4*

We shall be glad to hear from you again in regard to the school property. I was very pleased with the description you gave of the buildings now being used for barns. These can be made to serve an excellent purpose for our school work. And I count as one of the greatest advantages of this place the abundance of good water. I hope that we shall be able to secure an offer of the place at a price that we can consider.*23LtMs, Lt 240, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 242, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

Los Angeles, California

August 23, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell
Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

I ask you to read these words to the church as a message that God has given me for His people:*23LtMs, Lt 242, 1908, par. 1*

I cannot rest because of the many representations made to me, showing that our people are in danger of losing precious opportunities of working earnestly and wisely for the proclamation of the third angel's message. Satan with all his agencies is working to hold God's people back from giving all their powers to His service. But as a people we are to be active and decidedly in earnest, improving every opportunity to increase our usefulness in religious lines. We are to be "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." [*Romans 12:11.*] Possessing true godliness and a knowledge of the Word of God, every church member may become a working agency, laboring with dignity and confidence, yet with humble dependence, remembering the words of Christ to His first disciples, "I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." [*Matthew 10:16.*] We need to exercise wisdom in all our ways if we would work in the name and fear of God. Unfeigned faith is what we need; for faith is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." [*Hebrews 11:1.*]*23LtMs, Lt 242, 1908, par. 2*

Cultivating Home Religion

The Lord would have us cultivate home religion, causing the fear of God to circulate through the family. When parents neglect their duty to their children, failing to govern them according to right principles, the enemy is given opportunity to gain control of their lives. And children who are allowed to disregard parental authority are never happy. In the early years of life is the time for all to prepare to become members of the royal family. Parents and youth should thank the Lord in prayer and praise for the privilege of becoming children of God and citizens of His kingdom.²³*LtMs, Lt 242, 1908, par. 3*

Abraham is a noble example of a faithful householder, and he has given us an example of the unquestioning obedience that all should render. He who blesses the righteous said of Abraham, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him." [*Genesis 18:19.*] They will keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment. He will not speak words of hypocrisy or deception. There will be no betraying of sacred trusts. Abraham will keep the law of God as one who is answerable to the Lawgiver.²³*LtMs, Lt 242, 1908, par. 4*

Just as surely as we labor together, as Abraham did, so surely will we receive the commendation of heaven. Abraham was, <in a marked manner, selected> to walk in the way of the Lord, governing his household by the combined influences of authority and affection. The Holy One has given us rules to obey, from which there can be no sinless swerving. We are bought with a price. Faith and works are to make us complete in Christ. Thus we shall keep the way of the Lord. When the heart is meek and lowly, God can impress the soul. The Word of God is our counselor. Let us obey its teachings.²³*LtMs, Lt 242, 1908, par. 5*

In all our work we need to keep the glory of God in view. The Word of God is our guide; let this testimony go forth as the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Let us talk faith and walk by faith. O what a work is ours, what a privilege, so to speak and so to act as to fasten conviction on the hearts and consciences of men. The Holy Spirit grants us His guidance in this work, and success comes when we have a strict regard for the fear of God. He is the Searcher of hearts, and He gives us the encouragement that if we

will become intelligent in our service for God and will walk humbly in the light He has graciously given, we will not be left to labor in human strength.²³*LtMs, Lt 242, 1908, par. 6*

The Dangers of Discontent and Self-pity

Christ came to this world, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, to bear trial and to become acquainted with disappointment, that He might teach men and women to become like God. It is Satan's purpose to make us like himself, and he seeks to fill the mind with feelings of discontent and self-pity. My brethren, let not these feelings have a place in your minds. Undue sympathy for self will lead to neglect of duty and to a low estimate of those who labor with you to build up the work and cause of God. Our thoughts must be guarded. We are to "love as brethren," to be kind and courteous. [*1 Peter 3:8.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 242, 1908, par. 7*

Preaching is one of Christ's appointed means of instruction in the gospel. There may be a feeling of dissatisfaction toward those appointed to preach the Word; their words may not be pleasing to the natural heart; but let not this lead to differences and criticism and faultfinding. Feed upon the heavenly manna. There is much precious work to be done. Let none feel that it is their place to criticize, but let each stand in his lot and place. There must be responsible men, there must be counselors. It is not wisdom to praise certain ones while others who need words of cheer are left in discouragement. "To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." [*Isaiah 8:20.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 242, 1908, par. 8*

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

knowledge. He will unravel mysteries in the providences of God which in this life we are unable to understand.²³*LtMs, Lt 242, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 244, 1908

Those Recently Assembled at the Oakwood School

Los Angeles, California

August 23, 1908

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

I cannot rest because of the many representations made to me, showing that our people are in danger of losing precious opportunities of working earnestly and wisely for the proclamation of the third angel's message. Satan, with all his agencies, is working to hold God's people back from giving all their powers to His service. But as a people we are to be active and decidedly in earnest, improving every opportunity to increase our usefulness in religious lines. We are to be "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." [*Romans 12:11*.] Possessing true godliness and a knowledge of the Word of God, every church member may become a working agency, laboring with dignity and confidence, yet with humble dependence, remembering the words of Christ to His first disciples, "I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." [*Luke 10:3; Matthew 10:16*.] We need to exercise wisdom in all our ways if we would work in the name and fear of God. Unfeigned faith is what we need; for faith is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." [*Hebrews 11:1*.] *23LtMs, Lt 244, 1908, par. 1*

I have visited the Huntsville School, and I believe that it has many advantages for the carrying on of the work of an all-round education. It is the privilege of those who labor there to make it a blessed place of preparation for usefulness in the work of God. *23LtMs, Lt 244, 1908, par. 2*

I am praying that every soul of you will fill the place that the Lord designs for you. He will work for each one according to his faith. There is a picture representing a bullock standing between a plough and an altar, and with the picture is the inscription, "Ready for either." Thus we should be, ready to tread the weary furrow, or to bleed on the altar of sacrifice. This singleness of purpose, this devotion to duty, is to be expressed in the life of every child of God. This was the position our Saviour occupied while upon the earth; it is the position that every follower of His will occupy.²³*LtMs, Lt 244, 1908, par. 3*

The salvation made sure to the human race through the sacrifice of Christ was intended alike for all races and nationalities. There are some of all nationalities who are never inclined to draw in even cords with their fellow men. <They want to be a ruling power.> And unless the power of God is recognized and appreciated, and believers work intelligently for the accomplishment of God's purpose for all mankind, God will leave them to their own ways and will use other instruments through which to accomplish His plans. And those who refuse to do the work laid upon them will finally be found on the enemy's side, warring against order and discipline.²³*LtMs, Lt 244, 1908, par. 4*

Cultivating Home Religion

The Lord would have us cultivate home religion, causing the fear of God to circulate through the family. When parents neglect their duty to their children, failing to govern them according to right principles, the enemy is given opportunity to gain control of their lives, and children who are allowed to disregard parental authority are never happy. In the early years of life is the time for all to prepare to become members of the royal family. Parents and youth should thank the Lord in prayer and praise for the privilege of becoming children of God and citizens of His kingdom.²³*LtMs, Lt 244, 1908, par. 5*

Abraham is a noble example of a faithful householder, and he has given us an example of the unquestioning obedience that all should render. He who blesses the righteous said of Abraham, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him."

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In all our work we need to keep the glory of God in view. The Word of God is our guide; let this testimony go forth as the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Let us talk faith and walk by faith. O what a work is ours, what a privilege, so to speak, and so to act as to fasten conviction upon the hearts and consciences of men. The Holy Spirit grants us His guidance in this work, and success comes when we have a strict regard for the fear of God. He is the Searcher of hearts, and He gives us the encouragement that if we will become intelligent in our service for God, and will walk humbly in the light He has graciously given, we will not be left to labor in human strength.*23LtMs, Lt 244, 1908, par. 8*

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Preaching is one of Christ's appointed means of instruction in the gospel. There may be a feeling of dissatisfaction toward those appointed to preach the Word; their words may not be pleasing to the natural heart; but let not this lead to differences and criticism and faultfinding. Feed upon the heavenly manna. There is much precious work to be done. Let none feel that it is their place to criticize, but let each stand in his lot and place. There must be responsible men, there must be counselors. It is not wisdom to praise certain ones, while others who need words of cheer are left in discouragement. "To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."
[Isaiah 8:20.]23LtMs, Lt 244, 1908, par. 10

My brethren, do not fail nor be discouraged. It is Satan's desire to cut off communication between God and His people, that he may have opportunity to work the human mind. But pray, my brethren and sisters, pray and believe. Speak judiciously. The Holy Spirit will help those who seek the Lord in order to know how to do His work. A lifetime of prayer and research will yet leave much unlearned; but what we fail of learning here will be explained to us hereafter. The work of instruction begun on earth will be continued throughout eternity. There the Lamb of God will lead the host of the redeemed to the fountains of living water. He will impart rich stores of knowledge. He will unravel mysteries in the providences of God which in this life we are unable to understand.
23LtMs, Lt 244, 1908, par. 11

Lt 246, 1908

Strother, W. E.

Los Angeles, California

August 13, 1908

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W. E. Strother
Huntsville, Alabama

Dear Brother:

I have this morning received and read your letter. I am sorry because of your discouragement. I am sorry that your feelings are not so pleasant as you could wish them to be. But you must not feel that an exalted, uplifted feeling is the sign of your acceptance with God. You need to exercise faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. You must not be discouraged. Feeling is not always reliable. You have the written Word. To love and fear God is the duty of every believing soul.²³*LtMs, Lt 246, 1908, par. 1*

Our work is reformatory. As the light of the Sabbath comes to us from the sacred Word, we are to work and to pray and to study. If you will be of the number who act upon the light of the Word of God, there will surely come to you the assurance that you are accepted with God. You have consented to be of the number who build the old waste places. The first day of the week is not the Sabbath of the Lord. Let your mind be established on a plain "Thus saith the Lord."²³*LtMs, Lt 246, 1908, par. 2*

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

where you are a place that God can approve and bless.*23LtMs, Lt 246, 1908, par. 3*

Unite with your companion in searching the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit will help those who seek the Lord in order to know how to do His work. While you seek to obtain perfection of Christian character, be helpers wherever you are. Praise the Lord at all times. Look on the bright side of circumstances, not on the dark side. Be watchful and prayerful, and the Lord will bless and guide and strengthen you. See how much you can do to bless others.*23LtMs, Lt 246, 1908, par. 4*

You are precious in the sight of God. He wants you to cherish the grace of humility and thankfulness of heart. Improve every opportunity of gaining an education, that you may impart what you learn to others. There are many who need your help. The Holy Spirit will use all who will be used.*23LtMs, Lt 246, 1908, par. 5*

Truth is purifying in its nature. Let truth and righteousness prevail in your life, and faultfinding will be banished. I pray that the Lord may guide you and strengthen you. Study the words of Christ. Act upon them, and you will be safe.*23LtMs, Lt 246, 1908, par. 6*

As you study the Word, and allow the sanctification of the truth to mold your life, the Lord can make you an acceptable worker for Him. All who come together in church capacity should be among the Lord's army of workers. But if the natural traits of character are left unsubdued, in times of crisis, when strong, hopeful words are needed, words of discouragement and hopelessness will be spoken, that bring heavy burdens on the church.*23LtMs, Lt 246, 1908, par. 7*

My brother, you say that you feel that you have not a full connection with God. You say, "I cannot understand it. I am trying my very best, with the Lord's help, to live up to the Word as far as I know, yet I feel a long way from the Lord, and I can't tell why it is. We left Washington, my wife and I, to come to the Oakwood school to get a training for work." You have done well in seeking to become fitted for the Master's service. And I urge you and your wife to unite in seeking the Lord most diligently. Keep to the meekness and lowliness of Christ. Look constantly to Jesus, who is the Author and

Finisher of your faith. Walk humbly with God, and do not talk discouragement. Have faith in God, and He will bless you and will make you an instrument for the accomplishment of a good work.²³*LtMs, Lt 246, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 248, 1908

Wilcox, F. M.

Los Angeles, California

August 20, 1908

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Eld. F. M. Wilcox
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Brother:

I caution you not to make any hasty moves. A great mistake would be made if you should give up your work at the Colorado Sanitarium to those who do not fully sense their responsibilities, who would let down the spiritual standard and cheapen the work. The position you hold is an important one. Those who occupy such positions should be men who will not walk in their own counsel, but in the wisdom of the Lord's counsel.²³*LtMs, Lt 248, 1908, par. 1*

Make no mistake in the men who hold positions of trust in the sanitarium; for Satan is ready to take advantage of every opportunity to find an entrance. Men are needed who will be true as steel to principle. If you have reliable men and women, who have not exalted ideas of their own capabilities, but who are led and taught by God, hold fast to them.²³*LtMs, Lt 248, 1908, par. 2*

Be very sure that in every advance move that is made, you are following the great Leader. Keep in mind the Word of the Lord to His people Israel, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." [*1 Peter 2:9.*] Let there be the constant exercise of true humility.²³*LtMs, Lt 248, 1908, par. 3*

It is a mistake to employ in our sanitariums men or women who give

evidence that they are unconverted. Great harm can be done by one or two such ones who cling to their inherited tendencies and cultivated tendencies to wrong, and when provocation arises, reveal an evil, irreligious spirit. One or two such examples in an institution will be sufficient to develop the same evil spirit among the patients and other members of the family.²³*LtMs, Lt 248, 1908, par. 4*

All who connect with our sanitariums need the work of grace to be constantly going on in their hearts, if they would reveal the grace that maketh wise unto salvation. All who take up sanitarium work in any line are under obligation to God to exert a sanctified influence. A careless, untameable spirit revealed will do the institution great injustice. Those who profess the name of Christ, who bear the name of Christians, yet who fail to reveal the character of Christ, in sanctification and holiness of life, dishonor the Master.²³*LtMs, Lt 248, 1908, par. 5*

The boards of managers of our sanitariums should understand their responsibility to guard the interests of the institution. If the men and women employed do not exert an influence that brings honor to Christ, it is doing injustice to the institution to retain them. Let the reliable men be called together, pray and believe, and let all who have any part to act make every effort to increase their capability to labor successfully for souls. Learn how to work as Christian ladies and gentlemen. Let not any of those act as leaders who themselves still need to be converted. In all our institutions we are to make it manifest that we are bought with a price. When the men and women individually sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him with humble hearts and minds, they will be taught of God, and they will appreciate the lessons that Christ has given in His Word.²³*LtMs, Lt 248, 1908, par. 6*

To Our People in Boulder and Denver, Colorado

I have a message for all the believers in Boulder and Denver. Take heed to the words of Christ, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, which giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." [*James 1:5.*] I would say to all who have an interest in the Boulder institution: Walk humbly with God. Satan has come down with great power, knowing that his time is short. He

works with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who have turned away from the truth. The souls of men and women are precious in the sight of God, for they are bought with the price of His beloved Son.²³*LtMs, Lt 248, 1908, par. 7*

“Then began He to upbraid their cities, wherein most of His mighty works had been done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida; for if the mighty works which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shall be brought down to hell; for if the mighty works had been done in Sodom that have been done in thee, it would have remained unto this day. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee.²³*LtMs, Lt 248, 1908, par. 8*

“At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank Thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight. All things are delivered unto Me of My Father; and no man knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, but the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.” [*Matthew 11:20-27.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 248, 1908, par. 9*

To all, the Saviour gives the blessed invitation: “Come unto Me,” He says, “all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” [*Verses 28-30.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 248, 1908, par. 10*

I am instructed to say to the church in Boulder: There are troublous times before us which very soon will break upon the proud and unbelieving, and upon those who profess to believe the truth for this time, but who are not living self-denying, Christian lives. I am charged to arouse the watchmen to give the last message of mercy to the world. O that our unbelieving hearts might be broken, and

that we as a people might be sanctified through the truth. Those whom Christ makes free are free indeed. There are so many who are trying to climb up to heaven by some other way than the right way.²³*LtMs, Lt 248, 1908, par. 11*

Lt 250, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

Loma Linda, California

August 28, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *9MR 106-107*.

Elder Haskell
Box 597
Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

I have had cautions given me in regard to the necessity of our keeping a united front. This is a matter of importance to us at this time. As individuals we need to act with the greatest caution.*23LtMs, Lt 250, 1908, par. 1*

I wrote to Elder Prescott, telling him that he must be exceedingly careful not to introduce subjects in the *Review* that would seem to point out flaws in our past experience. I told him that this matter on which he believes a mistake has been made is not a vital question, and that, should it be given prominence now, our enemies would take advantage of it and make a mountain out of a molehill.*23LtMs, Lt 250, 1908, par. 2*

To you also I say that this subject should not be agitated at this time. Now, my brother, I feel that at this crisis in our experience, that chart which you have had republished should not be circulated. You have made a mistake in this matter. Satan is determinedly at work to bring about issues that will create confusion. There are those who would be delighted to see our ministers at an issue on this question, and they would make much of it.*23LtMs, Lt 250, 1908, par. 3*

I have been instructed that regarding what might be said on either side of this question, silence at this time is eloquence. Satan is watching for an opportunity to create division among our leading

ministers. It was a mistake to publish the chart until you could all get together and come to an agreement concerning the matter. You have not acted wisely in bringing to the front a subject that must create discussion, and the bringing out of various opinions; for every item will be strained and made to mean something that will only mean injury to the cause. We have all we can do to handle the false statements of those who have given evidence of their willingness to bear false witness.*23LtMs, Lt 250, 1908, par. 4*

Elder Haskell, I am unable to define clearly the points that are questioned. Let us not agitate a subject that will give the impression that as a people we hold varied opinions, and thus open the way for those to work who wish to leave the impression on minds that we are not led by God. It will also be a source of temptation to those who are not thoroughly converted, and will lead to the making of rash moves.*23LtMs, Lt 250, 1908, par. 5*

I leave these words with you, praying that you will keep heart and mind in simplicity and depend fully on God.*23LtMs, Lt 250, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 252, 1908

Underwood, R. A.

St. Helena, California

September 10, 1908

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Elder R. A. Underwood
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Brother Underwood:

There is a great work to be done at this stage of our history. I have been shown that there are places, away from our cities, where are buildings that it would be wise for us to secure for our schools. There are places that should be purchased, and every talent possible should be used to carry on the work that the Lord has given us to do.²³*LtMs, Lt 252, 1908, par. 1*

We see determined efforts being made to establish the first day of the week as the Sabbath for all the world, in place of the Sabbath of the Lord. And while this is being done, a work is going forward in the councils of heaven to bring advantages to the people who believe and obey the Word of the Lord.²³*LtMs, Lt 252, 1908, par. 2*

The Lord is certainly opening the way for us as a people to divide and subdivide the companies that have been growing too large to work together to the greatest advantage. And this dividing should be done, not only that the students may have greater advantages, but that the teachers may be benefited, and life and health spared. To establish another school will be better than further enlargement of the school at Lincoln. Let another locality have the advantage of one of our educational institutions. Secure for it the best talent, and guard against the dangers of an overcrowded school.²³*LtMs, Lt 252, 1908, par. 3*

All parts of our country are to be warned of the times in which we live. As schools are established in new localities, many will become acquainted with the reasons of our faith. In planning our school work, we are to work to benefit both believers and unbelievers, that the truth may come to the homes of many who are now in ignorance of it.²³*LtMs, Lt 252, 1908, par. 4*

Let the work of dividing be carefully and prayerfully considered. Properties will be offered for sale in rural districts at a price below the real cost, because the owners desire city advantages; and it is these rural locations that we desire to obtain for our schools, that the students may be away from the temptations of city life. If in these places there is land to be worked and buildings to be erected, this work will be of great benefit to the students. When driven from the cities, or when sent to others countries, the trades learned in our schools may be made an influence in favor of the truth.²³*LtMs, Lt 252, 1908, par. 5*

As we divide our schools, we should seek to make them more and more like the schools of the prophets. More and more we are to make the Bible the great lesson book. Wherever our schools are established now, the students are to become more thorough students of the Bible. If they will become doers of the Word, if they will dig deep, laying their foundation sure through obedience to all the requirements of God, they will be preparing to graduate to the higher school.²³*LtMs, Lt 252, 1908, par. 6*

“The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.” [*Galatians 5:19-26.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 252, 1908, par. 7*

Read carefully *Revelation, chapters twenty-one and twenty-two*. “I Jesus have sent Mine angel,” Christ declares through His servant, “to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.” [*Revelation 22:16, 17.*] This is the message to be borne to our churches. God help us to read and to hear and to understand.*23LtMs, Lt 252, 1908, par. 8*

“And He said unto me, Seal not the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. ... I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” [*Verses 10, 11, 13, 14.*]*23LtMs, Lt 252, 1908, par. 9*

There are lessons of the highest importance to be learned from the Word of God. This great book is opened to us that our youth may be educated after the manner of the sons of the prophets. We as a people should carry on the work of the education of our youth in such a way that they will be guarded against living self-indulgent lives.*23LtMs, Lt 252, 1908, par. 10*

Lt 254, 1908

Shireman, D. T.

St. Helena, California

September 12, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *SpM 376-377*.

Dear Brother Shireman:

In the night season I was conversing with you and speaking words of encouragement. The Lord our God is merciful. When His servants make mistakes, He sends them reproof. When the messages of reproof are received and accepted by those who have made mistakes, and changes are made in the life, the brethren should recognize the reformation, and they should encourage and seek to place on vantage ground those struggling to do right. I rejoice this is the way you feel towards Brother Johnson.*23LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 1*

The Lord is now to be honored by the men who carry His work. Let there be a just recognition of the change in Brother Johnson. To neglect to do this, and to refuse to encourage and to build up the one who has been seeking to correct his course of action is to refuse to carry out principles that Christ has clearly laid down in His Word.*23LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 2*

I am instructed to say to you that mistakes were made on both sides of this question. Brother and Sister Shireman did not view everything in a correct light. While brother Johnson did not take a right course, it is also true that others connected with him did not discern that their own spirit and words were also wrong.*23LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 3*

Brother Johnson should now have encouragement. When a man of his temperament sees and acknowledges his wrong, and changes his course of action, there should be a disposition on the part of his brethren and sisters not only to forgive, but to do everything possible to restore confidence and to strengthen his hands. The

impression should never be left on a human mind that the man who has done wrong, though he sees and corrects his wrong, should still be prevented from standing on vantage ground with his brethren. When such a course is pursued toward any erring soul, the Saviour is misrepresented. Those who recognize the reformation should show forgiveness and treat the brother who has erred with confidence and special kindness.*23LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 4*

This instruction has been given me during the night, and now, at one o'clock in the morning, I am writing to you the message I have received. We need to encourage the erring to confess their wrongs; we should forgive them freely, recognizing the instruction God has given in His Word.*23LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 5*

We need to be very careful that we do not view in a wrong light matters connected with the work of God. We need to guard against the least injustice. Those who bear the burden of the work of winning souls to Christ are to be encouraged and helped.*23LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 6*

The Lord requires that unity exist in every church, but the policy of consolidation must be guarded against. The workers in our institutions are to preserve their individuality; each is to sense the responsibility resting upon him, while he works under the divine leadership of the Lord Jesus. The workers are to counsel together and to seek to bring in ideas that are in harmony with the teachings of truth, but never, as long as time shall last, is an arbitrary, man-ruling power to come in to take the place and authority of God.*23LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 7*

The Lord has been instructing us to move forward. Shall we go forward, or shall we stand still? Shall we not seek to increase in faith, that we may work and wait in assurance and confidence? The Word of God is to be our guide under all circumstances.*23LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 8*

We read in the *eighteenth chapter of Ezekiel*: "The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, What mean ye that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not use this proverb in Israel.

Behold all souls are Mine. As the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die.²³*LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 9*

“But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right; and hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, ... and hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; he that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed his judgment between man and man; hath walked in My statutes, and hath kept My judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord.” [*Verses 1-9.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 10*

Study also the *twentieth chapter of Ezekiel*. “Thus saith the Lord God; in the day when I chose Israel; and lifted up Mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known unto them in the land of Egypt; when I lifted up Mine hand unto them, saying, I am the Lord your God; in the day that I lifted up Mine hand unto them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt unto a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all nations and lands: then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. But they rebelled against Me, and would not hearken unto Me; they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out My fury upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. But I wrought for My name’s sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made Myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.²³*LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 11*

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

sanctify them.²³*LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 12*

“But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness: they walked not in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, which if a man do he shall even live in them; and My sabbaths they greatly polluted; then I said, I will pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them. But I wrought for My name’s sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.²³*LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 13*

“Yet also I lifted up My hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands, because they despised My judgments, and walked not in My statutes; but polluted My sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols. Nevertheless Mine eyes spared them from destroying them; neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness. But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments; nor defile yourselves with your idols: I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep My judgments and do them; and hallow My sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.” [*Verses 5-20.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 14*

Here the Word of God plainly specifies the day that should be kept holy, the seventh day; and yet we see a work being carried on by ministers, physicians, lawyers, and rulers that will result in the enforcing of a Sunday law. Will not God punish for this rebellion? He will surely punish, as is represented in the words that I have copied.²³*LtMs, Lt 254, 1908, par. 15*

Lt 256, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

September 13, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *6Bio 180*.

Elder S. N. Haskell
Box 597
Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

I lay awake many hours last night in perplexity, fearing lest I am taking too great responsibility on myself in regard to the proposed school location at Buena Vista. I wish to say to you now, Do not let any words of mine influence you or the committee to a hasty decision. Weigh the question well in all its bearings, and thoroughly investigate the advantages and disadvantages of the place. Some say there is but little feed on the place. Consider all these things, and let not my urgent desire that the place be secured lead you to make hasty decisions. I do not feel that I want the decision of this question to rest with me.²³*LtMs, Lt 256, 1908, par. 1*

I had only a hasty view of the place at Buena Vista; and while it corresponded to a place that had been shown me, I do not want you to feel that you must secure it on that account. I hope that you and Brethren Cottrell and Covell and the locating committee will view the question from all points. I shall leave this matter to be settled by the committee; and if they decide unfavorably regarding this place, I shall wait patiently until something further is offered where we can be supplied with water and woodlands. What we need is mountain advantages, where we can have an abundance of pure, soft water that is not poisoned by the schemes of men.²³*LtMs, Lt 256, 1908, par. 2*

Lt 258, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

September 11, 1908

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Elder J. E. White
1713 Cass Street
Nashville, Tennessee

My son Edson:

We have just returned from our visit to Southern California, where we spent four weeks attending the Los Angeles camp-meeting and visiting the sanitariums at Glendale, Paradise Valley, and Loma Linda. The camp-meeting was an important one, and there were able workers present all through the meeting.²³*LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 1*

Our brethren thought that it would be a wise thing to give the Women's Christian Temperance Union workers an opportunity to address the congregation in the large tent Sunday afternoon, and time was given them on the first Sunday of the camp-meeting. They invited me also to speak at this time, but I was sick and could not come before the people. An excellent meeting was held, and the W.C.T.U. workers expressed their appreciation of the consideration they had thus received. We are seeking to help these people, and I know such experiences as this will have an influence.²³*LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 2*

I spoke when I could do so with safety, and I was grateful to God that I could speak at all; for I had had a hard journey to Los Angeles. We traveled by the Owl, which runs through the San Joaquin Valley, and we had every convenience in one of the drawing rooms; but the journey was made unusually long and wearisome on account of accidents to other trains on the road. Twice we were delayed because of freight trains ahead of us whose

machinery had broken down; and this held us six hours in one place where we could get no breeze. At breakfast time we took our provisions and found a resting place in the shade of an immense water tank and there ate our lunch. Our party was made up of Clarence Crisler and wife, Sara McEnterfer, Miss Hannaford, Minnie Hawkins, and myself.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 3*

When we reached Los Angeles, we found a small furnished cottage at the disposal of my family, and another close by in which W. C. White, Elder Daniells, and Clarence Crisler stayed. We were very thankful for this accommodation, and especially that we could have the convenience of a bathroom. But after I was settled there, I became quite sick, so that I could speak only a few times.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 4*

The meetings were excellent, and such a deep interest prevailed that it was decided to extend the meeting over the third Sunday. On that day I spoke to a very large congregation upon the importance of the seventh-day Sabbath. I spoke for one hour, presenting before the people the evidence that God has given in His Word regarding the sanctity of His day. My voice did not fail. As I ceased speaking, a lady, a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, came up to me, and throwing her arms around me, said with tears, "I accept the seventh-day Sabbath because the Word of God declares it to be His day. He sanctified the seventh day. I am fully converted."*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 5*

I had told the congregation that the Word of God was true and just; that the seventh day had been sanctified because the Word of God declared it.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 6*

I was then hastened from the tent to a smaller tent on the ground, where I took my bath, and was then taken in an automobile to the streetcars which carried us to Glendale. Willie helped me in every way possible. At the Glendale station there was no means of conveyance to the sanitarium. The regular bus does not run on Sundays. But Willie had provided a wheelchair, and in it I reached the sanitarium again, where I had one of the best rooms in the institution.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 7*

The Sabbath previous to this, I spoke to the patients and helpers at

Glendale, and to the neighbors, who gathered in the two large parlors on the first floor. The Lord gave me freedom in speaking to those assembled. As I spoke to all from the Word of life, and especially to those who were afflicted, I felt the Holy Spirit come into my own heart. I could see that the hearers were blessed, for their faces beamed with hope.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 8*

On Monday afternoon, August 24, we took the train to National City. At the station we met Brother Harmon W. Lindsay, who is now the business manager of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. He had two teams waiting for our party, and we were taken quickly to the sanitarium.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 9*

At the sanitarium, we found that the physician, the matron, and the manager were working heartily and unitedly to make the sanitarium a cheerful home for the afflicted. Wednesday morning I spoke to the patients and helpers in the parlors. These are beautiful rooms and are calculated to accommodate a large or small company as the need may be. When a small company is present, one room is sufficient; but the rooms are so arranged that when a larger company gathers, the people can be accommodated with equal convenience. I could not help thinking how much these pleasant rooms must be appreciated by the sick ones.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 10*

I had perfect freedom in speaking, and all seemed interested.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 11*

After this I was asked to join a company in praying for Sister McKee, the mother of Mrs. R. S. Cummings, our matron. For years Sister McKee has labored for abandoned women, a work that is shunned by many. She felt that she was in need of healing, for her nervous system was affected, and she feared a breakdown. She specified her desire that I should unite my prayers with those whom she had invited to join in this season of seeking God. I knelt down close by the side of this sister and pleaded with God that He would heal her.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 12*

For some time I myself had been afflicted with pain in my right hip. As I prayed for Sister McKee, I did not mention myself as in need of healing. But when I claimed the promise for her, "Ask, and ye shall

receive; seek, and ye shall find" [*Matthew 7:7*], I felt, as I have felt many times when praying for the sick, the rich blessing of God come upon me. The stiffness and pain left my limb, and I was blessed as verily as was Sister McKee, for whom our prayers were offered.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 13*

The next morning we left Paradise Valley for Loma Linda. At Colton a carriage from the sanitarium was waiting for us, and we were soon at the sanitarium that we have all appreciated so much. I have sometimes wished I might meet those who first owned the sanitarium and who gave it over to us with all its beautiful furnishings. I would like to tell them of our grateful thanks. Everything is of the best. I never before saw so many rocking chairs in one building. We never could have procured such good furniture. Grateful thanks arises in my heart whenever I think of what God has wrought for us in this place. And I know that much good has been done through this institution and that souls have been converted.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 14*

While at Loma Linda we were taken by Brother Burden to view the garden. This land is being wisely cultivated, and it is yielding its treasures. In the last year the garden has brought in \$600 in profits, and Brother Burden expressed his conviction that this would continue to improve. We saw large patches of melons, strawberries, asparagus, tomatoes, and corn. Some of these fruits and vegetables are sold in the neighboring town, but the larger portion is used to supply the sanitarium tables.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 15*

Sabbath morning, August 29, I spoke in the sanitarium chapel on the hill. The house was crowded, the sick being brought in in wheel chairs and filling the aisles. I spoke from the *third chapter of Revelation*, but I did not say all I desired to say. The subject is one of intense interest to me.*23LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 16*

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

cannot do my writing if I keep traveling.²³*LtMs, Lt 258, 1908, par. 17*

Lt 260, 1908

Warren, Luther

Los Angeles, California

August 22, 1908

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Elder Luther Warren

Dear Brother:

I am soon to leave Los Angeles, and before I go I have words of caution to leave with you. Do not, my brother, allow yourself to be overworked; for when overwheeled, you will not always speak carefully. I do not want you to speak words that will hurt any soul.²³*LtMs, Lt 260, 1908, par. 1*

You need to move cautiously. The Spirit of Christ is grieved when you say things that are severe. You are at fault in this. For some time you have been in danger of making harsh statements. In the home life, the husband is to cherish forbearance and patience, meekness and kindness. The wife is to guard her words, that she may be a blessing to her husband. Be tenderhearted, be pitiful, be courteous. Do not try to compel one another.²³*LtMs, Lt 260, 1908, par. 2*

When before the people, you are sometimes inclined to use very strong language. I have this message for you from the Lord: Be kind in speech, gentle in action. Guard yourself carefully, for you are inclined to be severe and dictatorial and to say rash things. The Lord speaks to you, saying, Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. [*Mark 14:38.*] Harsh expressions grieve the Lord; unwise words do harm. I am charged to say to you, Be gentle in your speech; watch well your words; let no sharpness come into your words or into your gestures. Bring into all you do and say the

fragrance of Christlikeness.*23LtMs, Lt 260, 1908, par. 3*

Let not the natural traits of character mar and spoil your work. You are to help and strengthen the tempted. Let not self appear in rash words. Christ has given His life for the flock, and for all for whom you labor. Let no words of yours balance souls in the wrong direction. In the minister of Christ there must be revealed Christlikeness of character.*23LtMs, Lt 260, 1908, par. 4*

Rash, overbearing expressions do not harmonize with the sacred work that Christ has given His ministers to do. When the daily experience is one of looking unto Jesus and learning of Him, you will reveal a wholesome, harmonious character. Soften your representations, and let not condemnatory words be spoken. Learn of the great Teacher. Words of kindness and sympathy will do good as a medicine and will heal souls that are in despair. The knowledge of the Word of God brought into the practical life will have a healing, soothing power. Harshness of speech will never bring blessing to yourself or to any other soul.*23LtMs, Lt 260, 1908, par. 5*

My brother, you are to be a representative of the mildness and patience and goodness of Christ. In your talks before the public, let your representations be after Christ's order. The wisdom that cometh from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and of good fruits. Watch, pray, subdue the harshness which at times breaks out in you. By the grace of Christ dwelling in you, your words may become sanctified. If your brethren do not do just as you think they should do, do not meet them with harshness. The Lord has been grieved at times with your severe expressions.*23LtMs, Lt 260, 1908, par. 6*

Your will is to be yielded to the Lord's will. You need the help of the Lord Jesus. Let only words that are clean and pure and sanctified come from your lips; for as a minister of the gospel, your spirit and example will be followed by others. Be kind and tender to children at all times. I pray that the Lord may make you pure and without fault before Him.*23LtMs, Lt 260, 1908, par. 7*

My brother, do not be discouraged. There is a great work to be done, and you must act your part in it. Beware of giving a wrong

example to others. I pray that the Lord will abundantly bless you, but He cannot sanction any course that is marked by a rough and dictatorial spirit; for by setting such an example, you are educating others in the same wrong course. We are all striving for eternal life, and we must strive lawfully.*23LtMs, Lt 260, 1908, par. 8*

I hope that these words will not discourage you. The Lord would have you look to Him for light and for your spiritual strength. As you continue in the work of drawing souls to Christ, be careful that you leave not the impression upon minds that you are an extremist. Your mind needs to be molded and fashioned after the divine similitude.*23LtMs, Lt 260, 1908, par. 9*

Your revival efforts show even those who are not fully in sympathy with you that you are directed by the Holy Spirit, and that you have special aid in helping souls over the dark places and in leading them to victory after victory. You may reach God's ideal if you will resolve that self shall not be woven into your work. I want you to meet Christ's ideal. To know that you are striving in spirit and in works to be Christlike will give you strength and comfort and courage. It is your privilege to become meek and lowly in heart; then angels of God will co-operate with you in your revival efforts. Christ died that His life might be lived in you, and in all who make Him their example. In the strength of your Redeemer you can reveal the character of Christ, and you can work in wisdom and in power to make the crooked places straight. Press close to the side of Christ, and praise the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 260, 1908, par. 10*

Lt 262, 1908

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

St. Helena, California

September 17, 1908

Previously unpublished.

To the President of the Pacific Union Conference
Mountain View, California

Dear Brother Cottrell:

Would it not be wisdom for you to attend the counsel meeting in Los Angeles next Sunday? The Lord does not want our brethren to become confused. This seems to be an important time for the work in Southern California. Matters should be so arranged that Elder Reaser need not be detained from his appointed field of labor. Is it not your place to meet with the brethren, and if it is their wish [for you] to step into the gap, please consider this. But you must understand your duty for yourself.*23LtMs, Lt 262, 1908, par. 1*

Elder Cottrell, you must walk by faith and not by sight. There is to be exercised by you a living, active faith—a faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Our time to labor is very short, and we need now to watch unto prayer. Seek the Lord, my brother. Believe His promises. Step into your allotted place. Walk by faith, work by faith, and do not expect that you can have sight before the exercise of a trusting belief in the workings of God. Then work with the expectation of accomplishing great things.*23LtMs, Lt 262, 1908, par. 2*

Lt 264, 1908

White, Emma

St. Helena, California

September 20, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Dear Emma:

I wish to write a few lines to you, advising you to come with Edson to St. Helena. We would be glad of Edson's help on some books that we are preparing for the press concerning my early experiences. This connection of Edson and Willie in my work has often been suggested. I will pay Edson for the work he does on my books. He will find Clarence Crisler good help in the office.²³*LtMs, Lt 264, 1908, par. 1*

We need to work rapidly now, for time is short; and what is done must be done quickly. Willie has been called off from his work to travel, and this has hindered his work. I hope that now we can all plan together. I have often wished that this might be. W. C. White also has often spoken in regard to it. I send you these few lines now, so that you may be working to the point, if you decided to come.²³*LtMs, Lt 264, 1908, par. 2*

We will be glad to have you with us at our home. We have two gentle carriage horses, either of which you can use when you wish to ride out. The two large gray horses do the work on the farm. The smaller of the two carriage horses, Ladybird, is an intelligent animal. She hardly knows what it means to be struck with a whip; a touch is sufficient to send her off as fast as we care to go. The large carriage horse is a good traveler. We have a nice double carriage, a platform wagon, and two phaetons.²³*LtMs, Lt 264, 1908, par. 3*

Your sleeping room is above the sitting room and is furnished with stove so that you can be quite comfortable.²³*LtMs, Lt 264, 1908, par. 4*

Lt 266, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

September 22, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder S. N. Haskell
S.D.A. Camp-ground
Fresno, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have just read your welcome letter. I thank you sincerely for writing.²³*LtMs, Lt 266, 1908, par. 1*

I planned to write at once about the school location at Buena Vista. As soon as your letter came, I began to search through my bag of writings which I had not unpacked since I reached home. I was surprised to find ten pages that I had written while at your house in Oakland, after my visit to Buena Vista. I had forgotten that I had written this. I have placed this manuscript in Minnie's hands and shall be pleased when it is ready to send to you.²³*LtMs, Lt 266, 1908, par. 2*

Since coming home I have attended one meeting in the sanitarium chapel. I spoke from the *third chapter of Revelation*. The house was crowded, the aisles being filled with patients in their wheel chairs. The Lord gave me clearness of thought, and I spoke with freedom. All seemed to be deeply interested. I thought of speaking again next Sabbath, but I am suffering from an attack of influenza which came upon me two days ago. I am very hoarse and will not be able to speak for some days.²³*LtMs, Lt 266, 1908, par. 3*

I have not been able to sleep well since I returned home. Today Sara took me for a ride, and I had half an hour's sleep while riding. For two weeks I have not dared to use my eyes as much as usual. The pain in my left eye has been so great that I have had to keep it

bandaged with wet cloths much of the time. How thankful we should be to God for our eyesight.*23LtMs, Lt 266, 1908, par. 4*

Sept. 23

I have spent another wakeful night and have suffered much pain with my throat. All night the air seemed oppressive and lifeless. This morning I feel quite sick and must rest. I wanted to be at the meeting at Fresno, but dared not risk going in such heat. I hope the Lord will bless you abundantly with every other worker who is acting a part in the meeting.*23LtMs, Lt 266, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 268, 1908

Scriver, Sister

St. Helena, California

September 22, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mrs. Scriver
Sacramento, California

My Sister Scriver:

I thank you for the \$100 that you sent me. Loans that come to me at this time are greatly appreciated in our work of preparing my books for the press. These books are needed, and they will bring spiritual blessing to the people.*23LtMs, Lt 268, 1908, par. 1*

I have done some writing since I returned from my visit to Southern California. Appointments were out that I should speak at the camp-meeting at Fresno, Cal., but I dared not attend that meeting because of the extreme heat. Elder Haskell and wife are there, and several other ministers.*23LtMs, Lt 268, 1908, par. 2*

We were almost five weeks on this trip to Southern California. The journey to Los Angeles was trying to me, but I was glad to be there and to see the work of the Lord being accomplished in that portion of the field. I begrudge nothing that I have done for the advancement of the work.*23LtMs, Lt 268, 1908, par. 3*

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

freedom.*23LtMs, Lt 268, 1908, par. 4*

I spoke several times during the camp-meeting to very large audiences. These discourses were reported and will appear later in the *Review*. The third Sunday of the meeting I spoke in the forenoon to a crowded tent on the subject of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. I spoke for one hour, presenting before the people the evidence that God has given regarding the sanctity of the seventh day.*23LtMs, Lt 268, 1908, par. 5*

Elder Haskell reports interesting meetings being held in Fresno. I should have attended this meeting had it not been for the great heat, which Elder Haskell says is almost unbearable. I felt that I dared not run any risk at this time, for I am in need of rest and care. I have not slept well for several nights because of the heat here.*23LtMs, Lt 268, 1908, par. 6*

I see the need of the message of truth going forth with a loud cry. We must have more laborers in the harvest field. But I must bring this letter to a close. I thank you once more for the help you have sent—help which is really needed. May the Lord bless you, my sister in the Lord. I hope you may be able to interest others to do likewise, that the truth may go to all the world.*23LtMs, Lt 268, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 270, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

September 23, 1908

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

Dear Brother Reaser:

I hope that you will not again undertake the responsibilities connected with the Southern California Conference. It would be better for you to be in another field and let new talent come into Southern California. *23LtMs, Lt 270, 1908, par. 1*

In some respects there are decided changes to be made in your character. Wherever you labor, you are to understand that while you are to stand as firm as a rock to principle, you are not to be a driver, but a fellow laborer with your brethren. You are not to seek to rule, and dictate, and compel, but to be teachable in spirit, kind in disposition, and to be one with your brethren. It would be a serious mistake to place you again in a position which your past experience has shown that you have not wisdom to fill. The peculiar traits of your character lead you to desire to be a leader, but I have been shown that it would not be wisdom for you to occupy the position of the president of the Southern California Conference another year. *23LtMs, Lt 270, 1908, par. 2*

I write this to you lest you should suppose that because there is some hindrance to the arrival of the one who was chosen for the presidency of Southern California, you should retain the position. We need for the place a man who has less confidence in his own

human judgment, one who will act as Christ acted, who, though Himself the prince of life, made Himself of no reputation, and coming to a world that was all seared and marred with the curse, placed Himself as one among the most needy and dependent. When He revealed Himself to the world as its Saviour, He said, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*] *23LtMs, Lt 270, 1908, par. 3*

The presidents of our conferences must be men who are not self-sufficient and dictatorial. They must not give place to the idea that the office of president comprehends a vast amount of rulership. With such ideas they will leave impressions upon minds that will do injury to the work. Precious privileges will be lost to the people when presidents minutely define and direct the work of their co-laborers. *23LtMs, Lt 270, 1908, par. 4*

As a people we are to be purified from our natural habits and desires. Our hearts must be changed, or we cannot correctly represent the Lord Jesus who gave His life for us. The Son of God took humanity upon Him that He might make it possible for humanity to take hold upon divinity through the exercise of a perfect faith. Christ is our example for the development of a perfect character. Through the strength we receive from Him, we may be overcomers. In seeking Him for those things that we need, we must exercise a faith that will not be denied. We must represent Him by following humbly in His footsteps. Through belief in His merits and practice of the truth, we shall receive of His grace, and this will be revealed in kindness of heart and action and singleness of purpose. Courtesy and sympathy will be revealed in our daily lives. By a daily opening of the heart to truth and righteousness as they are found in Jesus, we will be able to reveal that truth and that righteousness in our dealings with others. *23LtMs, Lt 270, 1908, par. 5*

The Spirit of Christ is grieved when any of His followers give evidence of possessing a harsh, unfair, or exacting spirit. As laborers together with God, each should regard the other as part of God's great firm. He desires that they shall counsel together. There is to be no drawing apart, for the spirit of independence dishonors the truth we possess. One special evidence that the love of Christ is abiding in His church is the unity and harmony which exist among

its members. This is the brightest witness to the possession of true religion; for it will convert and transform the natural man and fashion him after the divine similitude.*23LtMs, Lt 270, 1908, par. 6*

The converting power of Christ is to have a telling influence in all our institutions, and this power is the agency that will overcome our individual defects of character and make us laborers together with God. By the truth held in its purity, souls will be reached who could not otherwise be influenced to obey. The Holy Spirit is to be our counselor and guide in every branch of the work. The will of God made manifest in the life reveals the power of the Word to overcome every natural trait of character and to conduct the believer “from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” [2 *Corinthians 3:18.*]*23LtMs, Lt 270, 1908, par. 7*

I have a deep interest in you, my brother. I want you to receive the grace of our precious Saviour, that you may be sanctified—soul, body, and spirit—through the belief of the truth. You are not required to set a standard of character for yourself, but to accept that standard, which if copied will lead you in the lowly steps of Jesus.*23LtMs, Lt 270, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 272, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

September 24, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell
Fresno, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have been very sick since I wrote you last, but am feeling better today. I feel that it is very necessary that I shall be where I shall not have to do so much writing or examine so much manuscript.*23LtMs, Lt 272, 1908, par. 1*

There is one point that the Lord has very strongly impressed upon my mind since our first arrival in California. It is that we should occupy buildings that we had not erected and cultivate lands that we do not now see and possess. We must be constantly on the lookout for these advantages and be prepared to accept them when the Lord shall bring them to our notice.*23LtMs, Lt 272, 1908, par. 2*

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

mind of the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 272, 1908, par. 3*

In my visit to the place, I had only a hasty view of the property. I am desirous of seeing it again. When I am able, I shall endeavor to go with my own team when I can see it more fully.*23LtMs, Lt 272, 1908, par. 4*

I received your letter this noon. I had written part of this before it arrived. I could write much more, but will not attempt to do so now. Yesterday I sent you a manuscript regarding the matter of the school location. When we visit it the next time, we will study together the advantages and disadvantages of the place as a school site.*23LtMs, Lt 272, 1908, par. 5*

I will now leave this matter with you. May the Lord give you wisdom and sound judgment to know whether or not we should secure the property. That the Lord may guide you with His counsel is my great desire and prayer.*23LtMs, Lt 272, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 274, 1908

Workman, Brother and Sister [W. D.]

St. Helena, California

September 23, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *CD 101, 107, 126; 6Bio 171, 189.*

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Workman
Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Children:

I have written some things that I wish to be read to the school. If you do not wish to read it, some one else can read it to the students and teachers as a letter from Sister White.²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 1*

It is not because I have forgotten you that I have not written to you, but because of the press of work that is continually upon me. No sooner is one batch of letters and manuscripts dealt with, than another is placed before me, perhaps more difficult than the last. I am finding so many things to do that I cannot get time to rest. There are many manuscripts to look over and some straight testimonies to be borne. All my time is fully occupied.²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 2*

My left eye has been troubling me considerably, and for a few days I have had serious throat difficulty. A number in the neighborhood have been afflicted with the same trouble.²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 3*

A camp-meeting is now in session in Fresno. Elder Haskell did not advise me to attend. He wrote me from that place, "It is fearfully hot; I dare not say, Come." But if he had said, Come, it would have been an impossibility for me to go; for two days I have been suffering from an attack of influenza. Sara gave me very thorough treatment, such as we used to give to the sick before we had sanitariums established.²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 4*

I am drawing near to another birthday, when I shall enter my eighty-second year. I have great freedom in speaking to the people, and more especially to those not of our faith. I enjoy being where I can speak to this class of people who have not had the privileges we have had of knowing the truth. I should not be bound down to so much examination of manuscript. I am asked to read every part of the selections made. I realize that it is wonderful that the Lord blesses me with such clearness of mind, and I am grateful.²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 5*

I expect to attend the next General Conference in Washington. Edson is very desirous that I shall go to Nashville in October, but I dare not attempt this.²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 6*

The strain of the journey to Southern California was very severe upon me; nevertheless the Lord sustained me throughout the five weeks of our absence from home. On the last Sunday of the camp-meeting at Los Angeles, I spoke to a very large congregation in the tent. There were a number of the Women's Christian Temperance Union workers present, and I tried to present the importance of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, giving the Word of God for its observance. At the close I made a strong appeal for all to study their Bibles and to take their position for the right.²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 7*

As I ceased speaking, one lady, a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union came up to me, and throwing her arms around me, said, Sister White, I take my position to keep the Bible Sabbath. There were tears in her eyes as she spoke. Her confession of the truth made a solemn impression upon the people. I was very thankful for this opportunity of presenting the sacred truth of the Word of God. I let the Word of God speak for itself. A "Thus saith the Lord" is all-sufficient. We were thankful that the meeting closed so well.²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 8*

We have a deep interest in you, my children. We pray that your health will be preserved, that you may carry through the lines of study you have undertaken. Do not fail or become discouraged. Your letters do not indicate that you are losing heart. I praise the Lord for this.²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 9*

To Students and Teachers

I am instructed to say to the workers in our sanitariums and to the teachers and students in our schools that there is need of guarding ourselves upon the point of appetite. There is danger of becoming lax in this respect and of letting our individual cares and responsibilities so absorb our time that we shall not take time to eat as we should. My message to you is, Take time to eat, and do not crowd into the stomach a great variety of foods at one meal. To eat hurriedly of several kinds of food at a meal is a serious mistake. Those who respect the laws of their being will give time and thought to the needs of the body and to the laws of digestion. Respect paid to the proper treatment of the stomach will be rewarded in clearness of thought and strength of mind. Your digestive organs will not be prematurely worn out to testify against you. We are to show that we appreciate our God-given intelligence by eating and studying and working wisely. A sacred duty devolves upon us to keep the body in such a state that we shall have a sweet, clean breath. We are to appreciate the light God has given on health reform by word and practice, reflecting clear light to others upon this subject. This is a solemn obligation that God places upon each one of us. In all that we do, whether we eat or drink, we are to seek the glory of God.*23LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 10*

Many spoil their dispositions by eating improperly. We should be just as careful to learn the lessons of health reform as we are to have our studies perfectly prepared; for the habits that we adopt in this direction are helping to form our characters for the future life. It is possible for one to spoil his spiritual experience by an ill-use of the stomach.*23LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 11*

The obligation which we owe to God to keep the body in health is an individual responsibility and one which no one can bear for another. We are to eat and drink to the glory of God; then we shall preserve for ourselves peace of mind and comfort of body. Every nerve and muscle of our being is to be regarded as a sacred charge. If we will do all in our power to keep the body in health and the brain clear and strong, we will receive ability to comprehend the truth as it is in the Word, and we will have an earnest purpose to secure eternal life.*23LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 12*

The Lord requires us to work out our own salvation day by day. He will not work a miracle to prevent the result of mistreatment of our organs. It is ours to reason from cause to effect, to remember that we are the Lord's property, and to unite with God in keeping our bodies clean and pure and healthy and our whole being sanctified to Him.²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 13*

When we thus manifest our respect for our Creator and for the gift He has given us in Jesus Christ, we will receive an increase of faith and of grace every day.²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 14*

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [*John 3:16.*] In the *sixth chapter* of his gospel, the disciple John tells us of most precious things that are made possible to us if we will individually act our part. “This is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one that seeth the Son and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise Him up at the last day.” [*Verse 40.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 15*

“Verily, verily I say unto you,” Christ declared, “He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread which I give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.” [*Verses 47-51.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 274, 1908, par. 16*

Lt 276, 1908

Ferguson, D. C.

St. Helena, California

September 22, 1908

Previously unpublished.

D. C. Ferguson
2005 Santa Monica Avenue
South Hollywood, Los Angeles, California

My dear Friend:

There are some words that I wish to say to you. Christ has made it possible for you to practice His life. You have His precious words in the Bible; believe in them, carry out their teachings. Never doubt the Word of God. This Word, if received into your life, will refine and sanctify you, and increase your usefulness.²³*LtMs, Lt 276, 1908, par. 1*

There are victories for you to gain, and these you are to have through your faith in Christ. When you feel discouraged, disappointed, go to God in prayer. Trust in Him, and do His will. God is a very present help in time of need. If you will put your trust in Him, He will make His goodness pass before you; He will lead you by His counsel. His Holy Spirit, His providences, the teachings of His Word—all will be agencies in instructing you and leading you in the way of the Lord.²³*LtMs, Lt 276, 1908, par. 2*

Study the Scriptures; for there is nothing that will so firmly establish your faith in God or your belief in His truth as this. If you will have faith in God, you cannot fail of coming out victorious.²³*LtMs, Lt 276, 1908, par. 3*

“Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.” [*John 1:29.*] Look to Christ. You are the purchase of His blood. Do not disappoint the One who gave His life that you might be an overcomer. He was tempted on every point that you and I are

tempted on; and in order to resist, He spent whole nights in prayer and communion with His Father. Christ did not leave this world until He had made it possible for every soul to live a life of perfect faith and obedience and to have a perfect character.*23LtMs, Lt 276, 1908, par. 4*

I want you to search the Word. I do not want you to accept the sayings and opinions of others for the observance of the day of rest. I want you to have an entrance into the city of God. Keep the day that He has sanctified and blessed, and you will find a blessing come to you that you have not found in the observance of Sunday.*23LtMs, Lt 276, 1908, par. 5*

Let us follow all the light that God has given in His Word. God is in earnest with us in this matter. It means everything to us to obey the Lord and to sanctify Him in our hearts. What a missionary work we might do in this world! God invites you to come into line to plant your feet upon the eternal Rock, to stand on God's platform and bring all your powers to labor for souls who need to be converted.*23LtMs, Lt 276, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 278, 1908

Kerr, Sister

St. Helena, California

February 21, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *7MR 381*.

Dear Sister Kerr:

I received your letter yesterday. I have been thinking to write to you for some time, and now I will say, Thank you for getting the start of me.²³*LtMs, Lt 278, 1908, par. 1*

You know how much joy it gives to bestow good gifts on your children. The Saviour says, "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." [*Luke 11:13.*] The Father is much more willing to bestow His grace than we are to ask for it. "If ye shall ask anything in My name," He says, "I will do it." "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name," Christ declared, "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." [*John 14:14, 26.*] Whatever we ask in Christ's name, and in accordance with His will, will be given us.²³*LtMs, Lt 278, 1908, par. 2*

It means much to ask in Christ's name. It means to ask in the simplicity of a little child, and with full trust that what you ask you will receive. You need not wait for greater assurance than this. The Lord will surely do as He has promised. Walk and work by faith. Time is short, and we must watch and pray, and believe and trust. We do not express thanksgiving to God as we should.²³*LtMs, Lt 278, 1908, par. 3*

I am pleased that you have a church at Honolulu, where those can meet who believe and love the present truth. I would like to visit you and speak in your new meetinghouse. A week ago last Sabbath I spoke to a large congregation in the sanitarium chapel, St. Helena. The Lord gave me freedom as I spoke from the *third chapter of*

Revelation. My voice was clear and distinct. Every available seat in the chapel was occupied, and the patients in wheel chairs filled the aisles. All were very attentive as I spoke to them from the Word of life.²³*LtMs, Lt 278, 1908, par. 4*

I told the people how we were working to establish in various places sanitariums for the sick. I told them that Christ was our physician. We are asked by some, Do you have power to work miracles and to heal the sick? I answer, I have never worked a miracle in my life; but I have presented many suffering ones in faith to Christ, and the mighty Healer has rebuked disease and raised the suffering ones to health. Christ alone can heal the sick and raise the dead. What freedom and joy I had as I lifted up before the people the Saviour who has risen from the dead, and who has proclaimed over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, I am the resurrection and the life.²³*LtMs, Lt 278, 1908, par. 5*

“In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary to see the sepulcher. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. But the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him; lo, I have told you.” [*Matthew 28:1-7.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 278, 1908, par. 6*

O what a victory was here obtained in our behalf. With what joy should we acknowledge our gratitude to God for the gift of life given to us in His Son.²³*LtMs, Lt 278, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 280, 1908

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

St. Helena, California

September 28, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *6Bio 171*.

Drs. D. H. and L. Kress

Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

I read your letter this afternoon. I was surprised that you should say that there has been any questioning of your capability as physicians. I would say that we are glad you are where you are; and while you continue to put your trust in the Lord, we feel safe in regard to the success of the sanitarium. I ask you not to feel concerned about this matter, but to go forward in confidence and trust in the Lord. We will not worry; and we ask you not to worry, but to be of good courage in God.*23LtMs, Lt 280, 1908, par. 1*

I read in your letter of the physical difficulties under which you are struggling. Just this morning W. C. White told me that today he is to go under an operation for the same trouble. Since then I have kept his case before the Lord and prayed that He would be his great Physician. This afternoon I heard that the operation was a success and that W. C. is resting comfortably, though not yet allowed to see anybody. He will now have to rest. This is the first rest he has had for a long time. I hope he will be very prudent. There are many of my writings to be prepared for the press, and W. C. feels that he can hardly spare time to lay off just now; but the Lord wills that we should be prudent at such times as this and obtain all the relief possible.*23LtMs, Lt 280, 1908, par. 2*

Elder M. C. Israel's daughter has just undergone a similar operation. After the danger was over we took her to our house and cared for her until she was able to return home. She went home last week, relieved of her suffering.*23LtMs, Lt 280, 1908, par. 3*

I have felt assurance as I have prayed for Willie; the Lord has given me the comfort of knowing that he was doing the right thing. When your letter came, I sat down at once to let you know about this, and to know that the worst is over and the operation successful. I hope you will be likewise blessed and healed.*23LtMs, Lt 280, 1908, par. 4*

Dr. Kress, I have confidence that you are in the right place. While you put your trust in God, and order your ways in accordance with His will, He will care for you. Be of good courage and trust wholly in Him. The Lord is good and greatly to be praised. We have every reason to trust Him and to praise His holy name. Let us hope in the Lord; He will help us in every emergency.*23LtMs, Lt 280, 1908, par. 5*

I am pleased to hear that Sister Kress has improved in health, and also the children. May the Lord bless them and help them to act their part. The Lord is our strength and fortress, a very present help in trouble.*23LtMs, Lt 280, 1908, par. 6*

I have been having a very trying time with a cold that seemed very like influenza. Several in the neighborhood have had the same difficulty. I was unable to attend the Fresno camp-meeting, but feel that my health is improving.*23LtMs, Lt 280, 1908, par. 7*

I received a letter from Elder Olsen. Elder Loughborough stood the journey to Australia well, and the Lord is blessing his labors there. Every meeting he holds seems to be blessed with the presence of the Spirit of God.*23LtMs, Lt 280, 1908, par. 8*

My workers are doing all in their power to forward the work on my books, and I am kept continually at work. But I must not write more this evening. I am sitting at the west window of my bedroom. The sun is setting, leaving a golden pathway across the hills. Beautiful, golden sunset! It calls to my mind thoughts of the golden city which, if faithful, we soon shall enter.*23LtMs, Lt 280, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 282, 1908

Members of the Fresno Church

St. Helena, California

September 28, 1908

Previously unpublished.

To the members of the Fresno church

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

It is not possible for me to stand before you as I have done in other camp-meetings this year, but I can bear my message to you in writing.*23LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 1*

I have thought much of how little burden is carried by those who know the truth for those who know it not. Christ declared that He came to this world to call, not the righteous, but sinners to repentance. [*Matthew 9:13.*] Those who know the truths of the Word of God are not to hide their light in obscurity, but as faithful missionaries are to give the warning message to unbelieving neighbors and friends. They are to work as Christ has given them example. All who have a knowledge of the testing truths for this time should ask themselves the question, Am I giving the time and labor to the work of saving souls that Christ requires of His followers?*23LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 2*

I speak to every church member: Place yourself in the light that you may reflect light and that souls may be led to see the great and soul-saving truths of the Word of God. Every believer in Christ should be a laborer together with Him in drawing souls from sin to righteousness. We are to keep in view the life that measures with the life of God. We are to watch for opportunities to bring the truths of the Word before those who do not see and understand. Christ is not now with us in person, but through the agency of the Holy Spirit, He is present to impart His power and grace and great salvation.*23LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 3*

Read the *thirty-fifth chapter of Jeremiah*. Here the Lord contrasts the obedience of the Rechabites with the disobedience of the Jews. For years God had been employing a variety of means to guard His people against evils that would make it difficult and even impossible for them to carry on the work He had specified they should do.²³*LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 4*

“The word which came unto Jeremiah from the Lord in the days of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the Lord, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; and I brought them into the house of the Lord, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah, the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door: and I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.²³*LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 5*

“But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons forever: neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers. Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: but we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. But it came to pass, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans and for fear of the army of the Syrians, so we dwell at Jerusalem.” [*Verses 1-11.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 6*

The Rechabites had been charged with special instruction by their fathers, and this parental authority had been obeyed. Frugality and temperance in all things, and simplicity of manner, would be a far

better portion for them in this life than the ways of the worldling. God commended their obedience. A contrast is drawn between them and those to whom God had given special light and privileges.²³*LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 7*

“Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the Lord. The words of Jonadab, the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father’s commandment, notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye harkened not unto Me. I have sent also unto you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor harkened unto Me.²³*LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 8*

“Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not harkened unto Me: therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.²³*LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 9*

“And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you: therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before Me forever.” [*Verses 12-19.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 10*

The constancy of the Rechabites was fully proved, and it was also shown that nothing was required of them but that which they were able to perform. By their example of loyalty was shown the

aggravated disobedience of the Jews. God would let them see their unrighteous course in contrast with the obedience and faithfulness of the sons of Rechab.*23LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 11*

The lesson applies to our time. I am instructed to say to the church at Fresno, There has been with you who claim to be commandment-keepers a great neglect in meeting the requirements of God. There has been revealed a manifest neglect of opportunities for labor. There has been seen a following of worldly customs, and a selfish, worldly influence has prevailed. The works that God requires of His people have been greatly lacking. I am burdened, greatly burdened, for the Lord has presented to me many deficiencies among those who have had great light and who ought to be standing on a high spiritual platform.*23LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 12*

It would be pleasing to the Lord if at this camp-meeting the members of the Fresno church should experience a reconversion and take up the missionary work that God demands of them with a willing, faithful spirit. In the past, little evidence has been given of the possession of a genuine, self-sacrificing spirit. Unless a reconversion takes place in the church, this lax spirit will increase, and the spirit of self-sacrifice will die out. Those who profess the name of Christ should bear in mind that the people who are welcomed to the holy city will be those who in their human life have denied self and who have purified their souls and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*23LtMs, Lt 282, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 284, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

September 28, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder S. N. Haskell
Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

Some days ago I sent you quite a long communication. I shall be pleased to hear from you in regard to it.²³*LtMs, Lt 284, 1908, par. 1*

I received the letter in which you expressed the mind of a portion of the people regarding the Buena Vista property; but this is not to end the question. A more thorough investigation should be made by those who are competent judges, and who are acquainted with the circumstances that led to the first examination of the property. When a fair investigation has been made, and the matter laid before the Lord, then a harmonious and unprejudiced decision can be made. But unless there are the best of reasons for dropping the matter just where it is, this should not be done, even to satisfy some who feel that they have formed the conclusion from very sensible convictions that the plan is not of the Lord. We have had so much of man's planning that we should have an all-sufficient reason before giving up all thought of this property.²³*LtMs, Lt 284, 1908, par. 2*

The people at Sonoma are desirous that the school be located there. They wish their children to attend. This may seem a little thing, but it means much. The children of unbelievers coming into the school and hearing the reasons of our faith set forth will be influenced to believe. We as a people are to improve such opportunities of giving the light to others.²³*LtMs, Lt 284, 1908, par.*

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I have written a letter to the church members at Fresno, which I

hope will be read before the church. Many of the believers in Fresno are in need of genuine conversion. With some, selfishness has eclipsed true godliness and blinded the spiritual eyesight. Many are standing in such a position that should Christ come to the earth today, they would be found unfit to enter in through the gates into the city. I ask you, Elder Haskell, to make suitable appeals, and let others make appeals to the people of Fresno. They need to be aroused from their lethargy to labor for souls. They need to take their light from under the bushel, that those who are now in the darkness of error may see the truth and turn to it.²³*LtMs, Lt 284, 1908, par. 4*

Lt 286, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

October 2, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell
Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I shall not be able to attend the meeting at Madison, Tenn. I did hope that my strength would be sufficient for this journey, but I know that I will not be able to take it. The General Conference will be held in Washington in about seven months. If the Lord strengthens me, I hope to attend that meeting. I wish I could feel clear in regard to all the things I desire to do.*23LtMs, Lt 286, 1908, par. 1*

Your thoughtfulness in calling at our house was very gratifying to me. I hope that you will be able to help the work in Nashville. May the Lord give you wisdom.*23LtMs, Lt 286, 1908, par. 2*

I have sent messages to Brother Ford; he is inexcusable in pursuing the course he has followed. If he still refuses to walk according to the light that has been given, I shall have to let others know what I wrote him.*23LtMs, Lt 286, 1908, par. 3*

All that Elder Butler has done in the matter of Edson White and I. A. Ford has been to vindicate Brother Ford. Elder Butler has made a mistake here. I do not regard Brother Ford's case as hopeless, but I know that he will do strange things that the Word of God will not justify him in doing. He saw Edson White in a hard place, and he took advantage of the situation. Such a course of action can never be approved by God. Edson White has worked to help his brethren

when he found them in close and trying places. The Lord has kept a record of every action done to relieve the necessities of the afflicted, both colored and white.*23LtMs, Lt 286, 1908, par. 4*

I am instructed to say that no one can safely manifest the spirit shown by Brother Ford toward Edson White; for the evils resulting from the manifestation of such a spirit will surely be reflected back upon the one who does the wrong. Brother Ford's actions have revealed a character as hard as flint. I would not write this to Edson White, for I hoped the testimony borne to Bro. Ford would be sufficient.*23LtMs, Lt 286, 1908, par. 5*

I have been very busy searching through my writings for matter that I wish to have reprinted. I have not strength to do more today. The influenza has left me, but I am suffering with pain in my right side and limb.*23LtMs, Lt 286, 1908, par. 6*

You will understand, Eld. Haskell, that it is difficult for me to leave home just now. The work that should be done on my books is burdening my mind. When I am called off to visit other parts of the field, my workers are often greatly inconvenienced and the work is hindered. My visit to Southern California took me and several of the workers away for about five weeks. I write this that you may know how difficult it would be for me to visit Nashville at this time. I feel that it is my duty to attend the meeting at Washington, and I will go if the Lord gives me strength to do so.*23LtMs, Lt 286, 1908, par. 7*

W. C. White is improving. I have been very anxious concerning him. The operation which Dr. Rand performed for him we believe to be a success.*23LtMs, Lt 286, 1908, par. 8*

If you hear anything more concerning the Buena Vista property, let me hear it.*23LtMs, Lt 286, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 286a, 1908

Haskell, Br-Sr.

Duplicate of *Lt 286, 1908*.

Lt 288, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

September 29, 1908

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

Dear Brother:

If you and your wife desire to remain in Los Angeles a short time for the reason named in your letter, I am sure no one could object. I would not say to you to do otherwise than you propose, and I am sure there will be no forbidding on the part of any others. Mercy and judgment go hand in hand. I feel a deep interest in you and your wife. You have had your lessons to learn with every true disciple of Christ. If you will put your trust in His infinite wisdom, the Lord will guide you at every step and in every decision.*23LtMs, Lt 288, 1908, par. 1*

I know that it is wisdom for you to have a change in your administration. If in your new field of labor you are placed in a position of responsibility, be careful that the medical missionary work is not neglected. The world is a vast lazar house of disease, physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us. The members of the churches need to be awakened, that they may realize their responsibility to impart the truth to those who know it not. The practice of medical missionary work will open many doors for labor in spiritual lines and will be much appreciated in your new field of labor.*23LtMs, Lt 288, 1908, par. 2*

My message to you is, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." [*Isaiah 60:1.*] This glory is to be revealed in and through you to the souls who need the comfort and encouragement that you can give them. You are to be the Lord's light-bearers to the world. For you to engage in secular business would be a great mistake. If you will cherish and follow the light, a very rich experience will come to you. You are not to walk in darkness, but, as a reformer, your light is to increase.*23LtMs, Lt 288, 1908, par. 3*

You have the ability to see the things that need to be done, and it is your privilege to become a wise shepherd of the sheep. Let tenderness and love come into your heart and into your home, and into all your dealings with others. Wherever you labor, bear in mind that you have an individual responsibility to become a tender shepherd of the sheep. Do not seek to drive, but do your work as a faithful and tender guardian of the Lord's blessed flock. They need not the uplifted whip, but the hand that will feed them and the heart of tenderness and love that will minister to them comfort and help.*23LtMs, Lt 288, 1908, par. 4*

I am instructed to say to you, Let your influence encourage; learn the Christ science of prevailing prayer. Go to your new field of labor in the fear of God, and feed the flock of God with pure provender thoroughly winnowed from the chaff. Teach the truth in simplicity, so that the little child can understand it. The Lord has a purpose in moving you to a missionary field, and He wants you to carry with you a sense of your individual responsibility. You are to be taught of God. His Word is to be your lesson book. "Learn of Me," says the great Teacher; "for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*] Let the tenderness and meekness of Christ be seen in your life. You have much to learn in this respect.*23LtMs, Lt 288, 1908, par. 5*

Christ is calling upon you personally to do your utmost in His service. Look not to others to see if they are doing all their duty, but look to self. If you are daily converted to the service of God, your influence will be Christlike; and through your instrumentality souls will be converted to the truth, souls whom God can use as channels of light. God will accept your consecrated efforts. He will use you to

save souls who are now looking for the right way, and through your efforts they may be led to the light. There are many who are in darkness, who are groping to find their way to a more exalted experience. They know that a knowledge of the way is found in the teachings of Christ. Lead these, my brother, to the narrow way that leads through the strait gate to eternal life. This will call for unselfish effort, which you must learn more fully how to give.²³*LtMs, Lt 288, 1908, par. 6*

Again I say, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come." [*isaiah 60:1.*] Show that you have a living interest in the medical missionary work. Study the Bible and the works of Christ most diligently. God has given abundant light, showing how we should carry forward the medical missionary work in the world. Those who study and practice the instruction given on health reform will be greatly blessed, both spiritually and physically. The knowledge gained of the needs of the being will prove one of the greatest blessings; for it will lead to the administering of help that will safeguard souls against the evils that are coming upon all classes and conditions of people. Practical health reform will reveal in a remarkable manner the wisdom of God made perfect in weakness.²³*LtMs, Lt 288, 1908, par. 7*

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

comprehend.²³*LtMs, Lt 288, 1908, par. 8*

It is the privilege of the youth to say, The Lord has given me my sight and hearing for His glory. I will close my ears to that which is foolish and cheap. I will read that Word that will fit me for a place in the home Christ is preparing for those who have sanctified their souls by obedience to the truth. My voice shall proclaim the glory of God; every power of my being shall be consecrated to God.²³*LtMs, Lt 288, 1908, par. 9*

We have a work to do in this life to refine and purify the soul, preparing it for the future, immortal life. Let us cleanse ourselves from all cheapness of word and thought. Let us engage fully in His service, performing errands of mercy in His name.²³*LtMs, Lt 288, 1908, par. 10*

May the Lord bless you all, is my prayer.²³*LtMs, Lt 288, 1908, par. 11*

Lt 290, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

September 29, 1908

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Elder J. E. White
1713 Cass Street
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear son Edson:

Your letter was received today. W. C. White has been working under difficulties for some time. He has had trouble with his teeth, and one of these has had to be treated by drilling a hole through the gold crown. An abscess had formed on the root of the tooth, and this has caused him much suffering. In addition to this he has been suffering from hemorrhoids. Yesterday Dr. Rand took him in hand and operated upon him for this difficulty.*23LtMs, Lt 290, 1908, par. 1*

In the evening of the day of the operation, his wife went up to the sanitarium to see him. He was just arousing from sleep and told May that she had come too soon, for the operation had not yet been performed. He was surprised when he was told that it was all over.*23LtMs, Lt 290, 1908, par. 2*

Dr. Rand said that the operation was a more difficult one than he at first supposed necessary. He says that W. C. White must have suffered considerably from his head, as these internal difficulties always affect the head.*23LtMs, Lt 290, 1908, par. 3*

On the day that the operation was performed, I spent much time in prayer to God in behalf of Willie, and a great peace came to my soul in answer to my prayers. I was assured that the Lord was

watching over him and that he would come out all right.*23LtMs, Lt 290, 1908, par. 4*

Today has been a very busy one. I have spent it in examining manuscripts and in deciding what is best to bring before the people at this time. I feel sure that you can do much to help us in this work. Brother Crisler also feels that you can give us special help. When you can do so, come. We need you as soon as you can get here without creating confusion to your work in Nashville. We will be glad to have Emma come with you. We have an excellent matron in our home. We shall be glad to welcome you both as soon as you can conveniently come.*23LtMs, Lt 290, 1908, par. 5*

W. C. White may not be able to do full work for several weeks, but the other workers are all here, and each has a special part to act. We will all be glad to have you come to our help.*23LtMs, Lt 290, 1908, par. 6*

This is all I can write you at this time. I was unable to attend the Fresno meeting. I am just recovering from an attack of influenza. If my health will permit, I shall attend the General Conference in Washington and bear my testimony there. It is now nearly dark, and I must put up my pen.*23LtMs, Lt 290, 1908, par. 7*

The working of satanic agencies in the world is becoming more and more apparent, and this is why I am anxious to see our schools located out of the cities. The Healdsburg school will be held there no longer. We hope that at Buena Vista we have secured a good location. It is about thirty miles from St. Helena. We will do our best to follow the leadings of the Spirit of God.*23LtMs, Lt 290, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 292, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

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Elder J. E. White
1713 Cass Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Son Edson:

I have had influenza quite severely, but Sara has given me heroic treatment, and I am improving. My left limb is now causing me trouble. Some nights I am unable to lie comfortably in bed and have been kept awake for hours. And the few hours that I do sleep do not rest me. But the Lord is very near to me; He is gracious, and I praise His holy name.^{23LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 1}

All through the day I have important writings to examine. I find so much that ought to come before the people, and we are trying to prepare these writings as fast as possible. At times my eyes are severely taxed, but no one but myself can do this first work, to judge of their importance, and to decide which should come before the people.^{23LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 2}

I pray that the meetings you will have together at Madison and Nashville will be greatly blessed of the Lord. I hope that as soon as you can adjust matters, you will come here and unite with Willie in this very important work. This is what you should have done years ago. <All our powers should now be enlisted heartily in the work of God.>^{23LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 3}

I am so thankful that you have not departed from the faith by giving

heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Satan will work tremendously to influence the men who know the principles of present truth to interweave with the truth his fallacious theories. The Lord now calls upon every soul to be Bible Christians. But few understand the workings of Satan on the minds and hearts of human beings who know the truth and his power to lead them into deception.*23LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 4*

I am more thankful than language can express for the wonderful victories that have been gained by some who have been in darkness and bewilderment. Some who are actually working against the truth were delivered by the Holy Spirit's power at the camp-meeting at Fresno and are now standing on the true platform, whose foundation and builder is Jesus Christ.*23LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 5*

I have an intense interest that you shall come off more than conqueror through the grace of Christ. This grace is given to every soul who will receive it and be led and controlled by the Spirit of God. Let us appreciate the great privileges obtained for us by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. The power of satanic agencies will continue to increase, and the battle will become more and more trying. We need each one to obtain a deep experience in the living Word. Let us study that Word and live by it.*23LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 6*

The words that God spoke to ancient Israel through His servant Moses are as verily spoken to us as to them: "Thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; but because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He sware unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."*23LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 7*

"Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth mercy and covenant with them that love Him and

keep His commandments to a thousand generations: and He repayeth them that hate Him to their face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments and the statutes and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.²³*LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 8*

“Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep the covenant and the mercy which He sware unto thy fathers: and He will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee.” [*Deuteronomy 7:6-13.*] Read the remainder of this *seventh chapter of Deuteronomy*, and also the *eighth chapter*; there are precious lessons to be learned from this portion of God’s Word.²³*LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 9*

There is not the least excuse for any soul to make mistakes or stumble into error. The Word of God is a sure guide; the terms of salvation and of prosperity are plainly defined. “All the commandments which I command thee this day,” the Lord declares, “shall ye observe to do, that ye may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers. And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no.”²³*LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 10*

“And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord, doth man live. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. Thou shalt also consider in thine heart that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.” [*Deuteronomy 8:1-6.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 11*

I am impressed by the Spirit of God to repeat these words of the Lord to His people as they assemble in general meeting. The instruction given to ancient Israel for their education and guidance is to be given in our gatherings; for our people need to be

impressed with the fact that their prosperity depends upon a strict obedience to every principle laid down; and by repeating this instruction to the people, we shall impress these principles more firmly upon their minds. These two chapters of Deuteronomy contain important instruction, concerning the keeping of God's commandments, and should be often presented to the people.²³*LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 12*

The instruction of *chapter five* should also come to us with special force. That which the Lord required of His people as He led them through the wilderness was sanctification—sanctification of mind and soul and body. This He requires of every soul today. There is to be rendered to Him by His people perfect obedience to His will. No excuse will be accepted for disobedience to His holy commandments.²³*LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 13*

Moses was charged to repeat to the people the lessons recorded in *chapters nine to twelve* of this book, and this he did. No member of the congregation of Israel was left in ignorance regarding this duty. The same requirement rests upon us individually. And to you, my son, I write them explicitly, that you may learn their importance and learn to live by every word of God. These heavenly principles you are to express in all you do and say.²³*LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 14*

We have been favored with a knowledge of the history of remarkable characters who lived in Bible times. These histories are given to us that we may learn the lessons that the lives of these men teach. Line upon line, precept upon precept, we are to accept the Word of God and put it into practice in our lives.²³*LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 15*

Moses was told to put the instruction given him into song, that as the children of Israel traveled through the wilderness, they might cheer their long march by music and song. Those who were skilled in the use of musical instruments led the singing; as the vast army kept step together in musical tread, their voices were raised to recount the wonderful dealings of God with them. It was an impressive scene, and one in which the angels of heaven took part, impressing the heart and fixing indelibly in the memory the lessons God desired to teach.²³*LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 16*

God had another purpose in thus preserving in song the memory of His dealings with Israel. They were to be preserved and handed down to future generations, that when in time to come the children should ask their fathers, What mean ye by these songs? They might repeat to them the history of the wanderings of Israel and impress their lessons on their minds.*23LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 17*

I ask you to study carefully the experiences of Israel in their travels to Canaan. Study the *third* and *fourth chapters of Joshua*, recording their preparation for and passage over the Jordan into the promised land. We need to keep the heart and mind in training, by refreshing the memory with the lessons that the Lord taught His ancient people. Then to us, as He designed it should be to them, the teachings of His Word will ever be interesting and impressive.*23LtMs, Lt 292, 1908, par. 18*

Lt 294, 1908

White, J. E.

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Lt 296, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

Refiled as *Lt 141, 1906*.

Lt 298, 1908

White, J. E.

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Lt 299, 1908

White, J. E.

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Lt 300, 1908

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Lt 302, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

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Elder J. E. White
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear son Edson:

I am not able to write today. I feel very weary. My head is tired, tired, tired. I have been looking over my manuscripts to find those things that I may need in the work I am doing.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 1*

Since my return from Los Angeles I have been much afflicted. I have suffered much with rheumatism in my right side and right limb. Much of the time I was in intense pain. I could lie in one position but a short time, and every movement caused much suffering.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 2*

I have spoken only twice since my return from Southern California, and Sara has given me most heroic treatment. This relieved the difficulty, but it returned again and again.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 3*

We have had no rain until the day before yesterday. Then we had a steady rain for about ten hours.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 4*

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

remember it.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 5*

Many times, my son, I have had my soul drawn out in prayer to the great Healer that He would manifest Himself to you in the power of His rich grace and heal every physical and spiritual infirmity.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 6*

During many hours of the night, in my periods of wakefulness, my prayers have ascended to God that He would heal you both soul and body, and I have believed and still believe that the Lord is giving you a repentance that needeth not to be repented of. Of this I have had clear evidence of late.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 7*

At one time I expected to go to Nashville, but when infirmities came so strong upon me, I dared not go. Elder Haskell urged me strongly to go, but I dared not venture, for it would be presumption. I did want to be with you all in Nashville very much, and especially with you, Edson. I wanted to be with you. But I gave it up because I am in no condition to travel.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 8*

I now say to you, Edson, I believe that the Lord has pardoned where you have made mistakes, and that He will work with you and by you and through you to the glory of His name.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 9*

I have confidence that the Lord will give you most precious victories in working in unison with your brother in the important and urgent work of getting out my publications.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 10*

Edson, I have had great faith for you all along. At various times I have written you letters which I will forward to you, for I have faith that you will gain victories step by step regarding the matters mentioned in these letters.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 11*

Your Mother.*23LtMs, Lt 302, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 304, 1908

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To our churches in Washington, D.C.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

God calls upon you to show yourselves steadfast, immovable, always abounding in faith and love. I am commissioned to say to you that if you will seek the Lord, you will find Him precious to your souls. Some have piled so much of the rubbish of self against the door of the heart that the Saviour cannot enter. God calls upon them to clear away the rubbish and let Jesus in.²³*LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 1*

Do not work in your own way, but in the Lord's way. "Come unto Me," He says. "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:28, 29.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 2*

I seemed to be standing among you, entreating you to come to Christ for cleansing of heart and mind, saying, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." If you will come to Jesus, He will put out His hand and touch you, saying, "I will, be thou clean." [*Matthew 8:2, 3.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 3*

The Lord Jesus is grieved by the character that some are revealing. Unless they humble their hearts before God, He will set them aside. The One who was instructing us called several by name, and said: You are making trouble for yourselves. You are walking away from Christ onto the enemy's ground and are imperiling your souls.

Unless you change, you will communicate to others the leaven of unbelief that is working in your hearts. You need Christ's ministry of healing. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.*23LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 4*

I call upon the believers in Washington to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty powers of darkness. Personal labor will be needed in this city and its suburbs. Clear the King's highway. Lift up the standard higher and still higher. There is evangelistic work to be done in Washington and Baltimore and in the many other large cities of the South and the East. Let the work of teaching and healing be combined. Let ministers and medical missionaries put on the whole armor of God and go forth to proclaim the gospel message. A decided message is to be proclaimed in Washington. The trumpet is to be given a certain sound.*23LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 5*

Close the door of the heart against Satan's entrance. Let no one become an instrument in the enemy's hand, used by him against Christ. When you come into working order, you will find what appeared to be mountains of difficulty will have shrunk into molehills. God calls upon you to live the Christ-life, to reveal this life to the world. When you do this, prejudice will vanish and difficulties will adjust themselves. You will gather about the Great Missionary, your hearts filled with gratitude and love. The searching truths of the Word of God will be as cool, refreshing streams to thirsty souls.*23LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 6*

There is a work to be done both for the white and the colored people in Washington, and in the neighboring states. Many obstacles will arise to retard this work. Inconsiderate or premature movements would bring no real satisfaction and would make it far more difficult to carry forward any line of work for the colored people. The work in behalf of this people has been sadly neglected, and the powers of darkness are prepared to work with intensity of effort against those who take up this work. From the light given me, I know that every injudicious movement made in or about Washington, or in other parts of the southern field, to encourage the sentiment that the white and the colored people are to associate

together in social equality, will mean more in retarding our work than any human mind can comprehend.*23LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 7*

There is too much at stake for human judgment to be followed in this matter. If the conference should say that no difference is to be recognized and no separation is to be made in such relationship between the white people and the colored people, our work with both races would be greatly hindered. If it should be recommended and generally practiced in all our Washington churches, that white and black believers assemble in the same house of worship and be seated promiscuously in the building, many evils would be the result. Many would say that this should not be, and must not be.*23LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 8*

But who will press the question of entire exclusion? Both white and colored people have the same Creator and are saved by the redeeming grace of the same Saviour. Christ gave His life for all. He says to all, "Ye are bought with a price." [*1 Corinthians 6:20.*] God has marked out no color line, and men should move very guardedly, lest we offend God. The Lord has not made two heavens, one for white people and one for colored people. There is but one heaven for the saved.*23LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 9*

All who enter heaven will enter, not through their own merit, but through the merits of Christ, God's gift to the world. By His sacrifice He has secured for us a probation, in which to form characters for the future, immortal life.*23LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 10*

An Illustration

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

with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.” Jesus said, “Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live.” [*Luke 10:25-28.*]*23LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 11*

The lawyer knew that he had kept neither the first four nor the last six commandments. He was convicted under Christ’s searching words, but instead of confessing his sin, he tried to excuse it. Rather than acknowledge the truth, he endeavored to show how difficult of fulfilment the commandment is. Thus he hoped to parry conviction and to vindicate himself in the eyes of the people. The Saviour’s words had shown that his question was needless, since he had been able to answer it himself. Yet he put another question, “Who is my neighbor?” [*Verse 29.*]*23LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 12*

Christ answered the question by relating an incident, the memory of which was fresh in the minds of His hearers. “A certain man,” He said, “went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his raiment, and departed, leaving him half dead.” [*Verse 30.*]*23LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 13*

In journeying from Jerusalem to Jericho, the traveler had to pass through a portion of the wilderness of Judea. The road led down a wild, rocky ravine, which was infested with robbers and was often the scene of violence. It was here that the traveler was attacked, stripped of all that was valuable, and left half dead by the wayside. As he lay thus, a priest came that way; he saw the man lying wounded and bruised, weltering in his own blood. He “passed by on the other side.” Then a Levite appeared. Curious to know what had happened, he stopped and looked at the sufferer. He was convicted of what he ought to do, but it was not an agreeable duty. He wished that he had not come that way, so that he would not have seen the wounded man. He persuaded himself that the case was no concern of his, and he too “passed by on the other side.” [*Verses 31, 32.*]*23LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 14*

But a Samaritan, traveling the same road, saw the sufferer, and he did the work that others had refused to do. With gentleness and kindness he ministered to the wounded man. “When he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and

brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him, and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.” [Verses 33-35.] The priest and the Levite both professed piety, but the Samaritan showed that he was truly converted. It was no more agreeable for him to do the work than for the priest, but in spirit and works he proved himself to be in harmony with God.²³*LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 15*

In giving this lesson, Christ presented the principles of the law in a direct, forcible way, showing His hearers that they had neglected to carry out these principles. His words were so definite and pointed that the listeners could find no opportunity to cavil. The lawyer found in the lesson nothing that he could criticize. His prejudice in regard to Christ was removed. But he had not overcome his national dislike sufficiently to give credit to the Samaritan by name. When Christ asked, “Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell upon the thieves?” he answered, “Him that showed mercy on him.” [Verses 36, 37.]²³*LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 16*

“Then said Jesus, Go, and do thou likewise.” [Verse 37.] Show the same tender regard to those in need. Thus you will give evidence that you keep the whole law.²³*LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 17*

It costs something to live the Christ-life in this world; but it pays, yes, greatly pays.²³*LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 18*

The Lord hears every word that is spoken and sees every movement that is made. He knows the motives that prompt us to action.²³*LtMs, Lt 304, 1908, par. 19*

Lt 306, 1908

White, J. E.

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Lt 308, 1908

Those Interested in Paradise Valley Sanitarium

St. Helena, California

October 20, 1908

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To those interested in Paradise Valley Sanitarium

Dear Brethren:

I have a very earnest desire to see the work advance in San Diego County. We have no time to lose. The hosts of Satan are working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness, and we must be wide-awake to meet their wiles. We should ever be drawing nearer and nearer to God. We need increased faith and a firm reliance on the help that God can give. This will make us a help and a blessing to others.²³*LtMs, Lt 308, 1908, par. 1*

We have no need to be sad and discouraged. The words and example of our Redeemer should bring us comfort and joy, and strength to work His works. Let us reveal in our lives the fact that we are relying upon Him who gave His life that we might not perish but have everlasting life. Let us draw by living faith on the strength and power of God. In no other way can we obtain the victory over the hosts of Satan. If by faith we will lay firm hold on the heavenly provision, the greatest powers in the universe will enable us to make complete our triumph over Satan and sin.²³*LtMs, Lt 308, 1908, par. 2*

“In that day shalt thou say, O Lord, I will praise Thee: though thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.”²³*LtMs, Lt 308, 1908, par. 3*

“And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name,

declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.²³*LtMs, Lt 308, 1908, par. 4*

“Cry and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.” [*Isaiah 12:1-6.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 308, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 310, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

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Elder J. E. White
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Edson:

There are some matters that are perplexing me. I do not feel able to go to the meeting in Madison. Last night Elder Haskell and wife came up to see me. They greatly desire that I shall attend this meeting, but I know that I shall not be able.*23LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 1*

I was not able to go to the camp-meeting held in Fresno. The heat there was intense, and Brother Haskell wired me from there that he could not advise me to come. Very soon after I came down with a severe attack of influenza, and this made me very weak. I have worked so continuously for some time, that I feel brain and soul weary; yet I do not feel that I should break off now and go to Madison. I must be where my workers can consult with me.*23LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 2*

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

upon by the Spirit of God. He declared it to be his determination that his spiritual life should be different from what it had been in the past.²³*LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 3*

Dr. Hare and several of the ministers also made open confessions. Several, whose names I will not write, were reconverted. Elder Haskell says he does not recall any meeting at which such general work was done in the breaking of hearts before God and the conversion of souls from error to truth. I can hardly describe to you my feelings as Elder Haskell gave this report. I am so thankful that through the working of the Holy Spirit such results have been accomplished.²³*LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 4*

Sunday, October 4

The letters I have received this morning have made me glad. Elder Haskell writes very encouragingly. His soul is full of courage, and he is deeply moved by the work that has been wrought for our people at the Fresno meeting. The morning that he talked with me here, he could hardly tell of the remarkable change that came to some at that meeting. He said that Elder Knox rose to his feet before the congregation and said that he was thoroughly converted to belief in the testimonies. As he talked, his words became more earnest and powerful, and his face shone with the glory of God, showing how powerfully the Spirit of God was working upon his heart. And the same power came upon many as they confessed their backslidings and renewed their consecration to God. It was a great thing for Elder Haskell to say that he, in all his experience, had never seen such a manifestation of the Spirit's power, as one after another confessed their sins and were converted.²³*LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 5*

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

has a special work to do in the preparation of the testimonies. Yet we need your special talent now to relieve and aid W.C., who has a heavy strain upon him. Willie says you can greatly assist him in the preparation of my books. So, Edson, as soon as you can arrange to do so, I hope you will come. I am desirous of having your help, and so also is your brother.*23LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 6*

From the light that has been given me, I know that we shall not long have the right of way that we have now, and it behooves us to put forth every effort while we have opportunity.*23LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 7*

I wish I could be with you in your various meetings. When you come together bear in mind that One is present who understands the situation of every soul. Place yourselves individually on the Lord's side. Humble your heart before God, and believe in Him with all the soul.*23LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 8*

The Lord has His messengers in the earth; and while accusers stand by to do a work represented by the words, "Ye have caused many to stumble at My law," He declares, "Behold, I will send My messenger before My face, and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts."*23LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 9*

"But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for he is like refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: and He shall sit as a purifier and refiner of silver; and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in the former years. And I shall come near to you to judgment: and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widows, and the fatherless, and those that turn away the stranger from his right, and fear not Me, saith the Lord of hosts." [*Malachi 2:8; 3:1-5.*]*23LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 10*

The prophet Malachi continues, “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house; and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, and see if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.” *23LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 11*

“Your words have been stout against Me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against Thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the proud happy, yea, they that work wickedness are set up, yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.” *23LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 12*

“Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name. And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God, and him that serveth Him not.” [*Verses 8-18.*] *23LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 13*

The Lord calls for a revival among His people, an acknowledgment of the peculiar obligations He places upon them. He calls upon every soul who has the fear of God before him to walk and to work with an eye single to the glory of God. There is a great work to be done, and none can properly represent that work unless they humble their hearts before God day by day and walk in all the light He sends. *23LtMs, Lt 310, 1908, par. 14*

Lt 312, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

Sanitarium, California

July 28, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have a special message to give to you. The Lord has entrusted you with a special work. He has united you for the purpose of doing this work. I give this caution to you both:*23LtMs, Lt 312, 1908, par. 1*

Sometimes in the presence of others Elder Haskell has spoken in a tantalizing way to Sister Haskell. This is not pleasing to the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 312, 1908, par. 2*

You need to keep in your house the very best kind of help for the work of preparing your food. In the night seasons, it seemed that Elder Haskell has taken sick, and an experienced physician said to you, "I took notice of your diet. You eat too great a variety at one meal. Fruit and vegetables taken at one meal produce acidity of the stomach, then impurity of the blood results, and the mind is not clear because the digestion is imperfect." You should understand that every organ of the body is to be treated with respect. In the matter of diet, you must reason from cause to effect.*23LtMs, Lt 312, 1908, par. 3*

Let us be careful not to hinder the work that needs to be done at this time by taking any course that will impair the powers of the being. A word to the wise is sufficient.*23LtMs, Lt 312, 1908, par. 4*

Lt 314, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

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Elder Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

We shall be pleased to see you again and to have the matter of the school location decided.²³*LtMs, Lt 314, 1908, par. 1*

There is one thing I wish to say to you; it is this: Make no effort to have Sister Gotzian withdraw her money from the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, for there is no place that needs more the help of means than Paradise Valley. Loans and donations will be needed to carry the work of that institution as it should be carried. Yesterday I wrote an urgent appeal for gifts and donations for this work.²³*LtMs, Lt 314, 1908, par. 2*

Unless help is given to the institution, I fear that Brother and Sister Cummings will become discouraged, and I do not know whom we could get to take their place.²³*LtMs, Lt 314, 1908, par. 3*

We have had no word from you since you left. I hope you are not sick. We have remembered you by name at the throne of grace and prayed that you might have a special blessing at the meetings near Nashville. Let there be a diligent seeking of the Lord, that souls may be refined and purified and sanctified, and the Lord will use them to His name's glory. The matter of the school here in California needs to be wisely managed, that the enemy may gain no advantage of us. We hope you will return as soon as possible.²³*LtMs, Lt 314, 1908, par. 4*

Lt 316, 1908

Daniells, A. G. and associates

St. Helena, California

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To Elder Daniells and those officially connected with him

Dear Brethren:

There is positive danger of our binding about the work so that the truth shall not go quickly to all the world in fulfilment of the divine commission.*23LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 1*

We read of the experience of Christ that at one time when the Pharisees held a council together, how they might destroy Him, Jesus “withdrew Himself from thence: and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all; and charged them that they should not make Him known: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Behold My Servant, whom I have chosen; My Beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased: I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall show judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall He not quench, till He send forth judgment unto victory. And in His name shall the Gentiles trust.” [*Matthew 12:15-21.*]*23LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 2*

There is a great work to be done in the cities and villages that is not being done. When opportunities arise by means of which we may send the truth to new places, we should not let them pass unused. Christ is working to extend the gospel of His grace in the highways and hedges; let not our leading workers treat indifferently the opportunities He presents for the spread of His truth.*23LtMs, Lt*

316, 1908, par. 3

The life that is consecrated to God will be spent in seeking to save the souls that are ready to perish; and the Lord, not human agencies, is to be its dependence. A deep understanding of the Scriptures, and an appropriation of its truths, will be of inestimable value in the cultivation of a sound Christian experience. The Word of God is spiritual life to the soul. We need to appreciate those Scriptures which teach us concerning a growth in grace. We need to be daily converted to a life of simple obedience.²³*LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 4*

Christ, “after He had made one offering for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God, from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is witness for us: for after that He had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My laws in their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. ...²³*LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 5*

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; and having an High Priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a full heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much more as ye see the day approaching.” [*Hebrews 10:12-17, 19-25.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 6*

We need as a people to educate ourselves to have faith. “Without faith it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” [*Hebrews 11:6.*] We need individually to live by faith, not by feeling.²³*LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 7*

I am instructed to say to all our workers, Watch for opportunities to increase your influence, not that you may exalt self, but that you may enlarge your field of labor embracing those who are ignorant of the truth. Every opportunity that arises for work among unbelievers, improve it. Speak words in season, and out of season.*23LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 8*

I believe, that if all our brethren recently assembled at Chamberlain, South Dakota, had been wide-awake to the opportunities and duties of the times in which we live, if they had enjoyed a clear perception of their privileges, they would have grasped the offer of the school property as one that would have given them an opportunity quickly to enlarge their facilities for the training of workers to draw souls to Christ, and to raise up companies of believers. Had I been on the ground, and heard the offer, I would have thought of the many souls that through this means might have been won to the truth by a prayerful presentation of the teachings of Christ. Souls are perishing in their sins, and we should cherish every opportunity for quickly increasing our working forces.*23LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 9*

It is just as verily our duty to see the needs of the work as a whole, as it is to comprehend those of the work in part. Our churches should be aroused to their duty of letting the light shine forth. Our workers need to be awakened from their slumbers, that the Word of truth may come forth from sanctified lips. Both church members and ministers need an education in order to make them laborers together with God. There should be no sighs of lowering the standard on the part of any worker from the lowest to the highest.*23LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 10*

Our people everywhere allow their minds to take too low a range, too narrow a view. They allow the plans of human agencies to guide them, and a worldly spirit to mold them, rather than Christ's plans and Christ's Spirit. I am instructed to say to our people, Look above the earthly to the heavenly. Numbers are no evidence of success; if they were, Satan might claim much. It is the degree of moral power that pervades our institutions, our schools and our churches. It should be the joy of all, from the highest to the least, to represent Christ in Christlike virtues. Let all our teachers learn that true piety, love shown in obedience to God, will elevate and refine.*23LtMs, Lt*

316, 1908, par. 11

From the president of our conference to the humblest believer, we should understand that Christ is the Pattern we are to copy. I am instructed to say to every worker, Keep the divine plan ever in mind. It is not numbers that will constitute our efficiency, but divine grace exemplified. Heavenly angels will communicate through all who practice the virtues of Christ, through all whose experience develops under the ennobling, refining influence of the Great Teacher.²³*LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 12*

The teachings of Christ carried into the life will elevate men, however humble in the scale of moral worth with God. Those who strive for the subduing of their natural defects of character cannot be crowned unless they strive lawfully; but those who are found often in prayer, seeking for the wisdom that cometh from above, will become assimilated to the divine. Uncouth manners, uncontrollable temper will be brought into obedience to the divine law.²³*LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 13*

The workers in our colleges are to be strict health reformers; their safety and good health require this. Through the exercise of simple faith, every teacher in our ranks may secure practical godliness and rise to a state of moral excellency proportionate to the value of the prize that is at stake. Let them consider that they are co-laborers with Jesus Christ to help, and not by lax habits to discourage. Let teachers set a correct example, and speak encouraging words, for there are many who will be won to Jesus by the influence of holy lives.²³*LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 14*

The Saviour says, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [*Matthew 5:13-16.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 15*

As co-laborers with Christ, we should be often in prayer to God, that

we may be made partakers of His divine nature and enabled to resist the devil. We need to watch our words and our actions. If the Son of God felt the necessity of praying so earnestly and so often, can the members of the human family afford to be careless and indifferent in this matter? Let us not grieve the Holy Spirit of God by a careless, indifferent spirit. The work of the Christian is to watch unto prayer, even as Christ has set us an example.²³*LtMs, Lt 316, 1908, par. 16*

Lt 318, 1908

Underwood, R. A.

St. Helena, California

October 21, 1908

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Elder R. A. Underwood
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Brother Underwood:

I have read your letter, and I have no hesitancy in advising you to secure the property at Chamberlain, South Dakota, if you can yet obtain it. Such advantages as are to be gained there should be secured. I have had presented to me similar properties in various places. These will be offered to us almost as a gift, and if suitably managed, it will be a blessing to have such properties to use just now to be a help in extending our work in missionary lines. We can use them in giving the last warning message to the world. The light given me is that there will be similar buildings to those you mention offered for sale for a trifling soul, and it is best to secure possession of them. Thus we shall be able to divide the working forces and extend the light into new places, rather than be in large numbers in one locality.²³*LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 1*

Our Saviour's work was to warn the cities, and to ordain workers to go out of the cities to places where the light had never yet been given, and to lift up the standard of truth in new localities. Thus the message of warning would reach souls who had not been where they could hear it. We are not to crowd into a few localities and make them centers, leaving places unworked that had had no opportunity to become acquainted with our faith.²³*LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 2*

The Lord has a world-wide message; and as you have described this place, it looks to me as one of the very agencies through which to extend the message to those who should hear. The location would be, according to the light given me, a very favorable and advantageous place from which to branch out in sowing the gospel seed, and in extending the message of warning to those who have not heard it.*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 3*

The light is given me that we must not have special anxiety to crowd too many interests into one locality, but should look for places in out-of-the-way districts, and work in new places. Thus people may be reached and converted who know nothing of the precious, testing truths for this time. The last call should be made just as important in new places in this country as in distant lands. This word was spoken concerning some localities that have not had the message brought to them.*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 4*

The seeds of truth are to be sown in uncultivated centers. I should advise our brethren to secure this property. When such places are offered, it is that our people may divide and subdivide the people hovering about and settling in favored centers, as has been done in Battle Creek, Oakland, Healdsburg, and similar places. There are places where a new work can be begun and a new center established for the strengthening of our work.*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 5*

While such great expense is incurred to enlighten the people of foreign tongues, we are all to be just as wide-awake to reach, if possible, the foreigners and the unconverted in our own land. It will cultivate a missionary spirit to work in new localities. Selfishness, in respect to keeping large companies together, is not the Lord's plan. Enter every new place possible, and begin the work of educating in vicinities that have not heard the truth.*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 6*

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

truth.*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 7*

On one occasion five thousand people gathered to hear the strange things brought to them by the great Teacher. Some were faint for want of food, and He led them to a grass plot and bade them be seated. Then He worked the miracle of feeding the multitude, as recorded in *Matthew 14:14-21.23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 8*

“And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick. And when it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, Thus is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they said unto Him, We have here but five loaves and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to Me.*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 9*

“And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand, besides woman and children.”*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 10*

All these circumstances are for us to understand. Christ would make His work known to those who, after His crucifixion and resurrection, would be His disciples.*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 11*

There is missionary work to be done in many unpromising places. The missionary spirit needs to take hold of our souls, inspiring us to reach classes for whom we had not planned to labor, and in ways and places that we had no idea of working. The Lord has His plan for the sowing of the gospel seed. In sowing according to His will, we shall so multiply the seed that His word may reach thousands who have never heard the truth.*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 12*

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

before us; we are to see and understand these providential opportunities.*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 13*

The *fourth chapter of Matthew* is very important. Beginning with the *thirteenth verse*, we read, “And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 14*

“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” [*Verses 13-17.*] He chose as His missionary field places which others did not discern as being a special advantage.*23LtMs, Lt 318, 1908, par. 15*

Lt 320, 1908

Underwood, R. A.

St. Helena, California

October 26, 1908

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Elder R. A. Underwood
2718 Third Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Brother Underwood:

I am instructed to say to our people that when special advantages are offered for doing quickly and at small expense a work that it is time for us to do, such as were recently offered in the school buildings near Chamberlain, South Dakota, that those who meet in counsel and stand in positions of responsibility should be ready to accept them; for these are the Lord's openings for the rapid advancement of His work. Here was an opportunity for a quick work that was neglected because of lack of faith and largeness of heart. I am more sorry for this than I can express. Such opportunities are given us that we may be enabled to carry out the commission Christ gave to His first disciples, "Go ye into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled." [*Luke 14:23*.] This message which means so much to all people is to reach out to the highways and hedges.²³*LtMs, Lt 320, 1908, par. 1*

I fear that a door has been closed, an opportunity neglected, that will result in the loss of souls.²³*LtMs, Lt 320, 1908, par. 2*

The work at our camp-meetings should be conducted, not according to man's devising, but after the manner of Christ's working. The church members should be drawn out to labor. The light is to be taken from under the bushel, that it may reach to the many who need it. I am instructed to say that angels of God will direct in the opening of fields nigh as well as afar off, that the work of warning the world may be accomplished. God calls upon

believers to obtain an experience in missionary work by branching out into new territory and working intelligently for the people in the byways. To those who will do this, openings for labor will come. The light of truth is to shine forth through the efforts of missionary workers.*23LtMs, Lt 320, 1908, par. 3*

I have a message for the leaders in Minnesota and Iowa. They need to call their forces into exercise by engaging actively in missionary work. Our brethren need to go forth as the first disciples went, to the byways and the highways, teaching the message of truth. They need to become laborers in the Lord's vineyard. God's servants must not be idlers, but must work diligently to win souls. One soul saved is of more consequence than all the riches of the world. Let our church members ask themselves the question, Do I improve my opportunities? What fruit am I bearing to the glory of God?*23LtMs, Lt 320, 1908, par. 4*

God forbid that there should be a large outlay of means in a few places, without considering the needs of the many fields that have scarcely any help. Self-denial exercised by the brethren in favored localities, in order that adequate help may be given to needy fields, will aid in accomplishing a work that will bring glory to God. None can afford to build a high tower of influence in one locality, while they leave other places unworked. The Lord grant that our senses may be sanctified, and that we may learn to measure our ideas by the work and the teachings of Christ.*23LtMs, Lt 320, 1908, par. 5*

To every church the instruction is given to gather in the ignorant and those who need help. The candlestick is to be taken from under the bushel and light given to all that are in the house. The Lord has men of opportunity in the world, and these will embrace the truth if proper labor is bestowed in their behalf. The Lord says, I will open ways in the highway and in the desert. Let not large means be consumed in a few places while we begrudge the needed means to other localities.*23LtMs, Lt 320, 1908, par. 6*

When opportunities arise such as have recently come to us, it is for us to see and understand that the Lord is opening the way that souls may be converted and become sowers of the truths of the gospel. I present this instruction to you as the servant of the Lord,

and repeat, Take advantage of the providence of God. Then give the churches a chance to economize, in their homes, at their tables, in their church expenditure, and to follow Christ's example of faithful, untiring labor. Again I say, Secure the Chamberlain place if you can. The Lord grant that you may not be too late.²³*LtMs, Lt 320, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 322, 1908

Members in the California Conference

St. Helena, California

November 1, 1908

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To the members of our churches in the California Conference

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

We have long wanted to move our conference school from Healdsburg, and have kept inquiring of the Lord, What shall we do?*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 1*

Several good offers of properties suitable for a school site have been made by different landowners. Excellent farming lands in the vicinity of Lodi, and elsewhere, were offered; but it did not seem best to accept any of these. We believed that the school should be located in some place more retired than any we had thus far seen.*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 2*

Some months ago, while the brethren were still searching for a suitable school site, they were informed of a desirable property for sale near the town of Sonoma.*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 3*

On the morning of September 2, in company with several members of the committee on a school location, we visited this property. We were met at the railway station by two gentlemen with hired teams, in which we were taken to view the site in question.*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 4*

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

find.*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 5*

From this place we were driven to the Buena Vista property that had been regarded by some of our brethren as a possible location for the school. We found, about two miles from the town of Sonoma, and some distance from any house, a large tract of land on which was a large, beautiful dwelling, called "The Castle," and several smaller buildings. We found the Castle to contain three stories, with twelve spacious rooms on each floor, besides a basement and a large cupola above the third story, capable of being converted into good rooms.*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 6*

I ascended the stairs to the second story and partially viewed the rooms on the first two floors. This was as far as I could venture; but the brethren who had visited the property before this reported that they had examined the rooms on the next story and found them to be as well furnished and fitted as those I had seen. Each floor was furnished with excellent bathroom accommodations.*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 7*

As I descended to the first story again, I had little to say. I believed that here was a property that corresponded with representations given me.*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 8*

We drove over the grounds, but did not examine them thoroughly. We were in the midst of mountain scenery, and in the specious grounds surrounding the house were many and beautiful trees. At some distance from the Castle stood a large stone winery, now being used as stables for cattle. There were some fruit trees on the place, and near to the main building a hot spring which fed an artificial pool. There was an abundance of pure, soft water, which was conducted by pipes to the different buildings.*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 9*

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

agencies.*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 10*

There was one perplexity. Where could we obtain the means to secure this property, so well supplied with many of the advantages we needed? We feared that the price asked by the owner was more than we could consider, and felt that we must take time to think over the proposition.*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 11*

That night in my dreams I seemed to be making plans in regard to this property. One spoke to me and said, "How were you impressed with this location?" I replied, "Favorably; but I do not see how we can purchase; we have not the means. We might lessen the price by selling the stone winery."*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 12*

"You cannot do that," our adviser said. "If you should do so, parties who do not regard the seventh day would be at work on the land on the Sabbath. Your only plan will be to purchase the entire property and keep every part of it under your control. Not one foot of the land should be allowed to come under the control of those who would work it on the Sabbath day."*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 13*

The following morning, we had some conversation with Brother Covell. He had a map of the whole district, and he placed this before us for our examination. He pointed out several things that we might do to lessen the purchasing price of the property. But it seemed clear that the wisest plan would be to leave no part unpurchased. We must have the land under our full control. I said, In having land to cultivate, ample opportunity will be given to the students to work brain and muscles equally. Here the students can build cottages, as many are trained to do in the school near Madison, Tennessee, and gain practical knowledge in many lines that will make them useful members of society. And this kind of training will help fit them to go forth to other places as educators.*23LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 14*

It would be well if the students in all our schools could learn to make the most of brain and bone and muscle. When they go out as laborers to foreign countries, such students will find their knowledge of practical work of the highest value, not only to themselves, but to those also for whom they labor. Those who learn to work in simplicity after Christ's own manner of labor will accomplish much in

the fulfilling of the command of Christ that we preach the gospel to “every nation and kindred and tongue and people.” [*Revelation 14:6.*] If ever it has been essential that we understand and follow right methods of teaching, and follow the example of Christ, it is now.²³*LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 15*

I now ask the members of our churches in the California Conference to help us raise the money to purchase this desirable property, and to furnish the school home with good but simple furniture. Shall we not seek to make this school a school after the Lord’s order? We ask you not to let this opportunity pass by of making this school what the Lord would have it. We need your help, that this school may be secured to us, and manned with wise, well-balanced teachers. We believe that our brethren will help at this time. We cannot afford to delay the matter; it must be settled at once, if we would secure the property. I send you this invitation to help in this emergency. If the brethren and sisters will act a part in this work, the Lord will bless them in doing it.²³*LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 16*

I ask our churches in California to consider just now what they can do in coming to the help of the Lord in this time of opportunity. Those who have not the money to send immediately can pledge; money can be hired on the strength of your pledges. Brethren Cottrell and Knox are straining every nerve to bring this matter to a successful issue. Let us do all we can, that there may be no failure. Let us humble our hearts before God and pray in faith. The Lord will work wonders through a self-denying people, endowing them with a rich measure of grace to work for the salvation of souls. Christ’s example is before us. Let us, as His followers, make His example ours.²³*LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 17*

The judgments of God are in the land, and Christ is soon to come. Fire and flood and earthquake are warning us that the end of all things is at hand. Believers need to arise to their privileges and responsibilities. Our understanding needs to be quickened daily by the Holy Spirit. We need to stand humble and contrite before God. It is no time to lift up our souls in pride, or to manifest carelessness and indifference. We need to arouse and give to our youth the evidence that we believe this last message of warning. Let us lay

our freewill offerings upon the altar of the Lord. In doing this we are only giving Him what is already His; for Christ has paid the price for our redemption. "Ye are not your own," Christ declares; "for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [*1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 322, 1908, par. 18*

Lt 324, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

November 3, 1908

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Elder J. E. White
Nashville, Tennessee

My Son Edson White:

I have read your letter to Willie regarding the colored preacher Elder Berry. If he is doing a good work, he should be properly supported. You may depend upon me to help some in this work of which you speak. Recently I placed some money <which had been entrusted to me—tithe money> in the hands of Elder Haskell to be used for just such cases as you have represented in your letter.²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 1*

I am anxious to have the business relating to the purchase of our conference school closed up. I have been solicited to write out the light that was given me concerning this school location, which I have done. I will send you a copy of the letter I wrote.²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 2*

Near Modesto, one hundred acres of land was offered us as a gift if we would establish our school there. But I could not see anything to invite us in the level roads and broad lands almost destitute of trees. When the question was asked, Shall we accept this offer, I said, No; we cannot accept it. It does not offer the advantages our teachers and students should have. Another offer of a hundred acres was also made to us, but we were not clear to accept.²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 3*

Then we were encouraged to inspect the Buena Vista property near Sonoma. In the retirement of this place, its wooded lands and its abundance of water; in the well-finished house with every convenience, I saw that which answered to representations that had been given.²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 4*

Brother Covell has made a thorough investigation of the orchard and says the fruit is excellent. This is an advantage that we can appreciate.²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 5*

After I returned to Oakland, I was instructed in the night season that the only safe course for us to pursue in the purchase of this property was to secure every foot of the land. I was shown that none of it should be allowed to come under the control of those who would work it on the Sabbath day. We therefore planned to purchase the whole. The proposition is to buy the property for \$45,000, the owner taking over the Healdsburg school boarding house in part payment of the same. This will help us very much. Elders Cottrell and Knox and those who are interested in the matter are in favor of purchasing. We are to have sixty days in which to close the bargain. Elders Cottrell and Knox are attending to the business. We shall be very thankful when the matter is finally settled.²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 6*

For weeks I have been able to sleep but a few hours each night. I have been very anxious that this matter of the school location should be brought to a successful issue. We must have the best location possible, the best teaching ability, the best preceptor we can secure. While arrangements for the purchase of the Buena Vista property have been in progress, I have carried a heavy burden on my mind, fearing lest we should not come into possession of just the place we need. In this time of perplexity I have many times repeated the words, "I will make a man more precious than gold, even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir."²³*[Isaiah 13:12.]LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 7*

My health has been such that I could not take a prominent part in the Medical Convention held at St. Helena. I promised that I would attend one meeting and read important matter that I had already prepared. But when I reached the sanitarium chapel, I found the

room filled with people who expected a discourse from me. There were a number of the patients present in their wheel chairs. I longed for greater strength to speak, and rested my soul upon Jesus Christ, asking Him to give me words that would prove a help and blessing to the people.²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 8*

I read the *twelfth* and *thirteenth chapters of Isaiah*. As soon as I rose to my feet, I felt strength come to me. My voice was clear, and I talked for nearly an hour under the inspiration of the Spirit of God. It has been thus many times in my experience. Elder Cottrell said to me afterwards that he never felt more sensibly the power of the Spirit of God than at this meeting. Others said the same.²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 9*

Since that meeting my health has improved, and my courage has been renewed. I felt the truth of the words I spoke to the people, and the blessing of God that rested upon me on that occasion has been a living reality to me since. I have realized the truth of the assurance, "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people; make mention that His name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee." [*Isaiah 12:2-6.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 10*

Although I spoke for nearly one hour, I was not the least weary.²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 11*

I feel very deeply the great value the Saviour is to me. It was His mercy that gave us the gospel, that we might learn the wealth that lies in His divine nature. We are to appreciate the great gift of our heavenly Father in giving His only begotten Son to save a perishing world.²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 12*

On one occasion the Jews came to Christ with the question, "How long dost Thou make us to doubt? If Thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. But

ye believe not, because ye are not of My sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are One²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 13*

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from My Father; for which of these works do ye stone Me? The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but because that Thou, being a man, makest Thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the Scriptures cannot be broken; say ye of Him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not. But if I do, though ye believe not Me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in Me, and I in Him. Therefore they sought again to take Him, but He escaped out of their hand." [*John 10:24-39.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 14*

Let none of us be disappointed and offended because we suffer reproach. It will be developed at the right time who are true and who are false. I thank the Lord for the courage He gives to all who are true to His Word.²³*LtMs, Lt 324, 1908, par. 15*

Lt 326, 1908

Sawyer, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

November 4, 1908

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Dear Brother and Sister:

In the night I seemed to be conversing with you, and saying, The lesson you need to learn is to be restful in the Lord. If you encourage a spirit of uneasiness and discontent, you will mar your religious experience.*23LtMs, Lt 326, 1908, par. 1*

You are neither of you fitted to engage in missionary work in some far-off field, for you have not the endurance to overcome the difficulties you would meet in such circumstances. If you cannot find missionary work to do where you are, you will not be making the right move to go to a place where you are not known in order to do it. You will spend all the little money you have, and then not be able to earn more.*23LtMs, Lt 326, 1908, par. 2*

I wish to say to you, Be content where you are. Gain the mastery over your own minds. The uneasiness that you allow yourselves to have disqualifies you to be a blessing where you are. You have a home where you are; enjoy your home, and thank the Lord that both your lives are spared. Be thankful for the health you have. North Carolina is not so good a place for you as California. You are engaging in missionary work by doing the home work in a peaceable, contented spirit, in keeping your clothing neat and presentable, and in cultivating tidiness, holding yourself in readiness, when opportunity offers, to speak words of cheer to those who need encouragement and help.*23LtMs, Lt 326, 1908, par. 3*

You will certainly be disappointed if you carry out the plans you

have in mind. You cherish the idea that you are not appreciated where you are. I ask you to put away this impression. Lay off this supposed responsibility to do missionary work in another field. You have reason to be thankful for the health and strength that is given you; but if you permit yourselves to be unhappy, you disqualify yourselves for the missionary work that you might do at home. You can be a blessing to each other and to those about you. Be cheerful and happy right where you are; cultivate the peace of God in your hearts. Do not be discouraged, but let your words be such as to inspire hope and good cheer and your influence be of a character to uplift. May the Lord bless you and guide you, is my prayer.²³*LtMs, Lt 326, 1908, par. 4*

Your age is sufficient reason why you should be contented where you are. Let the young men and women fill the hard places; it is your privilege to make your life as easy and comfortable as possible, while you prepare to move to a better country, even a heavenly. If the Lord sees that it is best that you work in the cause, He will open ways for you in California. Wait until the Lord makes your way clear. He would not have you left dependent on strangers in a far country. Be contented to sustain yourselves where you are, doing what you can for the cause of God. Help where you can with the word of your testimony, but do not feel that it is your duty to use up what little means you have in going to a new field.²³*LtMs, Lt 326, 1908, par. 5*

I have written you my mind about this matter. I sincerely hope that you will be contented to stay where you are and enjoy your little home in peace and happiness. There is no reason why you should not enjoy the peace of Christ and His precious grace every day. I ask you not to place yourselves where your trials will be tenfold heavier than they now are. I have a special interest in your case and pray that you will let the Lord mold and fashion you for the future, immortal life.²³*LtMs, Lt 326, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 328, 1908

Crawford, Marion Stowell

St. Helena, California

November 4, 1908

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Mrs. Marion Stowell-Crawford
Monroe, Wisconsin

Dear Sister Crawford:

Your long letter of October 9 came duly to hand; also your shorter letter asking my advice regarding the disposition of about five thousand dollars which you have loaned several years to the Battle Creek Sanitarium.²³*LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 1*

My delay in answering is not due to lack of interest regarding the matters of which you have written; but since your letter came I have been very busy and perplexed over important matters pending here in California, and some days passed before I answered your letter. Then we were called to attend some meetings and now on my return I find that what I wrote to you several days ago has not been copied and sent away. So I will incorporate it into this letter.²³*LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 2*

I will request Willie to write to you regarding our journey to Sebastopol and the meetings held there, and he will write you also about our progress in preparing the Manuscript for the new edition of my *Experience and Views*. We thank you for what you have written regarding the early experiences and for the privilege of reading the old letters from Brother Arnold.²³*LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 3*

I think if you were nearer to us we would be glad to consult with you often in regard to the old history of our experiences. We may sometime send one of our editors to visit some of the pioneers in our early work, and the places where the early history was made, to

gather up additional facts and interesting incidents. But now we are all very busy here in the office, carrying on many lines of work.²³*LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 4*

Many calls have come to me to attend meetings in various places. Our brethren in Tennessee were very anxious that I should attend the Madison council, but I feel that I must reserve my strength, for I hope to go to the next General Conference. Then we shall see gathered representatives of our work from many lands.²³*LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 5*

Now regarding your question as to the wisdom of leaving your money longer at Battle Creek, I must say in answer to your question that from all that has been shown me in regard to the Battle Creek Sanitarium, I cannot advise you to leave your money there, but would advise you to draw it out when due and invest it in other institutions which are more needy and where the use of one or two thousand dollars will be a great help.²³*LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 6*

Recently I have heard from the Paradise Valley Sanitarium that some of our brethren in the East who loaned money to the institution some years ago are needing to withdraw their money for necessary investments at home. Therefore the Paradise Valley Sanitarium is much in need of a few thousand dollars at six per cent interest.²³*LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 7*

With this I will send you copy of two statements that I recently wrote for publication. The institution is doing an important work. It is well equipped, and conscientious men and women are in charge of its several departments, and I can with perfect freedom and assurance advise you to loan money to this institution.²³*LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 8*

I will mention another place where you can place two or three thousand dollars at six per cent interest, and that is with me. I have a great work to do in bringing out my books in many languages. During the last few years matters have so shaped about that the Pacific Press of Mountain View is doing much of the work of publishing our books translated into foreign languages. At the present time there is a call for *Great Controversy* in the Spanish and for *Christ Our Saviour* in the Spanish and in the French and the

Portuguese. There is also a demand for several new books in the English, and I need more money than my regular income to do the advance work and do it rapidly. Then there are several whose money I am using that are withdrawing a portion for home use, and this makes it necessary for me to look about for some to pay up old loans and for some for advance work.*23LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 9*

I could name a number of institutions here on the Pacific Coast that are excellent places for investment, but most of these pay only five per cent interest.*23LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 10*

My business is not running behind. There is a little gain every year. I have been instructed that it is best for me to own the plates of my books, and this is why so much money is required in bringing out new publications. If the printing houses owned the plates of my books, there might be times when some of them were slighted; but while I own the plates, I can transfer the work from one house to another in case of necessity.*23LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 11*

There is an understanding between me and the officers of the General Conference, that when I die, my book work passes into the hands of trustees appointed by the General Conference, so that the earnings from my books after paying all debts shall go to the production of new books in many foreign languages. If you wish further information regarding the financial standing of my business or further information regarding the financial standing of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, write your questions to W. C. White, and he will give you full information. If you feel free to do so, I wish you would lend me two thousand dollars on long time at six per cent interest, and then lend the balance of what you have to spare to the Paradise Valley Sanitarium at the same interest.*23LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 12*

Your letter of inquiry I shall treat as confidential. Please treat this answer in the same way.*23LtMs, Lt 328, 1908, par. 13*

Lt 330, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

November 11, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

We had a long and wearisome journey to Sebastopol last Friday. Much of the way was over a steep and very narrow mountain road, but no harm came to us. We passed through Santa Rosa, then on to Sebastopol. We had to inquire our way several times to Brother Christianson's, where we desired to spend the night. At last, however, we found the place, were heartily welcomed, and greatly appreciated the rest in this pleasant home.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 1*

Sabbath morning we rode seven miles to the meetinghouse. The church was not large enough to accommodate all who desired to hear. To those assembled I spoke from the *first chapter of Second Peter*. I then returned to Brother Christianson's, while Willie remained to visit among the people. He spoke to the young people in the afternoon. Sunday forenoon, Willie spoke again, and I spoke in the afternoon. But I am too weary to write full particulars.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 2*

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

all around them. In their lives they will exemplify the value of truth practiced.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 3*

Sunday afternoon I related to the congregation some of our experiences in Cooranbong, where in beginning the work we walked out in the providence of God. I spoke of the difficulties we encountered and of our struggle to obtain means. You remember how Elder Daniells was so burdened that he prayed all night in the open air for the Lord to send us the necessary means that we might carry out His will in that new, unworked field. You remember how we all worked and prayed and believed, knowing that without faith it is impossible to please God.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 4*

The Lord gave messages to our brethren in Australia that then was their opportunity to use their entrusted capabilities in the Lord's service. When they should act their part, walking and working in faith, practicing self-denial, then they would find that the Lord would work for them.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 5*

Let not the words "found wanting" be written against God's people. [*Daniel 5:27.*] While we should thankfully receive loans of money with interest, yet the Lord calls for larger freewill offerings. We must be careful about the matter of borrowing large sums of money; for often this will result in our being placed in a strait place afterward. There may be no trouble so long as those are living who have loaned the money; but when they become sick or die, a sudden call is sometimes made for their money. This money may have been invested in opening the work in new fields, and in order to meet this demand, we may be forced to borrow from the banks at a high rate of interest.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 6*

Let us obtain all the means possible as straight gifts. If today more gifts were brought into the Lord's treasury, the sacrifice would yield a rich harvest. In Cooranbong, we were thankful to obtain means and to pay a low rate of interest for their use. But we would say to all, Make your gifts as large as possible; for borrowing large sums of money may lead to future embarrassment to the one who is using the money. Let this point be guarded in the matter of moving the school from Healdsburg to be established in another place.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 7*

For many years Healdsburg has been an educating center. But the time has now come when the school should be moved to a location where we shall have better advantages. Let all who can possibly do so place their money in this enterprise, as a gift. When we think of what Christ has done for us, this will not be regarded as a great sacrifice. He has given His commission to His disciples, as workers who are to lay the foundations of His church in various fields. To establish educational centers is a part of their work.²³*LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 8*

The commission of Christ to His disciples is the great missionary charter of His kingdom. His disciples were thus made His ambassadors, bearing the divine credentials. If they should be asked by what authority they, unlearned fishermen, went forth as teachers of the people and healers of the sick, they could make reply, "He who was crucified, but who rose again, has appointed us to preach His gospel, to be ministers of His Word. He has declared, 'All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.'" [*Matthew 28:18.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 9*

The disciples were not to wait for the people to come to them. They were to hunt diligently for those who were willing to be saved in the Lord's appointed way. They were to search for souls as a shepherd searches for his sheep that are lost. Christ opened before them the whole world as their field of labor. They were to go to every place, and "preach the gospel to every creature." [*Mark 16:15.*] No one was to be passed by. Unselfish labor was to be bestowed upon all. Freewill offerings were to flow from His people to open new fields, to establish the truth in every place where an entrance might be found. His name was to be their authority, their confidence. In and through that name their works were to bear the divine credentials.²³*LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 10*

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

and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” [Mark 16:20.] As was the work of the disciples, so is our work, first to seek the Lord, then to go forth everywhere presenting the gospel message.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 11*

All have need of the converting power of God. Our ministers need to have a deeper heart experience. Self-esteem, self-righteousness is a positive hindrance in the work of God. A crucified and risen Saviour is to be exemplified by the daily conversion of those who minister in the things of God. Imbued with His Spirit, there will be no self-exaltation, no tame and lifeless work done. The Lord Jesus Christ is to rule in every heart, if the voice is to proclaim His message. A decided utterance will make its impression.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 12*

From every country voices are coming, Come over and help us. Rich and poor are to be stirred. High ones and lowly ones are to be sanctified and saved by the message of truth. The world needs to see the evidence of Christ’s working on the hearts of ministers. When the workers humble their hearts before God, they will come into perfect union. Not a word of contention will be heard among them. It will be seen that there is a place for all in the Lord’s work.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 13*

God’s blessing will be bestowed upon all who earnestly serve Him. His blessing is full and free for every one who will work under the discipline of the great Teacher. Christ has made full and ample provision for the carrying forward of His work today. In a special manner He has appointed and entrusted His disciples to work in connection with Christ, in seeking to save those who are lost. Those who obey His Word and work with humility need not fail nor be discouraged.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 14*

Christ bids us to go into all parts of the world, but only as we know that His presence is with us. We are to labor in meekness and humility. The lapse of time has brought no change either in the commission of Christ or to His parting promise, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:20.] Those who will not swell to large proportions, but will put their trust and

confidence in Christ may claim the promise, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” [*Hebrews 13:5.*]*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 15*

Let us remember that Christ has promised to be with us as we meet the people. Let us not permit self to become exalted, nor suppose ourselves capable of meeting every emergency. God’s true ministers, those chosen by Him, are, as workers together with Christ, to be wise and earnest in their efforts to save souls.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 16*

Apostasy to be Met.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 17*

Let our workers study the epistle of *Jude*; for he speaks of conditions that will be met in our day.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 18*

“Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: Mercy unto you, and peace, and love be multiplied.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 19*

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained unto this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 20*

“I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains, under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them, in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 21*

“Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel,

when contending with the devil, He disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots. ...*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 22*

“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.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 23*

“But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 24*

“And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.” [*Verses 1-12, 16-23.*]*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 25*

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

24:24.]*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 26*

Consider how Christ met the temptations of the enemy. "It is written," He said. [*Matthew 4:4, 7, 10.*] It is not wise to endeavor to answer the erroneous theories presented by those who have departed from the faith. We are to keep to the affirmative and engage in no controversy with these men. Harsh words will accomplish no good. It is not our duty to engage in controversy with men such as were Stevenson and Hall, and others who might be named.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 27*

In harmony with this instruction, I must warn our people against laboring in any line in connection with A. T. Jones. He is one who has departed from the faith and has given heed to seducing spirits. He knows not what manner of spirit he is of.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 28*

Many times in our history, it has happened that men who had been effectual speakers wove into their belief some sentiments which if received would result in the destruction of those who received them. It has been natural for these men to be coarse, denunciatory, and rough; yet they continue to teach some of the theories of truth. However, we are to give them no opportunity to speak in our churches; for Satan has been working with them. Our safest course is to let them alone.*23LtMs, Lt 330, 1908, par. 29*

Lt 332, 1908

Burden, J. A.

St. Helena, California

November 25, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *LLM 391-392*.

Elder J. A. Burden
Loma Linda, California

Dear Brother Burden:

Willie has permitted me to read your recent letter to him, in which you speak of Elder Andross' need of help and suggest that Elder Healey be called to Los Angeles to unite with him.²³*LtMs, Lt 332, 1908, par. 1*

There are wise reasons why this would not be for the best interests of the work in the Southern California Conference. Elder Healey has not the physical strength to fit him to carry large responsibilities. Moreover, in the past his voice has sometimes been raised to counterwork moves that God has clearly indicated should be made. The Lord has in the Southern California Conference men who can be trained to fill responsible positions, and these men should be sought for.²³*LtMs, Lt 332, 1908, par. 2*

The work of the Lord must be carried forward intelligently. Clear, well-defined plans must be laid for the spread of our message. Men are needed who will manifest the spirit and the mind of Christ. He calls for men who are consecrated to Him, body, soul, and spirit, who will carry out His will in meekness and humility, respecting the counsels given by His Spirit. Let every man stand in his lot and place, looking to Christ as his Guide and Counselor and yoking up with his brethren in service for the Master.²³*LtMs, Lt 332, 1908, par. 3*

Christ will instruct those who manifest a teachable spirit. Among those who heed His instruction He will raise up men and women to

act as His agents. But those who follow their own wisdom, fearing to walk in harmony with the revealed plans of the Lord, can be but a hindrance to the work He desires to be performed. You, Brother Burden, have seen how the Lord has wrought when men have not placed themselves directly in the way of the working of His plans.*23LtMs, Lt 332, 1908, par. 4*

We are engaged in an important and an essential work. We must carry on an aggressive warfare. We are to stand for the true Protestant principles; for the policies of the papacy will edge their way into every place possible, to prescribe liberty of conscience. Every eye must now be single to the glory of God. Those who have been seeking to undermine the confidence of our people in the testimonies that God has given for their benefit, and in the leadings of Providence in our work, will some day be revealed as having acted a part similar to that acted by Judas.*23LtMs, Lt 332, 1908, par. 5*

Judas was tempted and tried; but not rising about his temptations and trials, he lost ground and finally went so far as to betray his Lord. Christ permitted him to go with the other disciples on their evangelistic tours, but he often manifested a spirit of superiority. He sought to exercise authority over his brethren. This spirit, unchecked and unrestrained, opened the way for the enemy to work upon his mind and heart, until at length he went so far as to betray his Lord and Saviour with a treacherous kiss.*23LtMs, Lt 332, 1908, par. 6*

There are today, among the professed people of God, some who are walking in the same path as did Judas. Unless they are converted, they will some day be numbered among the open enemies of God's work for this time.*23LtMs, Lt 332, 1908, par. 7*

I will endeavor to write again when I have time, and feel stronger.*23LtMs, Lt 332, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 334, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

November 25, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *6Bio 189*.

Elder J. E. White
1713 Cass Street
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Children Edson and Emma White:

I am now writing on the last day of the eighty-first year of my life. Tomorrow I enter my eighty-second year.²³*LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 1*

For the last three weeks I have been able to travel and to speak on Sabbath at Sebastopol, Healdsburg, and Berkeley. Friday, November 6, with our team of strong, gray horses, W. C. White, Sara, and I drove over to Sebastopol. We traveled over a steep mountain road. This road was very narrow, and I feared we should be unable to pass other teams if we should meet any. However, we made the ascent in safety and then went down the mountain on the other side. I determined that I would never again travel over such a road unless absolutely necessary. We passed through Santa Rosa and Sebastopol, and on seven miles farther to the home of Brother and Sister Christianson. Here we were heartily welcomed and well entertained.²³*LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 2*

The next day we drove back to Sebastopol and met with the brethren and sisters in their commodious meetinghouse. They were having Sabbath school when we entered the building; and as they studied their lesson together, I thought that they seemed like intelligent and well-appearing people. The Lord gave us words to speak to them. They need help and grace from God; and if they will submit themselves to Him, He will work through them. I spoke to them again Sunday afternoon. Willie held a meeting with them

Sunday morning. They seemed pleased to have us visit them. Monday we returned to St. Helena, but came by another route, and the road was not so dangerous as the one by which we went.*23LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 3*

The following Friday we drove over to Healdsburg, and I was again strengthened to speak both on Sabbath and Sunday. Other meetings were held by Dores Robinson and W. C. White. This journey wearied me somewhat, but the people were much pleased, and I was glad that I went.*23LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 4*

Monday morning, just before we left Healdsburg, we engaged in prayer for Sister Bond and another sister who was nearly blind. Sister Bond and her husband have been engaged in missionary work in the Arizona Conference, but through overwork she had lost her health and was suffering from nervous prostration. A number of us united in asking the Lord to heal these sisters. I told those present that I was not able to work miracles, but that it is our privilege to look in faith to a Saviour who has healing efficiency. We may put our entire trust in One who can save to the uttermost all who come to Him. His power alone can restore the sick; His grace alone can heal. Then we all united in humbly and trustfully asking for a manifestation of the healing, restoring power of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a blessed occasion. The Spirit of the Lord was present, and those for whom we prayed rejoiced in the Lord. We had evidence that the Lord heard our petitions.*23LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 5*

We are grateful for the privilege of calling upon a Divine Healer. While we do not claim ever to have worked a miracle, yet many times we have prayed for persons suffering with various afflictions, and the Lord has wrought in a most remarkable manner, rebuking the disease and restoring to health.*23LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 6*

When our Saviour was on earth, multitudes followed Him, and His power was not limited. His healing grace rested on the afflicted. Children and youth were restored to health from a dying condition. The sick were brought to Him. Mothers, filled with perplexities and worries, brought their little ones and laid them in His arms. And He healed and blessed all.*23LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 7*

We must every one have an experience for ourselves if we are to stand the test of trial. The end is near, and we must watch and pray and trust the Lord at all times. He knows our every trial, and we need not fail nor be discouraged. Walk in the light of the Lord Jesus. Walk with Him trustingly, and His grace will be upon you. May the Lord open the way clearly before you is my prayer.²³*LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 8*

Since writing the foregoing, Willie has placed in my hands copies of letters he has recently sent you. I am pleased with what he has written, and I unite with him in inviting you to come to us just as soon as you can adjust your business satisfactorily. I hope and pray that you may be of good courage in the Lord.²³*LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 9*

There are many little companies of believers near us who would be very glad to have you visit and speak to them, perhaps presenting some of the interesting views you have. There are four churches in this valley besides the sanitarium. In Sonoma County there are churches at Healdsburg, Santa Rosa, and Sebastopol; and soon there will be a place at Buena Vista. The Lord in His providence seems to be leading us to establish our school in that location. We shall be able frequently to go with our team to visit and help them. You would find a good company to speak to in the students and teachers.²³*LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 10*

This property is about two miles from Sonoma City, in the country. It has many advantages, and we feel thankful that the Lord brought this property within our reach. We are now waiting for the proper papers to be made out before coming into actual possession of the place, but we hope that this may soon be accomplished.²³*LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 11*

I am hoping that I may be able to attend the General Conference in the spring. W. C. White has suggested that I visit Boulder, College View, and Nashville on the way to Washington; but I fear that this may tax my strength, so that I would be weary when I need my strength at the time of the Conference. It seems to me it would be better for me to go direct to the Conference as easily as I can; and then if I have strength, I can visit places along the way as I return.

But I dare not move in any action according to my own judgment. We will watch unto prayer and seek to know the will of the Lord. I will trust myself in His hands, and I know that He will work for me.*23LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 12*

Again I invite you to come to us as soon as you can. Be of good courage in the Lord. He knows how to strengthen us and to impart to us of His Holy Spirit.*23LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 13*

With love.*23LtMs, Lt 334, 1908, par. 14*

Lt 336, 1908

Sawyer, Brother and Sister [Robert]

St. Helena, California

December 2, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *RY 70-72*.

Robert and Hannah Sawyer

Dear Brother Robert and Sister Hannah:

I have received your letter and will now reply.²³*LtMs, Lt 336, 1908, par. 1*

Lest I may have been misunderstood, I will say that I never intended that any counsel I have given you in the past should influence you against making any move that would be for your best interests. I have nothing to say to hinder your investing your means in any place where you could have better accommodations or advantages than you have where you now are.²³*LtMs, Lt 336, 1908, par. 2*

But do not, I beg of you, move blindly. Do not place yourselves where you might be left destitute of means among strangers. For you to move to North Carolina I would consider ill-advised and inconsistent. I believe that no one who understands your circumstances would advise such a move. You need to act wisely and carefully. The Lord will not leave you, if you commit your case fully to Him.²³*LtMs, Lt 336, 1908, par. 3*

I have words of counsel for Brother Robert. There is need of a reformation in your habits of dress and appearance. Untidiness in dress brings a reproach against the truth we profess to believe. You should consider that you are a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let the whole life be in harmony with Bible truth.²³*LtMs, Lt 336, 1908, par. 4*

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor,

wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick: and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [Matthew 5:14-16.]*23LtMs, Lt 336, 1908, par. 5*

Neglect of your apparel has been a decidedly objectionable feature of your character. The impression you have made upon the minds both of believers and of unbelievers has not met the mind of the Spirit of God. Because of your slackness in this matter, our people have not felt free to advise you to take up work in selling literature, a work in which you might have accomplished much good. There is a useful work in which you might engage, visiting from house to house, and speaking the right words; but your untidy influence works counter to the precious influence you might otherwise exert.*23LtMs, Lt 336, 1908, par. 6*

Remember that you can do an acceptable work for the Lord, but your personal appearance must be such as will recommend you as one who is letting his light shine for the Master. Will you not now take hold of this matter, and seek to effect a reformation in dress and appearance? If you should be entrusted with public work in our religious gatherings, with your lax ideas as to proper dress, you would not have the best influence over those whom you were trying to help.*23LtMs, Lt 336, 1908, par. 7*

This is not a matter of but little consequence; for it affects your influence over others for time and for eternity. You cannot expect the Lord to give you the fullest success in winning souls for Him unless your whole manner and appearance is of a nature that will win respect. The truth is magnified even by the impression of neatness in dress, and I know that you desire to use every jot of your influence on the side of the Master.*23LtMs, Lt 336, 1908, par. 8*

I have dwelt upon this matter, because this is a decided defect in your character. The Lord has not been glorified by your laxness in

dress. It may seem to be but a small matter, but it is against the honor and glory of God. Men and women who are rich in grace and the influence of holiness will be circumspect in every matter that helps to give them influence. Your present and future usefulness in the service of the Master depends in a measure upon how you relate yourself to this matter. We are nearing the close of time, and we must do all in our power to win souls for Christ's kingdom.²³*LtMs, Lt 336, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 338, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

November 26, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *2SM 41-42*.

Elder S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother:

Two weeks ago today, while I was writing, my son W. C. White came into my room and stated that there were two persons below who wished to speak with me. I went downstairs into our sitting-room and there met a man and his wife who claim to follow the Word of God and to believe the testimonies. They have had an unusual experience during the past two or three years. They seemed to be honest-hearted people.²³*LtMs, Lt 338, 1908, par. 1*

I listened while they related some of their experiences, and then I told them something of the work we had to do, in meeting and opposing fanaticism, soon after the passing of the time when we expected to see our Lord. During those trying days, some of our most precious believers were led into fanaticism. I said further that before the end, we would see strange manifestations by those who professed to be led by the Holy Spirit. There are those who will treat, as something of great importance, these peculiar manifestations which are not of God, but which are calculated to divert the minds of many away from the teachings of the Word.²³*LtMs, Lt 338, 1908, par. 2*

In this stage of our history, we must be very careful to guard against everything that savors of fanaticism and disorder. We must guard against all peculiar exercises that would be likely to stir up the minds of unbelievers and lead them to think that as a people we are led by impulse and delight in noise and confusion accompanied by eccentricities of action. In the last days the enemy of present truth will bring in manifestations that are not in harmony with the

workings of the Spirit, but are calculated to lead astray those who stand ready to take up with something new and strange.*23LtMs, Lt 338, 1908, par. 3*

I told this brother and his wife that the experience through which I passed in my youth, shortly after the passing of the time in 1844, had led me to be very, very cautious about accepting anything similar to that which we then met and rebuked in the name of the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 338, 1908, par. 4*

No greater harm could be done to the work of God at this time than for us to allow a spirit of fanaticism to come into our churches, accompanied by strange workings which are incorrectly supposed to be operations of the Spirit of God.*23LtMs, Lt 338, 1908, par. 5*

As this brother and his wife outlined their experiences, which they claim have come to them as the result of receiving the Holy Ghost with apostolic power, it seemed to be a facsimile of that which we were called to meet and correct in our early experience.*23LtMs, Lt 338, 1908, par. 6*

Toward the close of our interview, Brother Mackin proposed that we unite in prayer, with the thought that possibly while in prayer his wife would be exercised as they had described to me, and that then I might be able to discern whether this was of the Lord or not. To this I could not consent, because I have been instructed that when one offers to exhibit these peculiar manifestations, this is a decided evidence that it is not the work of God.*23LtMs, Lt 338, 1908, par. 7*

We must not permit these experiences to lead us to feel discouraged. Such experiences will come to us from time to time. Let us give no place to strange exercisings, which really take the mind away from the deep movings of the Holy Spirit. God's work is ever characterized by calmness and dignity. We cannot afford to sanction anything that would bring in confusion and weaken our zeal in regard to the great work that God has given us to do in the world to prepare for the second coming of Christ.*23LtMs, Lt 338, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 340, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

December 9, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell
Box 597
Oakland, California

Dear Brother:

Last night I had a special experience. There seemed to be a canopy over me, and I experienced the assurance of being shut in with God. I had been much wearied during the day by reading important letters; but this weariness vanished, and I enjoyed a season of heavenly communing with God.²³*LtMs, Lt 340, 1908, par. 1*

Mention was made of the need of more ministerial help for our churches, and I was instructed that the help of those who could labor in ministerial lines was needed in many places. One of authority talked with me and charged me not to withhold Dores Robinson from the ministerial work, in order to have all his time on my manuscripts.²³*LtMs, Lt 340, 1908, par. 2*

Brother Robinson can speak acceptably and understandingly, and he should be encouraged to engage in the work of building up those who love and desire to obey the truth. He should be fully authorized, by ordination, to enter into the work of the ministry of the work of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 340, 1908, par. 3*

Brother Robinson has been engaging in the work as a licentiate, and the Lord has accepted his labors; but soon he should be given, by ordination, the full sanction of the conference for the work he is capable of doing as one chosen of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 340, 1908, par.*

W. C. White has capabilities that would make him a useful minister. He needs to cultivate his talents in these lines much more than he has done.*23LtMs, Lt 340, 1908, par. 5*

There has been a small dwelling house for sale in the valley about one mile and a half from where we reside. The land belonging to the property is mostly mountainous, with some valley land and with good water advantages. It was proposed that Dores Robinson procure this place, and I was invited to go and see it. I thought it possible that we would purchase, because the owner's wife was not well, and they must leave for a more favorable climate. I thought it would be a good thing to secure the place for Dores, he hiring the money. We had almost decided upon the purchase, but during the night I was instructed that Dores was to give his time more fully than he had done to ministerial work and that the Lord would bless him in so doing. He has done considerable work as a licensed minister, but he has a still more decided work to do, and he should not be embarrassed by debt. He must keep himself and his family in the very best possible condition for a faithful discharge of his duties. The Keeper of Israel calls for self-denying, consecrated men.*23LtMs, Lt 340, 1908, par. 6*

For some time Brother Robinson has devoted most of his time to literary work in my office, but each Sabbath he has visited some church or company where he has presented the truth to the people. He has given evidence that he is fitted to do the work of a minister. In connection with my work, Dores has reported my sermons and has helped on my book work. Clarence Crisler has also engaged in this line of work. This work will continue to be done by Brother Crisler and also by Dores Robinson. But the Lord would have Dores recognized as a fully accepted laborer. The work of ministry is to receive a larger share of his efforts than it has. He should have been ere this fully ordained to the work of the ministry. If he walks in the path the Lord has chosen for him, the Lord will be his front guard and his rearward.*23LtMs, Lt 340, 1908, par. 7*

The Lord's eye is upon every worker engaged in the work of the ministry. He delights in them that fear Him and that rely upon Him

with a believing, trusting heart. He beholds them not as they are in themselves, but as chosen men clothed with His righteousness and beautified with the spirit of His holiness. The Lord regards with tender love the workers thus striving to be laborers together with Him, trusting in His mercy and making Him their surety. All who walk humbly with Christ will have success. All who serve Him with devotion will express His image in their lives.²³*LtMs, Lt 340, 1908, par. 8*

I must close this letter now. May the Lord bless you and strengthen you to walk and work humbly with God.²³*LtMs, Lt 340, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 342, 1908

Rice, Brother and Sister [J. D.]

St. Helena, California

November 23, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *13MR 384-386*.

Elder J. D. Rice
6270 Racine Street
Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Rice:

During the night I have had a special experience. A representation was given me in regard to the Berkeley church, and I was given a message for the church. They have need of much instruction. If they will heed the warning, it will be to them a savor of life unto life. The Spirit of God will be with all who will open their hearts to hear.*23LtMs, Lt 342, 1908, par. 1*

Instruction was given me to speak to the people the words of the prophet Isaiah found in the *fifty-eighth chapter*. Here is light and life, goodness and truth, for all who will receive the words of warning and encouragement and will apply the truth to their individual case. We are to let the Word come to every appointed agency, for there is a crisis before the people of God. It is not position and rank that the church of God is to rely upon, but the power of God. The favor of God and the power of His Spirit are of more value than gold or silver.*23LtMs, Lt 342, 1908, par. 2*

The meetinghouse you are contemplating building in Richmond is needed; for there are many souls yet to be brought to a knowledge of the truth. Exercise care and wisdom in the erection of this building. A humble house of worship will give character to the work. Buildings give character to the work only when those who build do so in the counsel and spirit of the Lord, when the work is carried forward with an eye single to the glory of God, and according to His instructions.*23LtMs, Lt 342, 1908, par. 3*

When those who have had the light walk in the light, humbling the heart before God and conforming to His will, then the church will be an honor to the cause of truth. Upon those who uphold the principles of the Word in all their sacred purity, and who labor faithfully for souls ready to perish, God will put His seal of approval.*23LtMs, Lt 342, 1908, par. 4*

Withhold not the testing truths that should come to every soul at this time, and which must be practiced by those who would find acceptance with God. Labor that souls may receive the Word as the truth that refines and sanctifies the soul, finding delight in the truth because Christ is identified with truth. Study the Master's methods of labor and teaching. All His illustrations were so simple that even the lowliest could comprehend the truths they symbolized. The end of all things is at hand, and there is much important work to be done. Be careful not to weary the people with lengthy discourses.*23LtMs, Lt 342, 1908, par. 5*

My brother and sister, light has been given me for you during the past night. You are to stand firmly to carry forward your appointed work—a work that will be blessed of God if you will walk humbly with Him. You have raised up a church in Richmond; you are not to be drawn from your work in that place. Continue to labor for those who appreciate your humble, earnest efforts. God will give you precious victories. If you follow on to know the Lord, you will know His goings forth are prepared as the morning.*23LtMs, Lt 342, 1908, par. 6*

Keep fast hold upon your Saviour. He was in sympathy with humanity wherever He found men and women hungering for the Word. I hope you will have courage in the Lord as you draw nigh to the needy and the afflicted as well as to those who possess worldly advantages.*23LtMs, Lt 342, 1908, par. 7*

I am instructed to say to you that there is much important work awaiting you, out of and away from the places where you have hitherto worked. There are needy fields to be cultivated. Shall the desolate places remain desolate? I answer, No, no; but the work where you now are is not yet completed. Let the stream of righteousness continue to flow. Let life and peace and joy come to

souls ready to perish. The Lord will certainly water the seed that is sown in hope and faith.*23LtMs, Lt 342, 1908, par. 8*

Saith the Lord, “My people shall be baptized with My Holy Spirit to do a sharp, quick work. All who will now draw apart from worldly customs, and will seek Me with the whole heart, will find Me. Let each one stand humbly in his lot and in his place looking to Me, their Saviour. I will instruct the ignorant. I will anoint men with heavenly eyesalve, that My people may see clearly the work that needs to be done. If they will walk in My footsteps, I will open ways before them, not only in the lowly places, but in the highways. I will raise up agents who will carry out the principles of truth. They shall stand in their lot and in their place, looking to Me their Guide and Counsellor.”*23LtMs, Lt 342, 1908, par. 9*

I pray that the Lord will help you and give you wisdom and strength for your work.*23LtMs, Lt 342, 1908, par. 10*

Lt 344, 1908

Gotzian, J.

St. Helena, California

December 12, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *6Bio 182*.

Mrs. J. Gotzian
Madison, Tennessee

Dear Sister Gotzian:

I should be much pleased to have a good free talk with you. I have been thinking how short the time is in which we can work, and I am pained that so little is being done by many among us. Very many are deficient in religious experience.²³*LtMs, Lt 344, 1908, par. 1*

A few days ago I had a special experience. I was feeling sadness of soul, for I longed to see a deeper work done for our churches. I desired to see a decided waking up on the part of church members. For weeks I had been depressed, but in the latter part of the afternoon my soul became very peaceful in Christ. There seemed to be a canopy over me, and I felt shut in with Christ. I experienced perfect peace. I said aloud, "I know that my Redeemer lives. I know He cares for me." [See *Job 19:25*.] Since that time I have had clearness of mind to write.²³*LtMs, Lt 344, 1908, par. 2*

Last week Brother Schultz paid me a visit. He talked to me as though, because I had purchased the land at Buena Vista, it was my duty to make a large donation to the school. When I told him that I had sold my place in Healdsburg in order to obtain money to carry on my work of book publication, he said, "And yet you advised the purchasing of the place, and money has to be raised for it—a large sum."²³*LtMs, Lt 344, 1908, par. 3*

I told Brother Schultz the reasons why the school should be located in a rural district, where there were plenty of trees and land to be cultivated. I told him that the health of the students required that

they have physical exercise out of doors, and that it was for just such a place as the Buena Vista property that we had been seeking. I might have represented to Brother Schultz the advantages of the Buena Vista property, but I said as little as possible, though I thought a good deal.*23LtMs, Lt 344, 1908, par. 4*

What the prospect is of getting your money, I do not yet know. If you choose to let the school have this, I shall be relieved of a burden. I will do something, but I cannot do much. I hope we can secure gifts sufficient to enable us to secure the place. Please let me understand the terms of your loan.*23LtMs, Lt 344, 1908, par. 5*

I have not one question or doubt in regard to the purchase of the Sonoma property. There are several towns within easy distance of Buena Vista where meetings can be held and the truth preached. About ten miles from Buena Vista is Petaluma, where Brother Chapman and his family lived. Then there is Santa Rosa, about twenty miles away. The interest should be revived in these places where the truth has been preached in the past.*23LtMs, Lt 344, 1908, par. 6*

I shall be glad to hear from you in regard to the proposition you have made concerning your loan to the school. Please let me know the terms. I will respond when I hear from you.*23LtMs, Lt 344, 1908, par. 7*

Lt 346, 1908

Washburn, Brother and Sister [J. S.]

St. Helena, California

December 11, 1908

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Elder J. S. Washburn
665 Decatur Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Brother and Sister Washburn:

I received your letter a few days ago and today will attempt to reply to it. I was very pleased to hear the good news you wrote of the success of the work in Memphis. I thank the Lord that He has gone before you and prepared the way, enabling you to reach the very class of people that I was assured you could reach in that place. I knew that you desired to remain in Nashville, but I have prayed the Lord to give you hope, and courage, and a living faith in presenting the Bible truth for this time.*23LtMs, Lt 346, 1908, par. 1*

I have been shown that the money that is lavishly spent by many believers for unnecessary things should be invested in the work of winning souls that are ready to perish. It is time that our people felt the need of being laborers together with God. Self-denial and self-sacrifice are highly appropriate for this time. The Lord will accept all who minister the Word of life, if they will give the message in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.*23LtMs, Lt 346, 1908, par. 2*

At times I am so weighted down with the sense of my responsibilities that the burden becomes more than I can bear. About three days ago, while feeling the weight of this burden upon me, I had a special experience. I kept repeating the words: "All of Christ's followers should feel a weight of responsibilities resting upon them daily; for we are certainly near to the close of this earth's

history. We must not relax our efforts, but become more and more vitalized by the Spirit of God. The sanctifying influence of the truth must be in the message we bear.”*23LtMs, Lt 346, 1908, par. 3*

Tell the believers and your co-laborers that much depends upon the way they treat this message of so much importance. “Ye are laborers together with God.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] If unbelievers see in our work and lives devotion and self-sacrifice in order to save the souls ready to perish; if they see self-denial characterizing our work, they will be impressed with the reality of the truths we profess. The truth which sanctifies the receiver will make its impression upon them.*23LtMs, Lt 346, 1908, par. 4*

The Lord claims the service of all who claim to believe the truth for this time. They must be laborers together with Christ in carrying out the principles of the gospel. The light of every believer must be taken from under the bushel and given to the world. “Let your light so shine before men,” the Saviour declares, “that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” [*Matthew 5:16.*] There is to be no limit to the places where the light shall shine. It is to reach to the regions beyond. Tell it, urge it upon all with earnest force, that all are to give their service for those who are in the darkness of error. To teach the Word of God to unbelievers, to unite our prayers for them, are duties that we owe our Redeemer.*23LtMs, Lt 346, 1908, par. 5*

The Lord demands the cultivation of every talent. “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thy self.” [*Luke 10:27.*] Our words, our prayers, our voluntary and sincere service, our humble, earnest efforts to represent precious, saving truth—by all these we are to show our love for Him who gave His life for us. O that our efforts to bless others might be in proportion to the light we have received! But we do not render to God returns that are proportionate to the wonderful truths we claim to believe.*23LtMs, Lt 346, 1908, par. 6*

I present these words to those who claim to believe the truth for this time. Let the books of heaven record of you a righteous zeal; let it be said there that you are laborers together with God. I speak to all

—lay members as well as ministers—Be laborers together with God. Let humility be cultivated, and Christ will be your efficiency if you will look unto Him, the Author and Finisher of your faith.²³*LtMs, Lt 346, 1908, par. 7*

The Lord has been asked to do a much-desired work for perishing souls in the South. Will you co-operate with the Divine agency? You have been bought with a price that you might be laborers together with God. It is your privilege to increase in knowledge and faith and capability. A weight of solemn responsibility should daily rest upon you, and evidence of this should be given in earnest work for the saving of the lost.²³*LtMs, Lt 346, 1908, par. 8*

Show your gratitude to God for every effort made to present Bible truths to the people. As Christ's faithful followers, give evidence that you are receiving light and reflecting that light upon other souls. May the Lord bless and strengthen you, is my prayer.²³*LtMs, Lt 346, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 348, 1908

Hare, Brother and Sister [Metcalf]

St. Helena, California

December 15, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *14MR 339-342*.

Mr. Metcalfe Hare
Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Brother and Sister Hare:

I received your letter today, for which I thank you. I am very sorry to learn that Sister Hare is not well. I cannot advise any remedy for her cough better than the eucalyptus and honey. Into a tumbler of honey put a few drops of the eucalyptus, stir up well, and take whenever the cough comes on. I have had considerable trouble with my throat, but whenever I use this, I overcome the difficulty very quickly. I have to use it only a few times, and the cough is removed. If you will use this prescription, you may be your own physician. If the first trial does not effect a cure, try it again. The best time to take it is before retiring.*23LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 1*

Again there is great virtue in well-cooked onions. Ask Edson White; he can tell you of the good that onions will do.*23LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 2*

I am looking forward to seeing you at the conference at Washington. Of course you will be there, as we will, if the Lord permits. It is possible that we will visit Nashville on the way. We want to see how you are succeeding in your work. If you can set in operation the work of producing sensible health foods, and give instruction in healthful cooking, your work will prove a great blessing to the southern field. I hope you will encourage cheerfulness, thus showing that you have confidence in God. I want you to let your light shine in clear, distinct rays. There are many in our churches who have precious light that the people need. There are some who, if there is discouragement in any line, are sure to express this. This

is not the right way to do. Those who do not work in hopefulness keep themselves under a cloud of doubt. The enemy is not dead yet, and the nearer we come to the close of this earth's history, the more vigilant will be the efforts of satanic agencies to keep souls under a cloud of doubt, so that the light of heaven shall not be expressed in words and acts, to bring hope and cheer and courage to others.²³*LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 3*

You are not to wait for perfect assurance before you become the Lord's light-bearer to the world. You have naturally a despondent temperament to deal with, and the Lord calls upon you to take your light from under the bushel, and let it give light to all that are in the house. You have precious victories to gain. Do not spoil your religious experience by dwelling upon the dark side and talking impossibility. Light is to shine in precious, encouraging words to all that are in the house.²³*LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 4*

Take heed, my brother, to the words of the One who is the light of the world: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [*Matthew 5:16.*] The world is full of hurry and disappointment. The words are addressed to you, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The words in favor of truth, spoken with the assurance that comes from the possession of a right purpose, and in cheerful hope, from a pure heart, will make the angels rejoice. When in the day of final awards the reward is given to each as his works have been, it is your privilege to have redeemed souls, whom you have been the means of helping, come to you, and say, "You lifted me out of discouragement." And the Master will say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant, ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [*Matthew 25:23.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 5*

Not one quarter of the work has been done in our sanitariums that would have been done if ministers and physicians had been receiving in its fulness the instruction from the Author of all truth that it is their privilege to receive and impart. We are to watch for souls as they that must give an account. We are now having opportunities to improve in spiritual discernment, and in the knowledge of the will of God concerning our individual selves. A higher, spiritual tone is

required of us. The Lord would have us spiritually minded, that we may be able to see the working out of His plans in our lives. We are to be laborers together with God in accomplishing the work that He would have done. Wherever we are, we are to reflect light.*23LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 6*

It is your privilege to obtain most precious victories. Will you go forward in faith and hope and courage? You are privileged with the gift of the Word. It is full of instruction and able to make you heirs of salvation. It is your duty to give the knowledge you have to others. You could not have a better opportunity than in perfecting a food business that will give the knowledge of health reform to others. To every man is given his work. You may be tested and tried in this way to see if you will let your light shine. Regard patience and kindness as sacred things which you must bring into every line of your work. You need to vindicate the greatness of the work by building up amiable characters. This you can do through the grace of Christ.*23LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 7*

Be assured that if good food is made, influential men and women of the South will appreciate it, and the results will be excellent. Where you are is just the place for you to represent the truth, for there an attempt has been made, and failure has brought health reform into disrepute. You are in an excellent situation to become acquainted with businessmen, and the work you may do for them may be a savor of life to the soul as well as to the body. You can, if you choose, be the right man in the right place, and your work be regarded as a great and perfect work. The instruction you can give will be a blessing to many lives and your work counterwork the influence that has hurt the cause of health reform and made us all ashamed.*23LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 8*

It is your privilege to cure this evil. You can become acquainted with the unbelieving and be the means of removing a great amount of prejudice. You can reflect light. A word dropped in season, combined with the perfect carrying forward of your work, will accomplish grand results.*23LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 9*

Deranged stomachs have made infidels. You can be a preacher of righteousness in this respect. The greatness of the work that may

be accomplished in lines of health reform have not been comprehended or appreciated. There is religion in the making of good bread. I hope you will consider these things and realize that your work is of consequence.*23LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 10*

I shall hope to see you when we visit Washington, if God wills that we go there. We do not know what the future will bring forth or determine anything certainly.*23LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 11*

May the Lord bless you and guard you and teach you, is my prayer.*23LtMs, Lt 348, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 350, 1908

Starr, J. A.

St. Helena, California

December 16, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mr. J. A. Starr
Paradise Valley Sanitarium
National City, California

Dear Brother Starr:

We were thankful to receive your letter and to know that the Lord is blessing you. I praise the Lord for this, for I have a special interest in your case. I desire that you shall daily receive a rich supply of grace that will enable you to use your physical and mental powers to the glory of God. I have faith to believe that the Lord will continue to bless you abundantly. The work is the Lord's, and His name shall have all the glory.*23LtMs, Lt 350, 1908, par. 1*

I have been writing since two o'clock this morning. I have just closed a letter to Brother Metcalfe Hare, who came about a year ago from Cooranbong, Australia. He is at work in the food factory in Nashville, and I have been endeavoring to encourage him in his work. Brother Hare did a good work in Australia, and we need the same work done in the southern states. I have encouraged him to believe that he can just as verily minister for God by making a faithful use of the knowledge he has of the preparation of health foods, and in making the food factory in Nashville a success, as he could be preaching the Word.*23LtMs, Lt 350, 1908, par. 2*

Sister Hare has learned how to combine foods and to prepare them in a healthful way. Brother Hare has just got things into running order at the food factory at Edgefield. He needs now to become acquainted with the people and get the truths regarding health reform before them; but this will not prevent him from speaking to the people concerning other phases of the message.*23LtMs, Lt*

350, 1908, par. 3

I am thankful that you are in such a healthful location as San Diego and that you are in such excellent company. We think much of Brother and Sister Cummings. The light given me is that the Lord sent them to help us meet the emergency at Paradise Valley. They have been chosen by God to carry the work wisely in the sanitarium. My mind has been at rest regarding Paradise Valley since they have been in charge.*23LtMs, Lt 350, 1908, par. 4*

The Lord has instructed me, Brother Starr, that you are in the right place. May He bless you and encourage your heart. He has a care for you and in His providence will work out His plans in your behalf. Be cheerful in God; trust fully in the One who has manifested such love for you.*23LtMs, Lt 350, 1908, par. 5*

Mercy manifested in tenderness has inexpressible value. It beautifies the soul, purifies the conduct, and glorifies the life. Mercy is a grand gift. Let us cherish it.*23LtMs, Lt 350, 1908, par. 6*

I greatly desire to visit Paradise Valley again. I shall be pleased to see you once more. You have a compassionate Saviour. He loves you, and will strengthen you, if you will rest your case in His hands.*23LtMs, Lt 350, 1908, par. 7*

It is a beautiful day today. The sun is shining, and the air is bracing.*23LtMs, Lt 350, 1908, par. 8*

When you get time, write me a few lines. May the Lord bless you.*23LtMs, Lt 350, 1908, par. 9*

Lt 352, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

December 16, 1908

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Elder S. N. Haskell
523 Twenty-fifth Street
Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

I have a message to bear to our people. Some of them are in danger of being deceived by the workings of the enemy. At the present time there are in this conference a man and his wife who have strange manifestations that they believe to be caused by the Holy Spirit. But I am instructed that these manifestations are caused by the same spirit that wrought fanaticism after the passing of the time in 1844.²³*LtMs, Lt 352, 1908, par. 1*

At that time, as you are well aware, we met and opposed the work and influence of many who supposed that they were exercised by the Holy Spirit, but who had gone into fanaticism. They had what they supposed were visions from God; and to vindicate their wonderful power, they would pray loudly and would sometimes sing with a loud voice, dancing or working the body from side to side and to and fro. These experiences are brought to my mind as forcibly as if they had happened but yesterday.²³*LtMs, Lt 352, 1908, par. 2*

I have already written you something of my visit with Mr. and Mrs. Mackin. I did not sanction their experience. I told them about some of the experiences that we had had to meet and of the things that had happened in the past, and I hoped that they would regard as a warning this story of fanaticism in early days. I appealed to them to

have an experience based, not on wonderful manifestations, but on the Word of God. I pointed out how the enemy would use fanaticism as a means to place us before the world in such a light as to hedge up our way, to a large extent.*23LtMs, Lt 352, 1908, par. 3*

We are not surprised to find that Satan will work today as he has worked in the past. We must live by faith; for without faith it is impossible to please God. He is ready to hear our prayers, and to impart to His people the Holy Spirit for service; but I have been warned that the manifestations that are seen in this brother and sister are not the workings of the Holy Spirit. Boasting claims of righteousness and noisy demonstrations are calculated to lead to a fanatical experience that will confuse many minds. If such things are encouraged, a wave of fanaticism will come into our ranks that will be detrimental to the work of God and that will sweep away many souls in a dangerous delusion. These things are designed by Satan to deceive, if possible, the very elect.*23LtMs, Lt 352, 1908, par. 4*

It is our privilege to preach the Word in the demonstration of the Spirit. It is the privilege of every soul to exercise faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. But pure spiritual life comes only as the soul surrenders itself to the will of God through Christ, the reconciling Saviour. It is our privilege to be worked by the Holy Spirit. Through the exercise of faith, we are brought into communion with Christ Jesus, for Christ dwells in the hearts of all who are meek and lowly. Theirs is a faith that works by love and purifies the soul, a faith that brings peace to the heart and leads in the path of self-denial and self-sacrifice.*23LtMs, Lt 352, 1908, par. 5*

The promise is that if we follow on to know the Lord, we shall know that "His going forth is prepared as the morning." [*Hosea 6:3.*] It is essential that we have daily the converting grace of God in the heart, that all our words and deeds may give evidence that we are in submission to the mind and will of God. In doing with meekness and humility our appointed service, we are to reveal the converting power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Then we become the Lord's agencies to do His work.*23LtMs, Lt 352, 1908, par. 6*

With humility and meekness, and yet with great earnestness, we

are to render our service to God. Christ is our Pattern, our Example in all things. He was filled with the Spirit, and the Spirit's power was manifested through Him, not by bodily movements, but by a zeal for good works.*23LtMs, Lt 352, 1908, par. 7*

Among God's people there is need of deep, thorough heart-searching, that we may be able to understand what constitutes true religion. Christ is a wonderful Educator. His life and words are based upon sound principles. His manner of teaching was very simple. He was fashioned after the divine similitude, and if we follow Him, we shall make no mistakes.*23LtMs, Lt 352, 1908, par. 8*

Let there be no oddities or eccentricities of movement on the part of those who speak the Word of truth; for such things will weaken the impression that should be made by the Word. We must be guarded; for Satan is determined, if possible, to intermingle with religious services his evil influence. Let there be no theatrical display; for this will not help to strengthen belief in the Word of God. Rather it will divert attention to the human instrument.*23LtMs, Lt 352, 1908, par. 9*

Let your conversation be "honest among the Gentiles; that whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be always ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." [*1 Peter 2:12; 3:8, 15.*]*23LtMs, Lt 352, 1908, par. 10*

Our lives must be hid with Christ in God. We must have a personal knowledge of Christ. Then only can we rightly represent Him before the world. Wherever we are, we must let our light shine forth to the glory of God in good works. This is the great, the important work of our lives. Those who are really under the influence of the Holy Spirit will reveal its power by a practical application of the eternal principles of truth. They will reveal that the holy oil is emptied from the two olive branches into the chambers of the soul temple. Their words will be imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit to soften and subdue the heart. It will be manifest that the words spoken are spirit

and life.²³*LtMs, Lt 352, 1908, par. 11*

Lt 354, 1908

Our Brethren in California

St. Helena, California

December 11, 1908

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To our brethren in California:

Last night instruction was given me for our people. I seemed to be in a meeting where representations were being made of the strange work of Brother Mackin and his wife. I was instructed that it was a work similar to that which was carried on in Orrington in the state of Maine and in various other places after the passing of the time in 1844. I was bidden to speak decidedly against this fanatical work.²³*LtMs, Lt 354, 1908, par. 1*

I was shown that it was not the Spirit of the Lord that was inspiring Brother and Sister Mackin, but the same spirit of fanaticism that is ever seeking entrance into the remnant church. Their application of Scripture to their peculiar exercises is Scripture misapplied. The work of declaring persons possessed of the devil, and then praying with them and pretending to cast out the evil spirits, is fanaticism which will bring into disrepute any church which sanctions such work.²³*LtMs, Lt 354, 1908, par. 2*

I was shown that we must give no encouragement to these demonstrations, but must guard the people with a decided testimony against that which would bring a stain upon the name of Seventh-day Adventists and destroy the confidence of the people in the message of truth which they must bear to the world. The Lord has done a great work for His people in placing them on vantage ground. It is the duty of the church to cherish its influence. Precious are the words, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." [*John 5:39.*] The

words of inspiration, carefully studied and prayerfully obeyed, will thoroughly furnish unto all good works.*23LtMs, Lt 354, 1908, par. 3*

As a denomination we need to look more continually to God for guidance. We are living in an evil age. The perils of the last days are upon us. Because iniquity abounds, Satan presumes to bring in all kinds of delusive theories upon those who have tried to walk humbly with God and who are distrustful of self. Shall self-confident, fanatical men come to these humble souls, assuring them that they are possessed of evil spirits, and after praying with them, affirm that the devil is cast out? Such are not the manifestations of the Spirit of God, but of another spirit.*23LtMs, Lt 354, 1908, par. 4*

I call upon every church to beware of being led to think evil of those who, because distrustful of self, fear that they have not the Holy Spirit. There are those who have followed their own ways instead of the ways of God. They have not acknowledged the light that God has graciously given; and because of this they have lost the power to distinguish between darkness and light. There are many who have heard much in regard to the path they ought to follow, but who ignore the requirements God makes of them. Their light does not shine in works that reveal the principles of truth and holiness. It is this class who in time of test will accept falsehood and erroneous theories for the truth of God.*23LtMs, Lt 354, 1908, par. 5*

Great light has been given to the people of God. Let our people awake and go forward to perfection. You will be exposed to the fallacies of satanic agencies. Fearful waves of fanaticism will come. But God will deliver the people who will earnestly seek the Lord and consecrate themselves to His service.*23LtMs, Lt 354, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 356, 1908

Crawford, Marion Stowell

St. Helena, California

December 13, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *7MR 196-197; 8MR 21, 103; 6Bio 182.*

Dear Sister Marion Stowell-Crawford:

I have just read your letter. I was glad to hear from you, but sorry to learn that you are so afflicted.²³*LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 1*

My family just now is quite small, numbering in all only five members. My cook and matron is an excellent Christian woman whom we met one year ago at Loma Linda. She had overworked and had somewhat broken down in health; but we find that she does our housework very nicely, and we all appreciate her for her excellent qualities. She is a lady in every respect. The other members of my family are Miss McEnterfer, my nurse, and Minnie Hawkins and Helen Graham, workers in the office. Sara McEnterfer travels with me when I am called to leave home; and when at home, she is general caretaker and helps me by answering many letters. Minnie Hawkins is engaged in preparing my manuscripts. Minnie worked for me some years in Cooranbong, Australia; and after her mother's death, I wrote to her, asking her to unite once more with my work. Sister Helen Graham has been with us for several years. She is W. C. White's stenographer and is excellent help in the office. We live together very pleasantly as a family and would not like to spare any member.²³*LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 2*

Brother James, my farmer, came from Australia in response to my call to take charge of my place here. We regard him as a treasure, and his wife is just as highly prized. They have eleven children, the two eldest of whom are at College View and doing well. The children are carefully trained at home, and most excellent discipline is maintained.²³*LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 3*

W. C. White's house is close by us. Willie has an excellent wife and four children. The two eldest boys Henry and Herbert and Gracie are attending the church school, which is only a few rods from their home. The youngest boy Arthur is about fourteen months old. He is a bright, healthy little fellow.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 4*

Ella May White Robinson has been married over three years. For a time both she and her husband were engaged in the work of teaching. But W. C. White needed her husband's help in the office here, so for two years he has been connected with my work. Dores Robinson has been a licentiate for several years and spends each Sabbath speaking to some neighboring church or company. We have held on to him, because he is well adapted for the work of preparing my manuscripts for the press; but he will soon engage more fully in the work of the ministry. They have a child about one year old. He is a bright little lad.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 5*

From one of the windows of the room where I spend most of my time during the day, I can look out on the office where the workers are busy from morning till night. From another window I see the little cottage, a few steps from my house, where Sister Steward and her daughter live. Miss Mary Steward is one of my staff of workers. In the office each worker has a separate room, for in almost every room a typewriter is being run. In addition to the workers I have named, we have Mr. Mason, my bookkeeper, and Brother Crisler, who does important work in connection with the work in general. Willie has the oversight of all.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 6*

For a while we had working with us Brother Forga, a Spanish gentleman who married May White's sister. He was working on the translation of my writings into Spanish. He is now working in Mountain View along the same lines. His wife is studying the Spanish language and helping her husband.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 7*

Now I have given you quite a little sketch of my family and workers. We are not always so few in number as at present. Last summer Elder Caviness was with us for several months, engaged with Mr. Forga in Spanish translations. For ten years Brother Caviness has been laboring in Mexico and was to return there to his family when

his work here was finished. We were glad of the privilege of having him with us.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 8*

I am still busy with my writings, and I praise the Lord that He gives me strength to continue my work so steadily. My hand is firm, as it has been ever since the Lord first directed me to write. Then my trembling hand was made strong and firm, and the Lord has kept it so. I have reason to thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice that my mind is clear and that I am still able to use pen and voice in His service.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 9*

In regard to means, I can assure you that whatever you can let us have to help in the work will be safe, and the interest due will be paid. We would be glad to have more means just now in helping to get out the books that should come before the people. We have much new matter which ought to be published, that the light that has been given me may be made known. Whatever you can give to help in this work will be greatly appreciated.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 10*

Again, there is Paradise Valley. This too is safe, I can assure you; and any interest you manifest in a practical way will be a wonderful help. But I will leave this matter with you, to help or not, as you can.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 11*

My son, no doubt, has told you of the school soon to be established at Sonoma. I am so thankful that we are to have this place for our school. I shall want you to come down and see it when it will be convenient for you to do so. I expect that place will be my home for a time; for I shall want to be there to help where I can with counsel and judgment. I hope the Lord will permit me to see this school established firmly and on right lines. I fully believe that time is very short.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 12*

In speaking of my family, I had almost forgotten to mention Mabel White. She married a man whom we all respect, Wilfred Workman. They are happily suited in their marriage and are now at Washington, D.C., attending school. Mabel is acting as matron, and both are obtaining a valuable education. In her baby life, Mabel was afflicted with a tumor on one of her eyes, and she does not see much from that eye. She is now twenty-three years old, and the

Lord is blessing her and her husband and giving them a good experience.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 13*

May Walling, my niece, whom I brought up from a child of three and a half years old, is now in the St. Helena Sanitarium and is doing excellent work. Addie her sister is married, and her first child is about one year old. She has a good husband.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 14*

If the Lord spares my life, and indicates that it is my duty to go, I shall attend the General Conference to be held in Washington the coming Spring. I wish that you could be there.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 15*

I feel so sorry to hear of your physical suffering. I cannot understand why you should be so greatly afflicted; but we can trust the Lord as One who knows what is best for us all. Let us hold the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 16*

I am not suffering physically, but I am often bowed down with weariness and sorrow of heart as I see those who have departed from the faith working out such a sad experience. I am deeply grieved as I compare the present history of these souls with what their past has been—more grieved than words can express. That the same fountain should send forth sweet water and bitter, that the vine which has borne grapes should now yield wild grapes, this brings pain to my heart and sadness to my soul. And the end is near, the end when truth alone will triumph. O that the truth as it is in Jesus may be planted in the heart by the Holy Spirit, and daily tended there by the grace of God.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 17*

I will now close this lengthy letter. I have tried to give you a little of our history, thinking you would be interested in it. Be of good courage. May the Lord bless and guide you and encourage you day by day to hold fast the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end.*23LtMs, Lt 356, 1908, par. 18*

Lt 358, 1908

Mackin, Brother and Sister [Ralph]

St. Helena, California

December 11, 1908

See variant *Lt 358a, 1908*. This letter is published in entirety in *3SM 376-378*. †NoteOne or more typed copies of this document contain additional Ellen White handwritten interlineations which may be viewed at the main office of the Ellen G. White Estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mackin

Dear Brother and Sister:

Recently, in visions of the night, there were opened before me some matters that I must communicate to you. I have been shown that you are making some sad mistakes. In your study of the Scriptures and of the testimonies, you have come to wrong conclusions. The Lord's work would be greatly misunderstood, if you should continue to labor as you have begun. You place a false interpretation upon the Word of God, and upon the printed testimonies; and then you seek to carry on a strange work in accordance with your conception of their meaning. You suppose that all you do is for the glory of God, but you are deceiving yourselves and deceiving others.²³*LtMs, Lt 358, 1908, par. 1*

Your wife, in speech, in song, and in strange exhibitions that are not in accordance with the genuine work of the Holy Spirit, is helping to bring in a phase of fanaticism that would do great injury to the cause of God, if allowed any place in our churches.²³*LtMs, Lt 358, 1908, par. 2*

You have even supposed that power is given you to cast out devils. Through your influence over the human mind, men and women are led to believe that they are possessed of devils and that the Lord has appointed you as His agents for casting out these evil spirits. I have been shown that just such phases of error as I was compelled to meet among Advent believers after the passing of the time in

1844 will be repeated in these last days. In our early experience, I had to go from place to place and bear message after message to disappointed companies of believers. The evidences accompanying my messages were so great that the honest in heart received as truth the words that were spoken. The power of God was revealed in a marked manner, and men and women were freed from the baleful influence of fanaticism and disorder and were brought into the unity of the faith.*23LtMs, Lt 358, 1908, par. 3*

My brother and sister, I have a message for you: You are starting on a false supposition. There is much of self woven into your exhibitions. Satan will come in with bewitching power through these exhibitions. It is high time that you call a halt. If God had given you a special message for His people, you would walk and work in all humility—not as if you were on the stage of a theater, but in the meekness of a follower of the lowly Jesus of Nazareth. You would carry an influence altogether different from that which you have been carrying. You would be anchored on the Rock, Christ Jesus.*23LtMs, Lt 358, 1908, par. 4*

My dear young friends, your souls are precious in the sight of Heaven. Christ has bought you with His own precious blood, and I do not want you to be indulging a false hope and working in false lines. You are certainly on a false track now, and I beg of you, for your souls' sake, to imperil no longer the cause of the truth for these last days. For your own souls' sake, consider that the manner in which you are working is not the way God's cause is to be advanced. The sincere desire to do others good will lead the Christian worker to put away all thought of bringing into the message of present truth any strange teachings leading men and women into fanaticism. At this period of the world's history, we must exercise the greatest of care in this respect.*23LtMs, Lt 358, 1908, par. 5*

Some of the phases of experience through which you are passing not only endanger your own souls, but the souls of many others; because you appeal to the precious words of Christ as recorded in the Scriptures, and to the testimonies, to vouch for the genuineness of your message. In supposing that the precious Word, which is verity and truth, and the testimonies that the Lord has given for His

people are your authority, you are deceived. You are moved by wrong impulses and are bracing up yourselves with declarations that mislead. You attempt to make the truth of God sustain false sentiments and incorrect actions that are inconsistent and fanatical. This makes tenfold, yes, twentyfold harder the work of the church in acquainting the people with the truths of the third angel's message.²³*LtMs, Lt 358, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 358a, 1908

Mackin, Brother and Sister [Ralph]

St. Helena, California

December 11, 1903

Variant of *Lt 358, 1908*. This letter is published in entirety in *2SM 44-45*; *3SM 376-378*.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mackin

Dear Brother and Sister:

Recently, in visions of the night, there were opened before me some matters that I must communicate to you. I have been shown that you are making some sad mistakes. In your study of the Scriptures and of the testimonies, you have come to wrong conclusions. The Lord's work would be greatly misunderstood, if you should continue to labor as you have begun. You place a false interpretation upon the Word of God and upon the printed testimonies; and then you seek to carry on a strange work in accordance with your conception of their meaning. You have even supposed that power is given you to cast out devils. Through your influence over the human mind, men and women are led to believe that they are possessed of devils and that the Lord has appointed you as His agents for casting out these evil spirits.²³*LtMs, Lt 358a, 1908, par. 1*

Your wife, in speech, in song, and in strange exhibitions that are not in accordance with the genuine work of the Holy Spirit, is helping to bring in a phase of fanaticism that would do great injury to the cause of God, if allowed any place in our churches.²³*LtMs, Lt 358a, 1908, par. 2*

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accompanying my messages were so great that the honest in heart received as truth the words that were spoken. The power of God was revealed in a marked manner, and men and women were freed from the baleful influence of fanaticism and disorder and were brought into the unity of the faith.*23LtMs, Lt 358a, 1908, par. 3*

My brother and sister, I have a message for you: You are starting on a false supposition. There is too much self woven into your exhibitions. You suppose that all you do is for the glory of God, but you are deceiving yourselves and deceiving others. Satan will come into these exhibitions. It is high time that you call a halt. If God had given you a special message for His people, you would walk and work in all humility—not as if you were on the stage of a theater, but in the meekness of a follower of the lowly Jesus of Nazareth. You would carry an influence altogether different from that which you have been carrying. You would be anchored on the Rock, Christ Jesus.*23LtMs, Lt 358a, 1908, par. 4*

My dear young friends, your souls are precious in the sight of Heaven. Christ has bought you with His own precious blood, and I do not want you to be found on a false track. You are certainly there now, and I beg of you, for your souls' sake, to imperil no longer the cause of the truth for these last days. For your own souls' sake, consider that this is not the way God's work is to be advanced. The sincere desire to do others good will lead the Christian worker to put away all thought of bringing into the message of present truth any strange teachings bordering on the fanatical. At this period of the world's history, we must exercise the greatest of care in this respect. Some of the phases of experience through which you have been passing not only endanger your own souls, but the souls of many others; because you appeal to the precious words of Christ as recorded in the Scriptures, and to the testimonies, to vouch for the genuineness of your message. In supposing that the precious Word, which is verity and truth, and the testimonies that the Lord has given for His people are your authority, you are deceived. You are moved by wrong impulses and are bracing up yourselves with declarations that mislead. You attempt to make the truth of God sustain false sentiments and incorrect actions that give the impression of fanaticism. This makes tenfold, yes, twentyfold harder our work of acquainting the people with the truths of the third

angel's message.²³*LtMs, Lt 358a, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 360, 1908

Cummings, Sister [R. S.]

St. Helena, California

December 16, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Mrs. R. S. Cummings
Paradise Valley Sanitarium
National City, California

Dear Sister:

I have commenced several letters to you that have not been finished because of other important questions arising that demanded immediate attention. I will begin once more and will say that I have read your mother's letters with much interest. I have known of the work which she mentions, but I shall not spend the few minutes in which I have to write in dwelling upon vexing matters. If men claiming to be doing the work of the Lord follow their own impulse to deal unjustly, they themselves will be the losers. I am sorry for them and will pray that they may be converted from every wrong position.²³*LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 1*

I had told my son something of what was being done to break up the work at Paradise Valley, but we both had confidence in you and your husband, that you would be loyal to your appointed work. Your work at Paradise Valley has been satisfactory. We believe that you realize the importance of your position and that you will be faithful in your work. In accepting your position at Paradise Valley, you pledged to work as in the presence of God and holy angels. We have the fullest confidence in you that you will be true to this pledge, refusing to be bought or sold.²³*LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 2*

I am glad that you have Brother Harmon Lindsay with you, for he is a man of experience. Do not let him become discouraged; for I fear that you will not find another to fill his place who has so large an experience in the work of the third angel's message. The Lord will

be with Brother Lindsay if he will follow on in faith and hope to know the Lord. God will be with him and give him rich blessings. Our brother has known sorrow; but if he will walk humbly with God, He will be his strength and healer.*23LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 3*

I shall pray for you all, for I am deeply interested in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. I shall pray that the light of the Lord may shine upon this institution and that God will work through your efforts. Let us ever remember that we are doing our work for eternity.*23LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 4*

I had some fears that representations might be made to you that would have influence with you, but W. C. White said, "We will not allow our minds to distrust Brother and Sister Cummings." And I agree with my son.*23LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 5*

I am writing to the best of my ability to encourage our workers to bear responsibilities. I will send you copies of some things that have been written to individuals.*23LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 6*

We have often spoken of the praying season we had with your mother at our last visit to Paradise Valley Sanitarium. The blessing of the Lord rested on me largely at that time; and while I was praying for your mother, I received healing for myself. I have not yet lost the influence of that precious meeting. The Lord is good and full of mercy and compassion. We have every encouragement to trust in Him and to continue to believe.*23LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 7*

I believe your mother should have a change in her labors. Her past work is one that wears upon the nerves, and we advise her to make the change that has been recommended.*23LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 8*

I have just been reading in one of the testimonies given me by the Lord that in working to benefit and bless others a sense of satisfaction is experienced. The Lord creates peace in the soul. This is of more value than gold. Every faithful performance of duty stands registered in the books of heaven and receives more than an earthly reward. It is a sacred duty that we owe to God to receive His grace that we may give it to others.*23LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 9*

My sister, the Lord points out our duties, and we are to walk in the way He marks out. Pure, Christlike love is simple in its operations. There is one thing we should do much more than we do. We should praise the Lord more often. Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God. Do you not think that if we praised the Lord more often, our spiritual sight would be keener to discern the blessings of the Lord?²³*LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 10*

I would say to you, Be of good courage in the Lord. Take rest and peace in Christ. Let us offer our grateful praise to Him who is the author of all our blessings.²³*LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 11*

I am writing this by lamplight, and now I must close. Tell Brother Lindsay that I will write to him later. In love to all the household of faith.²³*LtMs, Lt 360, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 362, 1908

Rice, Brother and Sister [J. D.]

St. Helena, California

December 16, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder J. D. Rice
6270 Racine Street
Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Rice:

Last night the Spirit of the Lord opened some matters before me. The instruction was given that it was in the order of God that a meetinghouse be built in Richmond, where the Lord has manifested His great grace in bringing souls into the truth. It is in the Lord's order that you should have the help of our people in establishing this new church.*23LtMs, Lt 362, 1908, par. 1*

It seems only just and right that you should have help from the Oakland church. If I can I will do something to help. I shall pray that the Lord may help you to go forward, trusting in Him.*23LtMs, Lt 362, 1908, par. 2*

A call has been made for me to help in the purchase of the Buena Vista property. The donations I have made in the gifts of my books have left me where I have felt unable to make any large donation for the purchase of the Sonoma property. But I will do something.*23LtMs, Lt 362, 1908, par. 3*

Several times I have been brought into strait places and have been forced to hire money from the bank in order to carry on my work. We are working to get out valuable reading matter to the people, and we must have money with which to pay the workers.*23LtMs, Lt 362, 1908, par. 4*

In spite of the great burdens that have been laid upon me, my mind

is clear, and I am of good courage in God. I remember the promise of the Lord, that He will not leave nor forsake any who put their trust in Him and seek to do His will.*23LtMs, Lt 362, 1908, par. 5*

We have a decided work to do. Be of good courage in the Lord. The Lord will work in His own way if we do not stand in the way to hinder.*23LtMs, Lt 362, 1908, par. 6*

Lt 364, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

December 17, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *19MR 376-377*.

Elder S. N. Haskell
Box 597
Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I am often weary, and yet I realize at times the blessing of the Lord resting upon me in large measure. I want to walk humbly with God. I am praying that the Lord will guide me by His Spirit every moment.*23LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 1*

The Lord has given me a special work to do in giving words of warning that should come to our people. Satan's forces are preparing their seductive temptations to deceive if possible the very elect. Satan will work through those who have disregarded the warnings of God to the church. They will be exceedingly zealous under the working of a deceptive influence, and most strange manifestations will appear.*23LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 2*

We need in all our churches the evidences of the meekness of Christ. In order to do intelligently the solemn work committed to us, we must hide self in Jesus Christ. We have a short time in which to accomplish the work that is essential. Let us earnestly prepare for the conflict that is before us, for Satan's armies are marshalling for the last great struggle. I am instructed to say to all our people, Let your light so shine in words and deeds, that you will reveal that truth is cherished in the heart.*23LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 3*

The time has come when the tithes and offerings belonging to the Lord are to be used in accomplishing a decided work. They are to be brought into the treasury to be used in an orderly way to sustain

the gospel laborers in their work. In (*Malachi 3:10*) we read, “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”*23LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 4*

Satan is rallying his forces and seeking to bring in heresies to confuse the minds of those who have not been trained to understand the leadings of the Holy Spirit. A delusive net is being prepared for them, and those who have been warned again and again, but have not educated themselves to understand the warnings, will be surely taken in Satan’s snare.*23LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 5*

The angels of God have been holding the four winds, that they shall not blow. John writes, “And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads.”*23LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 6*

“And I heard the number of them that were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. ...”*23LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 7*

“After this, I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.”*23LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 8*

“And all the angels stood round about the throne and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God, saying, Amen; blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.”*23LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 9*

“And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.²³*LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 10*

“They shall hunger no more, neither shall they thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.” [*Revelation 7:1-4, 9-17.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 11*

Let this chapter be carefully read and studied. Wonderful things are about to transpire. The future is full of intense interest to every soul who shall live upon the earth.²³*LtMs, Lt 364, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 366, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

December 18, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder S. N. Haskell
Box 597
Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

During the night after I spoke in the Berkeley church, I was shown how greatly God loves His children. I saw that although some of the church members at Berkeley had acted unworthily, yet by humble repentance and the exercise of faith, they might still know the Lord as their Surety and their Salvation. If they would fear the Lord and trust in His mercy, continuing firm in their repentance, they would be forgiven, renewed by grace, clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and conformed to His image. Christ desires to see His likeness reflected in every renewed soul. Those who continue humble, meek, and lowly in heart, He will make laborers together with God.²³*LtMs, Lt 366, 1908, par. 1*

Representations were made to me showing how greatly our physicians and ministers and teachers need a development of Christian character, that they may properly represent the love of God to a fallen world. They are to speak the Word of God from hearts melted in tenderness. Pure and unadulterated truth must always meet the elements of unsanctified profession. There will always be those who claim to be doing God service who are serving Him not. Those who are blinded by erroneous opinions are to be treated with gentleness, yet labored with faithfully that their minds may be undeceived. Saving truth must be repeated over and over again. If these deceived souls can be convinced of their errors and converted, what rejoicing there will be in the heavenly courts.²³*LtMs, Lt 366, 1908, par. 2*

Those who minister the Word of God to the people are to remember that they are dealing with souls for whom Christ has died, and that they must meet the record of any unfaithfulness in the judgment. It is not merciful or just to allow a course of deception to be practiced upon human minds. Satan will surely use erroneous theories to deceive and confuse minds, and we cannot pass by these errors and be guiltless before God. Patiently, and in a spirit of meekness and gentleness, yet with a firmness that cannot be misinterpreted, we are to reprove wrong and to teach professed believers to adorn the doctrine of Christ our Saviour.*23LtMs, Lt 366, 1908, par. 3*

We must expect to meet all classes of minds. But when you are falsely spoken of, remember that the Prince of life passed through the same experience. Let ministers, physicians, and teachers take a straightforward course, "having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." [*1 Peter 2:12.*]*23LtMs, Lt 366, 1908, par. 4*

If Christ could consent to suffer so much in order to save souls, should we not manifest patience, and gentleness, and longsuffering in dealing with the perishing? The words were spoken, "Love as brethren; be pitiful, be courteous, not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing, knowing that ye are thereunto called that ye might inherit a blessing." [*1 Peter 3:8, 9.*] Nevertheless we are to be faithful in reprovng wrongdoing. This God requires of every one of His laborers.*23LtMs, Lt 366, 1908, par. 5*

In the large assemblies there are those who will be reached by words that tell of God's pardoning mercy and His matchless love; and these in turn will be the means of enlightening others in regard to the love of God. The Lord rejoices over the one repenting soul; He alone can measure the influence for good that one soul can be in drawing others to the foot of the cross. If the workers' labors are prompted by devotion to God and a desire to see souls saved for His kingdom, the Lord will impress them with words to speak that will represent His grace and love; and through the aid of the Holy Spirit souls will be convicted and converted. Their words will inspire faith and hope in the heart, and large numbers will be blessed with

the light of truth and be led to rejoice in the mercy and love of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 366, 1908, par. 6*

The Lord rejoices when simplicity marks the words and works of His ministers. He would have His followers copy His own example of true simplicity, and thus magnify His name. It is said regarding His instruction, "The common people heard Him gladly." [*Mark 12:37.*] So today He would have ministers and teachers use words that all, even the most ignorant, can understand.²³*LtMs, Lt 366, 1908, par. 7*

We need more of the love of Christ expressed in our lives for the souls perishing all around us. Christ looks upon these souls, not as they are in themselves, but as they may be if they will surrender themselves to Him in sincerity, as did the thief on the cross. In the hour of His greatest suffering, Christ responded to the prayer of the penitent thief with the word, "Verily I say unto thee today, Thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." [*Luke 23:43.*] The Son of God gave His life that He might uplift and ennoble all who will repent of their sins, accept His mercy, and trust in His power to save.²³*LtMs, Lt 366, 1908, par. 8*

Lt 368, 1908

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

St. Helena, California

December 17, 1908

Portions of this letter are published in *4MR 110*.

Elders Cottrell, Haskell, and Knox

Dear Brethren:

I have something to say regarding the land for which we have been negotiating as a site for our conference school. This land is not being purchased for the purpose of encouraging a large number of our people to make homes upon it for their families. Our school is to be located here, and the fewer families settling close about the school, the better it will be for the students and for the managers of the school interests. The large tract of land has not been brought as a speculation.*23LtMs, Lt 368, 1908, par. 1*

Provision must first be made for the teachers and for those who act a part in the work of the school. A few families who have proved themselves to be wise and loyal supporters of our educational work may be encouraged to make homes near by or on the school farm; but our people generally should not be encouraged to come in and make their homes at Sonoma. Let not the parents cherish the idea that they can do this, for in nine cases out of ten it will not be for the best interests of the children. In most cases it will be a blessing for the youth if they can be away from their parents and under the management of qualified teachers in the school. The presentation in spiritual lines would be clearer and the development of character would be far more encouraging.*23LtMs, Lt 368, 1908, par. 2*

Competent managers and teachers of ability will be needed; for this school is to be conducted on a high spiritual plain, after the order of the schools of the prophets.*23LtMs, Lt 368, 1908, par. 3*

There is need of a reformatory work's being done in all our schools

and in every church. The words were spoken with great impressiveness: Our schools need more of the guidance of the Holy Spirit and less of confidence in human power. We are living in the very closing scenes of this earth's history. Our teachers are to represent Christ's methods and Christ's spirit. Do not censure, but teach the truth.²³*LtMs, Lt 368, 1908, par. 4*

To a congregation in which were assembled teachers, ministers, and physicians, these words were spoken, "You are to represent in your work the gentleness of Christ. Let your hearts melt with tenderness as you tell of the love of God for a fallen world. Let Christ's meekness appear, and let His gentleness be seen in you."²³*LtMs, Lt 368, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 370, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

December 24, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder S. N. Haskell
Box 597
Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

We have received your letter in which you suggest that we purchase seventeen acres of land in connection with the school property at Sonoma. Brother Covell has also been to see us, and he has told us of the circumstances connected with its purchase.²³*LtMs, Lt 370, 1908, par. 1*

I have decided that I will secure this place in order to bring relief to the situation and have made arrangements at the bank to borrow the necessary means. I will hold the place for the present, as this seems to be the best thing that can be done. No doubt Willie will see you today and tell you of this decision.²³*LtMs, Lt 370, 1908, par. 2*

I trust that you may not be heavily burdened over financial perplexities. We will do our best to secure means and look to the Lord for His help. I believe that we can raise the means by the time it is required. We believe that the Lord will work the matter out in such a way that His name will be glorified.²³*LtMs, Lt 370, 1908, par. 3*

I am surprised at the long delay; but it may prove favorable to us, as it gives more time in which to raise the necessary means. Do not be discouraged. We know that you have had a hard battle to fight, but it is not the first time that you have been called upon to lead out in a new enterprise.²³*LtMs, Lt 370, 1908, par. 4*

Be of good courage in the Lord. I will try to do my best and will ask the Lord to give us wisdom that we may know how to move. Be strong in the Lord, and do not worry. Hold fast to the hand that has ever been your help, and praise the name of the Lord.²³*LtMs, Lt 370, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 372, 1908

Workers in the Review and Herald Office and Southern Publishing Association

St. Helena, California

October 6, 1908

This letter is published in entirety in *PM 71-72*.

To the workers in the Review and Herald office and Southern Publishing Association:

As a people we need to come up on a higher platform. In our printing offices in Washington and Nashville, there is a work to be done that will bring in a clear and holy atmosphere. There must be a cleansing from every selfish principle. Narrow, self-conceived ideas must not bear rule. They must be purged away. When the workers hunger for the incoming of pure, uplifting principles, the salvation of God will be revealed, and He will be glorified.²³*LtMs, Lt 372, 1908, par. 1*

Let the workers in the publishing houses rid themselves of every species of selfishness. When each one is willing to give to his brother the right of way that he desires for himself, then God can be glorified in His institutions.²³*LtMs, Lt 372, 1908, par. 2*

For years some have been binding themselves about with selfish desires as with hoops of steel. Self and selfishness has figured largely in their work; but such a spirit is dishonoring to God. I am instructed to say that those who retain such a spirit and hold such principles cannot be accepted by Christ as laborers together with Him for the glory of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 372, 1908, par. 3*

Men may be placed in high positions of trust in the cause of God; but they can claim nothing from Him unless they practice His Word, and rule in righteousness, seeking to copy the example of the meek and lowly Jesus. The leader in the work, as verily as the humblest lay member, is dependent upon God for power to exercise a pure, uplifting influence.²³*LtMs, Lt 372, 1908, par. 4*

The Lord says to the workers in Washington and Nashville, Review your operations. You must rise above every cheap and selfish principle and be imbued with the Spirit of God. Unless the workers experience the daily converting power of God upon their hearts and lives, they will not be pleased to meet the record of their deeds before the bar of God, when every man will be rewarded according as his works have been.²³*LtMs, Lt 372, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 374, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

December 27, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Elder S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother:

I have a request to make of our people at this time. We greatly need means for the purchase of the property at Buena Vista, which we hope to make the site for our new training-school in California. I ask that our people throughout the California Conference shall make special efforts to meet this emergency by sending in donations, large and small, for the purchase of this place. The Lord will be honored by the freewill offerings made to further this enterprise.²³*LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 1*

The new year 1909 will soon be here. Shall we not, before the old year is gone, prepare for a special effort for the help of the new school, and on the first of the new year bring in our offerings to the Lord?²³*LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 2*

The matter of the purchase of this place must soon be settled, in order that we may take possession. We know this place in the mountains to be most desirable as a site for our school, for a house of worship, and for a small sanitarium. The towns lying close around the Buena Vista property should be receiving the light of truth, the last message of warning to the world. And here among the everlasting hills the students can be learning many precious lessons that are needful for their education. Lessons that the Lord taught to Israel while they abode at Mt. Sinai, the influence of which was not to be lost till the close of time, are to be learned by our youth amid the scenes of nature and the everlasting hills. Our students are to be taught never to lose sight of the sacredness of the precepts that God Himself came down upon Mt. Sinai to speak

with a voice that made the mountain tremble to its base.*23LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 3*

All, both old and young, are to be constant students of nature, learning from this source lessons that are of continual and deepening interest. The teachers have lessons to learn that are of the utmost importance in the formation of character and the strengthening of the physical powers. Students and teachers are to study how to tax physical and mental powers equally; and if they will, they may draw lessons of the highest and holiest character from the object lessons all about them.*23LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 4*

Scenes have been presented to me that have revealed [what] there was in the education that the Lord desired to give to Israel in their march to the land He had given them for a possession. As the vast armies followed their Leader through the wilderness, they were to be constantly disciplined, until their wills and their ways were brought into submission to the will and way of the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 5*

Every one of us is building a character. Our works are to be under the discipline of the Holy Spirit. Our wills are to be brought into obedience to the will of God. Characters are to be formed that will reflect the glory of God.*23LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 6*

Teachers as well as students are to learn the lesson of obedience to the will of God, to a Thus saith the Lord. They, as verily as the students, are to be learners in the school of Christ. Day by day a noticeable advance is to be made in Bible study. And day by day the development of character must be patterned after the divine similitude.*23LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 7*

Teachers are ever to be learners. They are to reveal a constant growth in spirituality, in sanctified ability, and in a love of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. In the work of character building, every flaw in the individual self is to be seen and overcome; for we are living in the last days of this earth's history and are rapidly approaching the crisis of all things; and soon we shall be called to stand before God without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. Teachers, as educators of the youth, are to cultivate steadfastness and nobility of purpose.*23LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 8*

I have just read your letter, and I hope your courage will not fail. We have all kept closely at work during the holiday season. I never thought of making any provision for Christmas. We are now writing this letter during the closing hours of the day. I wish you might have been with us today. We did not ever hear the word "Christmas" until today noon. Every worker is busy.*23LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 9*

Since reading your letter, I have more to write; but as it is already the hour between daylight and dark, I will send this on, hoping to write you later regarding some additional matters.*23LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 10*

May the Lord strengthen and bless you, is my prayer. We remember you in our prayers. Again I would say, Be of good courage in the Lord. I believe we shall not fail nor be discouraged. Truth will bear away the victory. Light shines amid the moral darkness. We have a tremendous task on hand. The Lord helping us, we will come off victorious. Talk faith; live faith. The Lord can move upon hearts to give us the victory.*23LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 11*

Some have said that we cannot get money from the banks to help us in this emergency; but we can solicit pledges from private persons. I have gone to the limit of my resources, personally, in an effort to help; and now I will call upon others for means to aid in starting this school enterprise. I will do my best. God helping us, we will come off victorious. God is rich in resources. Let us now strive to show perfect trust in His power to help. The Lord Jesus Christ is my dependence, and we will trust in Him. Amen, and amen!*23LtMs, Lt 374, 1908, par. 12*

Lt 376, 1908

Mackin, Br-Sr. [Ralph]

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Lt 378, 1908

Haskell, Br-Sr.

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Lt 380, 1908

White, J.E.White, Emma

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Lt 382, 1908

Irwin, G. A.

St. Helena, California

December 23, 1908

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Elder G. A. Irwin
Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother Irwin:

May the Lord bless and strengthen you, is my most earnest desire. There is much earnest work to be done in the cities of the South, and the men who hold positions of responsibility, as you have done, need to put their entire trust in God. *23LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 1*

In the night season I seemed to be saying to you: My brother, be careful how you treat your stomach. Herein lies one great difficulty with many of the workers in the southern field. You are in danger of not acting wisely in the matter of your diet; but unless you do this, you will have serious trouble with your digestive organs. A greater work would be accomplished in the South if every worker there would carefully guard the health. *23LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 2*

Many have supposed that the expense of entering the cities of the South would be extremely large; but I have been shown that had our people taken up this God-given work twenty years ago, they would now be reaping decided advantages. They have neglected fields that might have been opened, and in which there might now be churches established. There is decided missionary effort to be put forth for this field that has been so strangely neglected. *23LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 3*

Madison speaks for itself, and telling what might have been

accomplished if the messages sent by God to His people had been heeded. All through the Madison district, confidence is felt in the men who stand at the head of that enterprise. As the people, both colored and white, have seen the industry and ingenuity shown by our workers, they have taken knowledge of them, that they were dealing with the students in an understanding way and qualifying them to become practical missionaries.²³*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 4*

Throughout the southern field, just such object lessons are needed. Such schools would prove of the highest advantage to the people, demonstrating that education embraces more than the mere study of books, that it also includes useful employment in any line. And one of the most useful employments for the people of the South is the cultivation of the land that has run to waste for lack of care and attention. The exercise of the muscles and the reason in the performance of physical labor is to be combined with the exercise of the mental powers in the study of books. This is the kind of education that will recommend the students if they should be called to work in foreign countries.²³*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 5*

This equal taxation of the mental and physical powers was part of the Lord's plan in the beginning. I ask you to read the *first and second chapters of Genesis*. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He rested from all His work which God created and made."²³*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 6*

"These are the generations of the heavens and the earth, when they were created, in that day that the Lord made the earth and the heavens, and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth; and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into His nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."²³*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 7*

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there

He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. ... And the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to dress it, and to keep it.”
[*Genesis 2:1-9, 15.*]23*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 8*

The Saviour declared that before His second coming there would be “wars, and rumors of wars,” and “earthquakes in divers places.”
[*Matthew 24:6, 7.*] The reports that have recently reached us of the terrible earthquake in Italy and Sicily tell of another fulfilment of the signs of the end. The *Chronicle*, edited in San Francisco, has given startling accounts of this awful disaster which has caused such enormous damage and loss of life, and rendered so many thousands homeless.23*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 9*

These calamities are becoming more and more common, but every report of calamity by sea or by land is a testimony to the fact that the end of all things is near. The world is filled with iniquity, and the Lord is punishing for its wickedness. As crime and iniquity increase, these judgments will become more frequent and more marked, until the time shall come when the “earth shall no more cover her slain.”
[*Isaiah 26:21.*]23*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 10*

In view of all this, our schools should have little to say now of “degrees,” and of long courses of study. The work of preparation for the service of God is to be done speedily. Let the work be carried forward in strictly Bible lines. Let every soul remember that the judgments of God are in the land. Let degrees be little spoken of. Let the meetinghouses that are needed in our cities be plain and simple, and erected without unnecessary expense. Let time and means be wisely invested.23*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 11*

Let humility of soul be evidenced and entire surrender to God be made. Let our churches put away selfishness and pride and cease to lift up the soul unto vanity. The end is near, and we are to give the message of warning and mercy to the world. And not only are our lips to proclaim this message, but by lives of simplicity and meekness and right doing we are to reveal that we believe the truths of the Word of God.23*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 12*

The Lord would have us awake to our true spiritual condition. He desires that every soul shall humble heart and mind before Him. The words of inspiration found in the *nineteenth* and *twentieth Psalms* are presented to me for our people. It is our privilege to accept these precious promises and to believe the warnings. I pray that our hearts may be fully awake to the perils that surround those who are indifferent to the soul's eternal welfare. We need to search the Scriptures as never before. The Word of God is to be our educator, our guide. We are to understand: What saith the Scriptures.*23LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 13*

In the night season I seemed to be repeating these words to the people: There is need of close examination of self. We have no time now to spend in self-indulgence. If we are connected with God, we shall humble our hearts before Him and be very zealous in the perfecting of Christian characters. We have a grand and solemn work to do, for the world is to be enlightened in regard to the times in which we live; and they will be enlightened when a straight testimony is borne. They will be led to earnest examination of self.*23LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 14*

This is a time when we need to be very watchful and to guard carefully the character of the work done. Some will seek to bring in false theories and will come with false messages. Satan will stir human minds to create fanaticism in our ranks. We have seen something of this in the year 1908. The Lord desires His people to move carefully, guarding the expressions and even the attitude. Satan will use peculiarities of attitude and voice to cause excitement and to work on human minds to deceive.*23LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 15*

By such fanaticism as we have lately had among us in California in peculiar exercises and the claim of power to cast out devils, Satan is seeking to deceive if possible the very elect. These persons, claiming to have a special message for our people, would charge one and another with being possessed of an evil spirit. Then after praying with them, they would declare the devil cast out. The result of their work testified of its character. I was bidden to say to our people that the Lord was not in these strange exercises; but that such exhibitions would deceive souls to their ruin unless they were

warned and Bible truth would be perverted.²³*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 16*

We had just such fanaticism to meet after the passing of the time in 1844. I was at that time given definite messages to bear to meet this evil, declaring that this was a deceptive power and that it did not bear the divine credentials. The Lord would guard His people against every phase of fanaticism.²³*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 17*

“O ye priests, this commandment is for you,” God declares through His prophet. “If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto My name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yea, I have cursed them already, because ye have not laid it to heart. ... And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that My covenant might be with Levi, saith the Lord of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared Me, and was afraid before My name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips; he walked with Me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priests lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the Lord of hosts.” [*Malachi 2:1, 2, 4-8.*]²³*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 18*

I write these things to you, Brother Irwin, that you may be prepared to meet the evil of fanaticism if you should encounter it in your experience. These persons may read the testimonies that God has given for His people, claiming that they are doing just as the testimonies enjoin. But it makes a great difference whether or not they are under the Holy Spirit’s influence. The messages of these misguided souls should find no place in our confidence, though they may claim that their message is of God. Let them see that their course is wrong, and be converted, and take their positions as learners before they become teachers. They may claim to be under the control of the Holy Spirit, but the Spirit will never testify to a lie, never. Our work is a sacred, solemn work. We must now stand stiffly for the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, teaching, as He taught,

that no lie is of the truth.²³*LtMs, Lt 382, 1908, par. 19*

Lt 383, 1908

Brethren in Washington, D. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 29, 1908

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Brethren:

I write unto you in Washington, D.C. The Lord is not pleased with your spirit or your work. Not that everything is wrong, neither are all things correct and as God would have them. When men take the place as God and send forth their requirements, they sometimes command things to be done that dishonor the Lord Jesus. Now the Lord declares unto these men that they should copy a course of action similar to that which the disciples followed when they assembled together and prayed for the Holy Spirit, continuing their supplications. The time taken in this kind of exercise, confessing their sins, putting away their own devising according to their individual characters, and viewing the cities of the South and devising ways to ready the people—because the message must come to all kindred and people—would be time well spent. They are to weed out of their own characters all selfishness and all peculiar traits that will never, never give them a place in the city of God unless they repent in mind and heart and are converted through the sanctification of the truth. Then the Holy Spirit would give these men clear spiritual eyesight to discern the true requirements of God, and in the use of their pens and their tongues they would express the truth in their souls' being converted to God. The same work would be entered into by every conference. They should be entreated to seek the Lord. There would be much less human devising and human forbiddings. The Lord's Holy Spirit would come into the hearts of men in responsible positions in conferences, and the ministers and the officials, the physicians and the educators would be found pleading with the Lord Jesus to change their unconverted hearts by His Holy Spirit. And men would understand their human frailties, that they need the heavenly connection with Christ Jesus. Victories would be gained, and they would give the

truth in purity.*23LtMs, Lt 383, 1908, par. 1*

“And thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in.” [*Isaiah 58:12.*] I am to say to men who have so fully brought their own individual character into the sacred work of God, You need to repent; repent and be converted, else you will never find a place among the blessed. The truth for this time must first sanctify the receiver, then his work is pure and free from selfishness. This converting power of grace must be seen, else they can never find a place among the pure and the holy in the city of our God. Our social meetings need the transforming grace of Christ, need the character of the representation of the divine similitude. The work that should now be done is reformatory. The truth as it is in Jesus is truth that sanctifies the receiver.*23LtMs, Lt 383, 1908, par. 2*

The education of our own people must reach a much higher standard of consecrated influence, thorough conversion, daily prayer, and the seeing Him who is invisible. The time is at hand when every religious theory shall be in the field, seeking to be recognized. I am now required to bear to all men and to all women who claim to be Sabbathkeepers the testimony I leave with you: that should I be taken from you by death, the testimony may have its influence. I speak to every man who has felt at liberty to bind about with his own humanly devised fetters. The workers of God hinder advancement in many places. Notwithstanding the Lord has been leading men to fulfil His instructions, there has been a forbidding to listen to the commission the Lord has given to go forth and to build up schools after the order of the schools of the prophets. God has given each a work to raise up the foundation of many generations—not to heed these forbiddings.*23LtMs, Lt 383, 1908, par. 3*

They are to work according to the Lord’s instruction and let the angels of God act a part in all their labors. They are to accept of means to help them in various places where they shall labor to explain the Scriptures to men who do not understand the truth, and they are to encourage others to unite with them in the saving of souls and the fitting up of other believers to give themselves to the work of saving souls. The men in official positions are to reveal to

all that they are themselves under discipline to Jesus Christ before they attempt to guide other minds. They are to be led by the Holy Spirit, praying and asking the presence and grace of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 383, 1908, par. 4*

Will men accept and take the place as god over the people? No, no. Let the Holy Spirit guide all men in all their individual duties, as Christ has taught them in His lessons when He was in our world. Christ is the Son of God, and His angels do His bidding; for He was even the Son of the Father who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to experience in our world all the inconveniences to be passed through in fulfilling His missions, in suffering with humanity. Divinity and humanity were combined in order that the humanity of Christ might have an experience in passing through all the temptations Satan has devised against men; yet His divinity was not tarnished with a single mistake in a single instance. Satan assailed Him on every point and yet never expressed in his temptations the truth of his being the fallen angel. He appears in the likeness of an angel of light and not as a repulsive fiend. But Christ spent very many nights in prayer and in seeking help from the highest authority, His Father. His prayers were often ascending to His Father with strong crying and tears. Christ gave His life to humanity, and Satan was busily working through his fallen angels [and] human agencies to counterwork the works of Christ. The youth need to be diligently guarded, and if Christ felt His need, in humanity, of the strength and of the [last part missing].²³*LtMs, Lt 383, 1908, par. 5*

Lt 384, 1908

Hurlbutt, Brother and Sister

Lake View, Clear Lake, California

April 20, 1908

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother and Sister Hurlbutt:

Last night your case was presented before me, and this morning I write out this message for you.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 1*

I am instructed to say to Mr. Hurlbutt, Your life has been one of constant wrestling. You have not shunned physical taxation, but you have spent the powers of mind and body in accomplishing your own desires; you have conformed your life to your own will, while you have neglected the duties you owe to God. At times you have overtaxed your mental and physical powers in your pursuit of worldly interests. Because of this overtaxation, you are now prematurely old.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 2*

You and your wife have not acted righteously in the investment of the means that was left in your hands for use in the cause of God. You have hoped to use it to educate young men and women to live useful, God-fearing lives, to train them to habits of neatness and order and industry, and prepare them to fill positions of usefulness in the world. But you were not qualified to do this acceptably. A presentation of conditions altogether different than this has been given me. The condition of things in your home stood in the way of your doing what you planned so as to meet the approval of God.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 3*

My brother, what encouragement have you to think that the youth who have been under your care will bring you any reward for your efforts? What youth have gone forth from your home, well trained and qualified to do the will and way of the Lord? In your words and actions you have not given them an example of Christlikeness. The youth have not received from your discipline an experience to make

them valuable in the work of the Lord.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 4*

Sister Hurlbutt, I have words to speak to you. You have said but little to me, but last night some matters were presented to me of which I must speak to you. Your mother, before she died, bequeathed to you a legacy to be used in giving care and training to neglected youth. It was her desire that these youth should be trained to live lives of usefulness and fitted for the service of God. They were to be taught to keep the Sabbath, they were to be fitted for the future immortal life. Your mother thought that this school should be conducted where the youth could be away from the temptations of city life that prove such a snare to many.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 5*

But the work for which your mother planned has not been accomplished. The money left you by her has not been invested as she desired, but has been used to carry out the desires of your husband. Your husband is a hard-working man. He thought he would use this means in carrying out in part the purposes she designed, and you have hoped that the time would come when her plans could be fully followed. But her will could not possibly be accomplished by the plans which you and your husband have laid. This place where you are is not now nor ever has been a place where the mother's fond expectations could be realized.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 6*

Because of worldly investments, your mother's wishes have not been carried out. She had in view a home where the outcasts and orphans might have the help they needed to become children of the Kingdom. In devoting your means to carrying out the plans of your husband, you have failed, decidedly failed, to keep the charge committed to you. While seeming to be carrying out the wishes of your mother, you have served self. Your husband has taken the youth and taught them how to work the land, but he has not so managed the work that they could have the religious advantages which it was your mother's wish to give them.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 7*

The management and training of youth needs to be conducted on lines altogether different from those on which you have carried

them. The work on the farm is not the only thing to be considered.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 8*

The youth need to be made intelligent on the subject of health reform and taught how to practice it. Be careful that you do not spoil the beauty of health reform in the estimation of the youth by putting it on a wrong basis. Deal with the matter in such a manner that all must give it respect. If you would recommend health reform to the minds of the children, never set before them food that is stale. Young people, as well as the aged, need food that is good and sweet and wholesome. Care should ever be taken that the food placed upon the table is nicely prepared. That which is left over from the meal should not be kept until it is unwholesome.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 9*

Because you have allowed the money left you for a sacred purpose to be misapplied, you have hurt your influence and brought upon you trouble of soul. It has been a grief to you to see the means invested in a way that in no wise accomplished the work that your mother had in mind. The example of Mr. Hurlbutt has not been such as could please and honor God. There are responsibilities in connection with such a school as your mother had in mind that he cannot fill; for he has not made for himself investment for the future immortal life. He has overtaxed his physical powers, used up his vital energies, and is not qualified either physically or spiritually to do the work your mother wished to have done. His influence could not develop traits of character that would fit the youth to live Christian lives.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 10*

Mr. Hurlbutt, you have taken too much upon yourself. Your ideas and plans have not been molded and fashioned by the Holy Spirit of God. It has not been your first thought and desire to train your physical, mental, and moral powers to inhabit the courts above. You have not shunned hard work, but you have spent your energies in adding to your land; your mind has been upon the earthly treasures; and while you have used your powers for the gaining of earthly possessions, you have neglected your spiritual needs. If you had lived in humble dependence upon God, you would have found a way to do a large amount of good with the means entrusted to you.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 11*

The world is the Lord's great vineyard. All cities and villages constitute a part of that vineyard. These places must be worked. The Lord designs that consecrated families shall settle in the waste places of His vineyard, and occupy them, as fruit-bearing branches of the Living Vine, as trees of righteousness in the desert places. It is the privilege of such families to sow the seeds of truth and to reap a rich harvest. By visiting families who are in spiritual darkness, they will be the means of bringing blessing to souls. But much of this kind of work, which God would acknowledge, has been left undone. Self-sacrificing efforts for perishing souls have not been made, and the fruit that might have been borne does not appear.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 12*

I appeal to you at this time, Mr. Hurlbutt. Let not these discouraging features continue to exist in your experience because of a lack of genuine conversion upon mind and heart. I was charged in the night season to give this special message from God. Seek the Lord now; it is for your present and eternal good to do this. You have not a moment to lose.*23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 13*

Your calculations in the past have not been wise; for you have not laid up your treasure in heaven. The Saviour says to you, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust doth not corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." *Matthew 6:19-21.23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 14*

"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, 14.23LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 15*

Every work of a spiritual nature requires patient, persevering labor, in firm reliance upon divine power. God must plan the work of the human agencies; He must be their helper. "Ye are the salt of the earth," He says to His followers; "but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but

to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.²³*LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 16*

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.” *Matthew 5:13-20.*²³*LtMs, Lt 384, 1908, par. 17*

Lt 385, 1908

Hadfield, James A.

St. Helena, California

February 27, 1908

Previously unpublished.

James A. Hadfield
Cooranbong, N.S.W., Australia

My Dear Brother Hadfield:

I have a deep interest in Dr. Caro and for his eternal interest. I greatly desire that he should have, with all his family, an entrance in through the gates into the city of God.²³*LtMs, Lt 385, 1908, par. 1*

We must labor that Satan shall not have victory over him. We can and do pray for him. We want to meet with him and hope he will give us this privilege. Do all you can to help him and not allow the enemy to obtain the victory.²³*LtMs, Lt 385, 1908, par. 2*

Manuscripts

Ms 1, 1908

Work Among the Jews

NP

February 3, 1908 [typed]

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Concerning the work in behalf of the Jewish people, being done by Brother Gilbert, I am instructed to say: Give him all the encouragement that is possible. Do not bind about his work by many forbiddings. Help him so that, through his efforts, and the efforts of his fellow laborers, many of the seed of Israel may be grafted to the true stock Christ Jesus. The Lord will work through men of different nationalities to do a work for their fellow countrymen.*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 1*

To Brother Gilbert, I would say: You must be guarded. Do not tax your powers so severely. Hitherto the Lord has been with you, and He will continue to bless your efforts and will lead others to unite with you in your work. But you are in danger from more sources than one. Your enemies will be incensed against you because this truth is being carried to the Jews. My brother, the Jewish people are not the only ones who are being helped by your work. Our own people need the example thus set before them.*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 2*

I bid you be of good courage. In your labors, do not wait for some great and wonderful opening, but the opportunities as they come. The power of truth will be vindicated as the servants of God make faithful use of the opportunities that present themselves for labor.*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 3*

We are close to the time spoken of by Daniel the prophet: "At that time shall Michael stand up, that great Prince that 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: but at

that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.” [*Daniel 12:1-3.*] The Lord is about to do a short and effectual work in the earth. Oh, that our leading workers would realize this and shun their work of criticizing and forbidding. When the Judge of all the earth shall come to render to every man his reward, those who have laid plans that have hindered the cause of truth will be held responsible for their actions, with all the evil that has resulted therefrom.²³*LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 4*

I am instructed to refer our workers to the *tenth chapter of Acts*. Read this chapter, and pray over it. When you have your understanding opened, and realize what this instruction means to you, you will begin earnestly to work for the souls in your home field. Unless our people arouse to their duties for missions at home, they will be found wanting in the day of God.²³*LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 5*

The apostle writes: “There was a certain man in Caesarea, called Cornelius, a centurion of the band, called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, and gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. He saw in a vision, evidently about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming unto him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter; he lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the seaside; he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.”²³*LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 6*

“And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; and when he had declared all these things unto him, he sent them to Joppa.”²³*LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 7*

“On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray about the sixth hour; and he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, and saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth; wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 8*

“And there came a voice unto him, Rise, Peter, kill and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice, and the vessel was received up again into heaven.*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 9*

“Now while Peter doubted in him what this vision which he had seen could mean, behold, the men which had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon’s house: and stood before the gate, and called, and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, were lodged there.*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 10*

“While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit saith unto him, Behold three men seek thee, Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them. Then Peter went down to the men that were sent to him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come? And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews was warned of God by a holy angel, to send for thee unto his house, and to hear words of thee.*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 11*

“Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow, Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him. And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for him, and had called together his kinsmen and his near friends. And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I also am a man. And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come

together. And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is unlawful for a man that is a Jew to keep company or to come to one of another nation, but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore came I without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for; I ask therefore to what intent ye have sent for me.*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 12*

“And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting unto this hour; and at the ninth hour I was praying in my house, and behold, a man stood beside me in bright clothing, and said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he lodgeth in the house of one Simon a tanner by the seaside; who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee. Immediately therefore I sent unto thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God. Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.” [*Verses 1-35.*]*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 13*

I present to you this experience in which the Lord wrought for one who feared His name. We can learn from this study a lesson of the way in which God works on human minds. I with my husband, who now sleeps in Jesus, have passed through similar scenes. We have seen the arm of God break the power of oppression and tyranny, and dispel from minds the dark clouds of ignorance and superstition.*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 14*

We can see that a much more decided work is being done in our cities than in the past. We are to preach the gospel to the Jews as well as to the Gentiles. The glorious message of the power of God unto salvation is to be made known to all men. We are to bring far more of simplicity and Bible godliness into our work for the Lord. There is to be no erecting of barriers, no depending on human agencies for wisdom. Our work is to be given as freely to the Jews as to the Gentiles.*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 15*

“Preach the gospel,” is the word given of God. [*Mark 16:15.*] Preach

the gospel, not in high-flown language, but in simplicity. This blessed gospel of our Lord is the only message that is unto eternal life. I have been shown that there are heathen in our own country who must be instructed as though they were little children. Our lamps must be constantly trimmed and burning. Schools must be established where the ignorant can be instructed in simple ways. The gospel must be preached by teachers who reveal their kindness of heart in loving deeds.*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 16*

Just as soon as a worker departs from the simplicity of the truth, the Lord ceases to use him and works through those who are meek and lowly in heart. He who is the light and life of the gospel was made flesh and dwelt among us. A sympathizer with humanity, He fed the hungry, healed the sick, and went about through all the cities of the land doing good to men. All our works are to be wrought in Christ. By becoming partakers of His nature, His followers are to work His works. The ministry of Christ for men was the interpretation of His great commission to the disciples: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." [*Verse 15.*]*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 17*

"He that cometh from above is above all; he that is of the earth is earthy, 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 into Him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand." [*John 3:31-35.*]*23LtMs, Ms 1, 1908, par. 18*

Ms 3, 1908

The Work in Southern California

NP

February 21, 1908

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I have received instruction from the Lord that the Paradise Valley Sanitarium should not be turned over to a new corporation organized by the conference; for to do this, as has been proposed, would be to act unjustly and unrighteously toward those who in good faith have invested their means in this enterprise. It is not just to place the valuation of the property at such a reduced figure. It is said that the conference does not want to control this property; but, because of the desire of some of the stockholders, the transfer has been consented to. The Lord has shown me that this property would better be retained by those who have put their means into it. He desires that those who, by their prayers and by the investment of their means, have shown their faith in this work shall not be disappointed. *23LtMs, Ms 3, 1908, par. 1*

Southern California is a field that should depend more than it has upon its own resources. It should have more facilities and should not be cramped as it has been in some respects. *23LtMs, Ms 3, 1908, par. 2*

Southern California is a missionary field, a large part of which has received but little missionary effort. Henceforth it should receive more attention. The various lines of work that can be carried on should be diligently studied and the advantages of such cities as Redlands and Riverside, and the need of putting forth decided effort for them, faithfully investigated. *23LtMs, Ms 3, 1908, par. 3*

Los Angeles demands constant labor because of its changing population. San Bernardino calls for earnest missionary effort. The work for all these places needs to be done by those who can adapt themselves to the needs of the field. In our work we miss the labors of Elder Simpson; but we must not leave the work undone because

some of the faithful workers fall by the way.*23LtMs, Ms 3, 1908, par. 4*

In Loma Linda we have an advantageous center for the carrying on of various missionary enterprises. We can see that it was in the providence of God that this sanitarium was placed in the possession of our people. We should appreciate Loma Linda as a place which the Lord foresaw we should need, and which He gave.*23LtMs, Ms 3, 1908, par. 5*

The cities in the San Bernardino Valley were presented before me as places where the truth should go with power. The small printing press that Brother H. W. Kellogg has furnished should prove a blessing to the work in that part of the field, by printing publications that will be needed for the furtherance of the work in the Southern California cities. Our publications must now be greatly multiplied. Papers and leaflets containing the best discourses preached by our ministers are to be published and scattered widely throughout the regions where meetings are being held.*23LtMs, Ms 3, 1908, par. 6*

It was the Lord who placed in our possession the sanitariums at Loma Linda, Glendale, and Paradise Valley. The first one secured, Paradise Valley, is to exert an influence that will place the cause in San Diego on vantage ground.*23LtMs, Ms 3, 1908, par. 7*

In Brother and Sister Cummings we have the right kind of help; for they have the fear of God before them. Brother and Sister Wessels worked hard at Paradise Valley. We wish that they might have remained; but they could not there have the educational advantages that their children needed. Glendale possessed these advantages, and it was thought best by them to move to Glendale, as Brother Wessels had been invited to take the management of the Glendale Sanitarium.*23LtMs, Ms 3, 1908, par. 8*

Brother and Sister Simpson are engaged in work at Long Beach, in a convenient building that was originally built for a hospital. They are located where they can do a good work, and we sincerely hope that this will be the result of their labors there. We pray that the blessing of the Lord may be with Dr. Preston Kellogg as gentleman physician, with Dr. Winegar Simpson as lady physician, and with her husband as manager. I know that if this institution is conducted

in the fear of God, and the workers seek conscientiously to do His will, their work will be fruitful. We trust that all who unite in this work, physicians, nurses, and helpers, will be laborers together with God. In this institution it is the privilege of the workers to present the truth to the people and carry on the work of God intelligently and well.*23LtMs, Ms 3, 1908, par. 9*

At our camp-meetings, instead of spending much time in sermonizing, time should be given for heart searching and seeking the Lord. I see so much to be done in spiritual lines that I greatly desire that our camp-meetings shall accomplish all that God designs they shall.*23LtMs, Ms 3, 1908, par. 10*

We have been indolent in regard to our duty to Southern California. The many tourists who visit the cities in this conference should be given opportunity to hear the truth for this time. Let us do all in our power to enlighten the people in this large field. It is the privilege of every believer to let the light shine forth. We are drawing near to the close of this earth's history; we have not one hour to devote to needless matters. Our ministers in the Southern California Conference should now devote their best efforts to proclaiming the message of truth in all these large resorts. The Lord will impart His grace to all who will work in Christ's lines. And hope and faith will strengthen as the workers for God put their trust in Him.*23LtMs, Ms 3, 1908, par. 11*

Ms 5, 1908

The Medical Missionary Work

NP

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In all our sanitariums the work done should be of such a character as to win souls to Jesus Christ. We have a wide missionary field in our health institutions; for here people of all countries come to regain their health. The best helpers to have connected with our sanitariums are those men who desire to make the Bible their guide, those who will put forth their mental and moral powers to advance the work in correct ways.*23LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 1*

Let the workers in the sanitariums remember that the object of the establishment of these institutions is not alone the relief of suffering and the healing of disease, but also the salvation of souls. Let the spiritual atmosphere of these institutions be such that men and women who are brought to the sanitariums to receive treatment for their bodily ills shall learn the lesson that their diseased souls need healing.*23LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 2*

To preach the gospel means much more than many realize. It is a broad, far-reaching work. Our sanitariums have been presented to me as most efficient mediums for the promotion of the gospel message. Simple, earnest talks may be given in the parlors, pointing the sufferers to their only hope for the salvation of the soul. These religious meetings should be short and right to the point, and they will prove a blessing to the hearers. The word of Him who founded the world in six days, and on the seventh "rested and was refreshed," should be effectively brought before the mind. [*Exodus 31:17.*] God has so clearly specified His claims upon the seventh day that no soul need be in darkness. Jehovah regarded of such importance the knowledge of His law, of which the Sabbath commandment is a part, that He came down from heaven and on Mt. Sinai He proclaimed the ten commandments. God regards His law as a sacred thing, which it is the life of His people to

obey.*23LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 3*

Publications containing the precious truths of the gospel should be in the rooms of the patients, or where they can have easy access to them. There should be a library in every sanitarium, and it should be supplied with books containing the light of the gospel. Judicious plans should be laid that the patients may have constant access to reading matter that contains the light of present truth.*23LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 4*

The work of the true medical missionary is largely a spiritual work. It includes prayer and the laying on of hands; he therefore should be as sacredly set apart for his work as is the minister of the gospel. Those who are selected to act the part of missionary physicians are to be set apart as such. This will strengthen them against the temptation to withdraw from the sanitarium work to engage in private practice. No selfish motive should be allowed to draw the worker from his post of duty. We are living in a time of solemn responsibilities; a time when consecrated work is to be done. Let us seek the Lord diligently and understandingly. If we will let the Lord work upon human hearts, we shall see a great and grand work accomplished.*23LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 5*

The medical missionary work done, in connection with the giving of the third angel's message, is to accomplish wonderful results. It is to be a sanctifying, unifying work, corresponding to the work which the great Head of the church sent forth the first disciples to do. Calling these disciples together, Christ gave them their commission: "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."*23LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 6*

"Provide neither gold nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves; for the workman is worthy of his meat. And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. ... Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of

wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves.”
[*Matthew 10:5-11, 16.*]23*LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 7*

It is well for us to read this chapter, and let its instruction prepare us for our labors. The early disciples were going forth upon Christ's errands, under His commission. His Spirit was to prepare the way before them. They were to feel that with such a message to give, such blessings to impart, they should receive a welcome in the homes of the people.23*LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 8*

Some restraint was placed upon them in this their first experience. They were not to go in the way of the Gentiles, nor enter into any city of the Samaritans; for this would bring upon them trial and perplexity. This first offer of salvation was to be made to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Their deeds of mercy and love, their message of truth, was first to be given to the Jewish nation. In the blessings that they were thus carrying to the people, they were to proclaim: The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.23*LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 9*

Through the first disciples a divine gift was proffered to Israel; the faithful evangelist today will do a similar work in every city where our missionaries enter. It is a work which to some extent we have tried to do in connection with some of our sanitariums; but a much wider experience in these lines is to be gained. Cannot our conference presidents open the way for the students in our schools to engage in this line of labor? There is a grand work to be done in relieving suffering humanity; and through the students, who are receiving a training for medical missionary work, the people living in the cities may become acquainted with the truths of the third angel's message. At first an experienced man or woman should go out with these young workers, giving them instruction how to labor. When favors of food or of lodging are offered, these should be accepted. This will give opportunity for conversation, for explaining the Scriptures, for singing Bible songs and praying with the family; and all these exercises will prove a blessing. There may be brethren in the faith to whom such labor as this would prove a blessing. The very youth of these consecrated young men and women will often be a source of encouragement and help to the people.23*LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 10*

And each worker, as he goes forth to this labor, should realize that he is as surely sent of God as were the first disciples. God's eye follows them; His Spirit goes with them. To those who accept His great commission, He gives the assurance: "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*] "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty;" the psalmist declares, "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence: He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust; His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." [*Psalms 91:1-4.*] Servants of God, you have great advantages, which you should appreciate.²³*LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 11*

I am thankful when I think of the advantages enjoyed by the schools that are established near our sanitariums, so that the work of the two educational institutions can blend. The students in these schools, while gaining an education in the knowledge of present truth, can also learn how to be ministers of healing to those whom they go forth to serve. The prayer of Christ includes such work as this: "Neither pray I for these alone," He said, "but for them also that shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them; and Thou in Me; that they may be made perfect in one: that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me; and hast loved them as Thou hast loved Me." [*John 17:20-23.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 12*

What a glorious request for all who hide their life with Christ in God. What a prospect it opens before the sincere believer. What privileges, what heights and depths of experience it assures to us. We are to become in every sense laborers together with God. Shall we through the perfection that there is in Christ reach this high standard?²³*LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 13*

A good education in all phases of the truth means more than many of us realize. Yet with all the knowledge we may gain, we shall

never realize the purpose of God for us unless we become partakers of His divine nature. Where is our faith? Where are the works that should correspond with our faith? We should be living each day as in the sight of God, becoming messengers of peace to those who need Him. We have only a little time now in which to receive from God light and wisdom for the souls who are in error. If we will exercise faith in God, our faith will increase.*23LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 14*

Again and again I am instructed to present to our churches the work that should be done for the cities. Let us encourage a spirit of consecration and earnest seeking after God in our schools and sanitariums. We need to feel the deep movings of the Spirit of God in our midst. Then humble workers will be encouraged to offer themselves in faith to the service of God. They will do this, not for the wages they receive, but out of sincere love for sinsick, suffering souls.*23LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 15*

If ever there was a time when our work should be done under the special direction of the Spirit of God, it is now. Let those who are living at their ease, arouse. Let our sanitariums become what they should be—homes where healing is ministered to sinsick souls. And this will be done when the workers have a living connection with the great Healer.*23LtMs, Ms 5, 1908, par. 16*

Ms 7, 1908

Enter the Cities

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Again and again I am instructed to present to our churches the work that should be done in our large cities. There is a great work to be done, not only where we have churches already established, but also in places where the truth has never been fully presented. Right in our midst there are heathen as verily as in far off lands. The way must be opened to reach these with the truth for this time; and these openings should be made at once. Mission work should be done in all our large cities. There is special talent among us for this line of labor, and this talent should be educated and trained. *23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 1*

The ministers who hover over the churches are accomplishing little good for church members unless they encourage and teach the people to do practical missionary work. Every minister should now feel that there is a greater work for him to do than to repeat again and again the same sermons to the people. Unless earnest effort is combined with diligent study of the Scriptures in the experience of church members, lasting results will not be accomplished. *23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 2*

Home Missions! Everywhere I want to raise the cry. To teachers in our schools, to ministers and physicians and nurses, I would say, If you will, you can succeed in revealing the truths of the third angel's message. This will not be done merely by preaching the Word, but by deeds of loving ministry. It is the Spirit of the Word that we so greatly need. Those who have the Spirit of Christ will work His works. *23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 3*

I have been instructed to refer our people to the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah*. Read this chapter carefully, and understand the kind of ministry that will bring life into the churches. The work of the gospel is to be carried by means of our liberality as well as by our labors. When you meet suffering souls who need help, give it them. When you find those who are hungry, feed them. In doing this you will be working in lines of Christ's ministry. The Master's holy work was a benevolent work. Let our people everywhere be encouraged to have a part in it.*23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 4*

It is not the duty of conference officers to lay restraining hands on the work being done in our cities. By the strange forbiddings that have been exercised in some places, Satan has been seeking to hedge up the way of the truth. The people need no encouragement to inactivity. They have already delayed many years to do the work that God has given them. Again and again have the needs of our large cities been presented to our people. Yet little has been done. The message now comes, Clear the King's highway. God calls for missionaries to enter the cities without delay. Looking to Him for counsel and direction, workers are to go forth in a spirit of faith and prayer.*23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 5*

Every conference, whether large or small, is responsible for earnest, solemn work in preparing a people for the coming of Christ. Those churches in the conference that are willing to work, and are in need of help in order to know how to do effective work, should have the needed assistance. Let every conference worker become wide-awake to make his conference an intensely active agency for the upbuilding of the work of God. Let every church member become a working member, to build up spiritual interests. In holy love, by humble prayer and earnest work, let the ministers act their part. These, our last efforts for the work of God in the earth, must bear <decidedly> the impress of the divine.*23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 6*

A very different class of education from that which has prevailed in the past needs to be given to our youth; and this work should begin in the home life. There are many parents who need to awake and be converted. Both parents and children have a special work to do for their home church; but before we can have a model church, we

must have model homes. Let every family mark on the doorposts that the blood of Jesus Christ is their safeguard. When lives of consecration and obedience are lived in the homes of our people, the results will be seen in a perfect church.*23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 7*

There are many who seem to feel a great zeal for work far away, but who neglect the duties and opportunities right at hand. These should be led to see that missionary work begins at home. Let every member of the family, and especially the older members, work diligently and patiently and kindly to pick up the dropped stitches in the family weaving. Let each seek the Lord with full purpose of heart, as servants of the Lord, learning the servant's duty to control the words and actions.*23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 8*

The lessons of God's Word are to be patiently learned. Those who succeed in the work of overcoming will begin with self. Think what kind of heaven we would have if all who now reveal unsubdued wills and speak harsh and hasty words were permitted to associate together in the heavenly courts. But this will never be. Now is our time, now is our opportunity to form characters that will fit us for association with the heavenly family. We must each learn, right here in this life, that the highest aim of the Christian should be to possess the beauty of a Christlike character. Just what we are in disposition when Christ comes, we will remain.*23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 9*

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," was the command of Christ to His disciples. [*Mark 16:15.*] What are our churches doing to fulfil this commission? The heathen are dying without the gospel, and the unconverted are right among us, in our towns and cities. Preach the gospel to these. Live it before them, carry it into their homes. Into every household "the gospel of the kingdom" is to be carried. [*Matthew 4:23.*] And many of these souls must be taught as you would teach little children.*23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 10*

God expects us to help the work of missions in foreign countries more and more; and while we do this, we are not to neglect the work that lies nearest. Just as verily as there is work to be done in

heathen lands, there is also a work to be carried forward in our own cities. I call upon our people not to allow themselves to lose sight of their home duties. Moreover, our work in foreign fields will not suffer because we take up our neglected duties at home, but it will receive fresh life through the revival of the home churches.*23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 11*

Many of our church members need to be reconverted. They need to divest themselves of selfishness. When this change is experienced, the money now expended unnecessarily for ornaments and trimmings will be devoted to the work of God. Let our church members seek for this genuine conversion.*23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 12*

My brethren, enter the cities while you can. In the cities that have been already entered, there are many who have never heard the message of truth. Some who have heard have been converted, and some have died in the faith. There are many others who, if they were given an opportunity, might hear and accept the message of salvation.*23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 13*

Often we have been told that our cities are to hear the message, but how slow we are to heed the instruction. I saw One standing on a high platform with arms extended. He turned and pointed in every direction, saying, "A world perishing in ignorance of God's holy law, and Seventh-day Adventists are asleep." The Lord is pleading for laborers; for there is a great work to be done. There are conversions to be made that will add to the church such as shall be saved. Men and women in the highways and byways are to be reached. We read of Christ's labors: "Jesus went through 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." [*Matthew 9:35.*] Just such a work as this is to be done in our cities and villages, in the highways and hedges. The gospel of the third angel's <message> is to be carried to all classes.*23LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 14*

We are far behind in following the light God has given regarding the working of our large cities. The time is coming when laws will be framed that will close doors now open to the message.*23LtMs, Ms*

7, 1908, par. 15

We need to arouse to earnest effort now, while the angels of God are waiting to give their wonderful aid to all who will labor to arouse the consciences of men and women regarding righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come.²³*LtMs, Ms 7, 1908, par. 16*

Ms 9, 1908

A Message to the Churches

St. Helena, California

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“Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus saith the Lord, ye have sold yourselves for naught; and ye shall be redeemed without money.” [*Isaiah 52:1-3.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 1*

The Lord has instructed me to say to our churches: There is no safety in placing confidence in human wisdom or strength. “Whom shall He teach knowledge?” the prophet Isaiah asks; “and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little; for with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to the people. To whom He said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest: and this is the refreshing; yet ye would not hear. But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.” [*Isaiah 28:9-13.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 2*

“Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people that is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us. For we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves; Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a sure foundation: he

that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.” [Verses 14-17.]*23LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 3*

The figures here used by the prophet are representations of spiritual things. “Who among us,” he asks, “shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppression, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off.” [*Isaiah 33:14-17.*]*23LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 4*

The Kingdom of Christ

The government of the kingdom of Christ is like no earthly government. It is a representation of the characters of those who compose the kingdom. “Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God,” Christ asked, “and with what likeness shall we compare it?” [*Mark 4:30.*] He could find nothing on earth that would serve as a perfect comparison. His court is one where holy love presides, and whose offices and appointments are graced by the exercise of charity. He charges His servants to bring pity and lovingkindness, His own attributes, into all their office work, and to find their happiness and satisfaction in reflecting the love and tender compassion of the divine nature on all with whom they associate.*23LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 5*

“Look unto Zion, the city of our solemnities,” the prophet continues; “thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be broken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. But there the glorious Lord will be unto us as a place of broad rivers and streams, wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ships pass thereby; for the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; He will save us. ... The inhabitants

shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.” [Isaiah 33:20-22, 24.]23LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 6

“Be ye glad and rejoice forever, in the things which I create,” the Lord exhorts; “for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in hear, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old, but the sinner, being an hundred years old, shall be accursed.23LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 7

“And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of My people; and Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.23LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 8

“And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent’s meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, saith the Lord.” [Isaiah 65:18-25.]23LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 9

The power of Christ alone can work the transformation in heart and mind that all must experience who would partake with Him of the new life in the kingdom of God. “Except a man be born again,” the Saviour said, “he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven.” [See *John 3:3, 5.*] The religion that comes from God is the only religion that can lead to God. In order to serve Him aright, we must be born of the divine Spirit. This will purify the heart and renew the mind and give us a new capacity for knowing and loving God. It will give us willing obedience to all His requirements. This is true worship.23LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 10

Privileges and Duties of Believers

Every converted soul should labor for unity of spirit and action with the One who prayed that He and His disciples might be one. The followers of Christ do His cause decided injury when they follow the customs and habits of the world. Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted to others, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue. Every one must learn to work and to stand in his place as a burden bearer. Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption. The entire church, acting as one, blending in perfect union, is to be a living, active missionary agency, moved and controlled by the Holy Spirit. *23LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 11*

Having acknowledged Christ as the Saviour of the world, the disciples were charged to prove before men their claims, by representing in their lives the beauty and purity of His character. They had been called to repentance and had been baptized in His name. In His name they were to call others to repentance. And all who would accept the offer of forgiveness were to be baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. By this ordinance, believers were to be admitted to church fellowship; and from this time of open profession, a divine change was to be revealed in their lives. As members of Christ's church on earth, they were to represent the principles of His church in heaven. *23LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 12*

Speaking to His church, Christ said, "And I say unto you, That if ye shall agree on earth as touching anything that ye shall ask, it shall be done 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 18:19, 20.*] The professing Christian, who is not a Christian in practice, is not included in this promise. It is only when the voice of the church becomes the voice of Christ, that the promise can be received in its fulness. *23LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 13*

The upbuilding of the kingdom of God is retarded or urged forward according to the unfaithfulness or fidelity of human agencies. The work is hindered by the failure of the human to co-operate with the divine. Men may pray, "Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven" [*Matthew 6:10*]; but if they fail of acting out this prayer in their lives, their petitions will be fruitless. *23LtMs, Ms 9,*

Church Discipline

Let none speak lightly of the duty of the church to administer censure and rebuke; neither let them criticize the action of the church when this painful task becomes necessary. Christ has given plain instruction regarding the duty of the church toward those who, while professing to be loyal members, are bringing dishonor to the cause of God by their course of action. "Every plant which My Heavenly Father hath not planted," He says, "shall be rooted up." [*Matthew 15:13.*] God has commanded that those who prove themselves unworthy of church fellowship shall be separated from His body. Those who speak against the exercise of this authority speak against the authority of Christ.²³*LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 15*

The one who first brought temptation into the courts of heaven is constantly working against the peace and prosperity of the church on earth. To those who will listen to his words, Satan represents the authority of the church as harsh and lacking in sympathy, because it seeks to free the members from corrupting influences. It was Satan's purpose in heaven to dethrone God and himself take the place of the Most High. He failed in this purpose and was cast out from the heavenly courts; and since that time he has tried to instil in the hearts of men and women the belief that God is arbitrary and harsh in His dealings with His creatures.²³*LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 16*

The church does injustice to God when it allows to exist as part of itself elements that are bringing dishonor to His cause. In the responsibilities God has laid upon His church, He gives to each individual a part to act, with encouragement to draw upon the wisdom of God for His help. But there are those who depart from the way of the Lord and who take sides with the tempter and his sympathizers; and there should be those in the church who in the fear of God will act with justice and righteousness and faithfulness in administering reproof.²³*LtMs, Ms 9, 1908, par. 17*

Ms 11, 1908

The Regions Beyond

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The Lord has marked every phase of the missionary zeal that has been manifested by His people in behalf of foreign fields. He designs that in every home, in every church, and at all the centers of the work, a spirit of liberality shall be exercised in sending help to foreign countries, where the workers are struggling against great odds to communicate light to the people who sit in darkness.²³*LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 1*

Christ calls upon every human agency to co-operate with Him in His work of restoration. The express image of the Father, He came to earth that He might restore the moral image of God in man. Through Him, fallen man may take hold of divinity, cultivate His grace and perfection, and through Him become partaker of the divine nature. Learning obedience to the law of God, man may be stamped with perfection of character, the image of the divine. Behold Christ in His earthly life, raising up the fallen, bringing hope to the hopeless, and placing the feet of the straying ones in sure paths. This is He whom we are to copy and serve. He will imbue every sincere worker with His grace; for He knows the needs of every soul; and He is a pitying Elder Brother.²³*LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 2*

Every believer should feel himself greatly favored in being called a child of God. God is not in His holy place in a state of solitary grandeur, but is surrounded by ten thousands of His angels who wait to do His bidding. The Father is represented as bending from His throne earthward, to listen to the cries of His children. He sends

divine help to every needy, praying, believing soul.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 3*

We have cause for deep gratitude that our heavenly Father knows our needs, and that He does not appoint erring man to rule in His service, and to follow their own inclinations as the dispensers of His goods. Should He do this, He would open the way for selfishness to rule in His work. Men are prone to make mistakes in the disposition of the treasures entrusted to them. They are inclined to follow their human impulses, giving to one a special preference, while to another fully as worthy they may choose to give a meager consideration. If such principles were allowed to rule, great dishonor would be done to God, and cries of wretchedness and suffering would come up to Him.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 4*

If we would be workers together with God, we must be fitted for His service by an individual consecration and sanctification to His will. We need to experience daily in our souls an unfailing flow of His goodness and love; then we can be ministers of righteousness and goodness to men.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 5*

“Son of man,” the prophet Ezekiel writes, “I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die; because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin; and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.” [*Ezekiel 3:17-21.*] In these words there is no encouragement for the worker who is unfaithful in his labors.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 6*

I have recently been reading something that I wrote in Australia regarding our experiences in foreign fields. In reviewing our experiences in that field, I see how much more might have been accomplished could we have had more financial help at a time when the field was ready for advance moves. But there was such a dearth of means that we could not extend our labors as we desired. Brethren, let not selfish motives lead you to withhold the funds that are needed in unworked fields. When we are tempted to withhold that which is needed in foreign fields, let us study the *eighth* and *ninth chapters of Second Corinthians*, and learn to emulate the liberal spirit which made the Macedonians willing to give “beyond their power” to the cause that called for their assistance. [2 *Corinthians 8:3.*]23*LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 7*

I have had presented to me the danger of withholding the tithe that should be used for the working of new fields. There is means now tied up that should be in use for the unworked cities in Europe, <Australia>, and America, and in the regions beyond. These cities have been neglected for years. The angels of God are waiting for us to give our labors for their inhabitants. From town to town, from city to city, from country to country, the warning message is to be proclaimed, not with outward display, but in the power of the Spirit, by men of faith.23*LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 8*

And it is necessary that the best kind of labor be given. The time has come, the important time, when through God’s messengers the scroll is being unrolled to the world. The truth comprised in the first, second, and third angels’ messages must go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; it must lighten the darkness of every continent and extend to the islands of the sea. Nothing of human invention must be allowed to retard this work. That this may be accomplished, there is need of cultivated and consecrated talent; there is need of persons who can do excellent work in the meekness of Christ, because self is hid in Christ. Novices cannot acceptably do the work of unfolding the hidden treasures to enrich souls in spiritual things. “Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. ... Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” [2 *Timothy 2:7, 15.*]23*LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 9*

Let there be the wisest planning for the success of the work. Decided efforts should be made to open new fields in the north, the south, the east, and the west. The need of thoroughly warning the cities is a work that has been brought before us for the last twenty years. The longer these cities are neglected, the more difficult will it be to reach the people; but if a thorough work is done, and done speedily, there will be conversions to the truth. The fact that the presentation of the truth has been so long neglected should appeal to our ministers and workers to enter these fields and not give up the work until they have clearly given the message.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 10*

All the preaching in the world will not make men feel deeply the need of perishing souls around them. Nothing will so arouse in men and women a self-sacrificing zeal as to send them forth into new fields to work for those in darkness. Prepare workers to go out in the highways and hedges. We need wise nurserymen who will transplant trees to different localities and give them advantages that they may grow. It is the positive duty of God's people to go into the regions beyond. Let forces be set at work to clear new ground, to establish new centers of influence wherever an opening can be found. Rally workers who possess true missionary zeal, and let them go forth to diffuse light and knowledge far and near. Let them take the living principles of health reform into the communities that to a large degree are ignorant of these principles.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 11*

There should be no delay in this work. Workers should be chosen who are fully consecrated, and who understand the sacredness and importance of the work. Do not send those who are not qualified in these respects. We want men who will push the triumphs of the cross; men who will persevere under discouragements and privations; men who will have the zeal and resolution and faith that are indispensable in the missionary field. And to those who do not engage personally in the work, I would say, Do not hinder those who are willing to work, but give them your encouragement and support.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 12*

After a time, as the work advances, schools will be established in many cities, where workers can be quickly educated and trained for

service. The students and their teachers can go out with our publications and spread the truth by means of the printed page. Desirable places can be secured for meetings to be held, and here the people can be invited to gather. Let those who are fitted for the work, the young and the middle aged, act a disinterested, unselfish part in laboring for the fields white for the harvest that are yet unworked.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 13*

In following up the interest after a camp-meeting, helpers are needed in various lines, and these occasions should be as a training school for workers. Let young men work in connection with experienced laborers who will pray with them and patiently instruct them. Consecrated women should engage in Bible work from house to house. Some of the workers should act as colporteurs, selling our literature, and giving judiciously to those who cannot buy.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 14*

Many young men who have had the right kind of education at home are to be trained for service and encouraged to lift the standard of truth in new places by well-planned and faithful work. These young men, by associating with our ministers and experienced workers in city work, will gain the best kind of training. Acting under divine guidance, and sustained by the prayers and counsel of their more-experienced fellow workers, they may do a good and blessed work. As they unite their labors with those of the older workers, using their youthful energies to the very best account, they will have the companionship of heavenly angels; and as workers together with God, it is their privilege to sing and pray and believe and work with courage and with freedom. The confidence and trust that the presence of heavenly agencies will bring to them and to their fellow workers will lead to prayer and praise and the simplicity of true faith.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 15*

I am instructed to point our ministers to the unworked cities and to urge them by every possible means to open the way for the presentation of the truth. In some of the cities where the message of the second coming of the Lord was first given, we are compelled to take up the work as if we were in a new country. How much longer will these barren fields, these unworked cities, be passed by? Without delay, the sowing of the seed should begin in many,

many places.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 16*

I have been instructed that there is something wrong in the way that financial matters have been carried in some of our conferences. I was shown that spiritual interests have been lost sight of and that the very work that is most essential and urgent has been neglected and bears the mark of imperfection. The zeal exercised by some in gathering and hoarding as much means as possible to make a good showing financially, and that men in important positions might appear as good generals, was a sad mistaking of the true interests of the work.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 17*

More and more we must come to realize that the means that comes into the conference in the tithes and gifts of our people should be used for the support of the work, not only in the American cities, but also in foreign fields. Let the means so zealously collected be unselfishly distributed. Those who realize the needs of mission fields will not be tempted to use the tithe for that which is not necessary. All may be tempted to be selfish in the use of their means, but they will gain strength to resist these temptations as they study the needs of the fields that have little labor given them. My brethren, let your means be freely given, and the Lord will bless your offerings. God is looking for these offerings, and angels of God are impressing the hearts of those for whose sake they are given.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 18*

I leave this matter with you, urging you to work in faith and clearness of mind. To be teachable in spirit is to be wise unto salvation.*23LtMs, Ms 11, 1908, par. 19*

Ms 13, 1908

An Appeal for the Madison School

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I am acquainted with the necessities of the work being done by Brethren Magan and Sutherland at Madison, Tennessee; for the Lord has presented this matter clearly before me.²³*LtMs, Ms 13, 1908, par. 1*

In their efforts to build up the school at Berrien Springs, these brethren nearly sacrificed their lives. Those who took up the work of the Emmanuel Missionary College after them had the benefit of their pioneer labors, and Brethren Sutherland and Magan began work in a new and more difficult field.²³*LtMs, Ms 13, 1908, par. 2*

Light has been given that a great work was to be done in and about Nashville. A printing plant was established there. This city was to hear the final gospel message to be given to the world. When Brethren Sutherland and Magan were looking for a place where a school might be established, they found the place where the school is now located. The price was moderate, and the advantages were many. I was shown that we should secure the property for the school, and I advised them to look no further.²³*LtMs, Ms 13, 1908, par. 3*

In their work at Madison, Brethren Sutherland and Magan and their associates have borne trial nobly. They have taught the students to raise their own crops, to build their own houses, and to care wisely for cattle and poultry. The students have been learning to become self-supporting, and a more important training than that they could not receive. Thus they have obtained a valuable education for useful labor in missionary fields.²³*LtMs, Ms 13, 1908, par. 4*

There have been plenty of discouraging words spoken regarding the work at Madison; and compared with the importance of the

work, very little help has been given. When I have heard words calculated to discourage the workers at Madison, I have felt it my duty to say to the workers there, Have courage in the Lord, and do your best. And in the results that have attended their efforts, the Lord has given evidence that His blessing has rested upon their labors. It has been demonstrated that at the Madison school an all-round education can be given that will fit the students for efficient work in other fields.*23LtMs, Ms 13, 1908, par. 5*

Now a modest sanitarium is being built, and a more commodious school building. These are necessary to carry on aright the work of education. In the past, Brethren Sutherland and Magan have used their tact and ability in raising means for the work in other places. They have worked and planned for the good of the cause as a whole. And the time has now come when these faithful workers should receive from their brethren, the Lord's stewards, means which they need to carry on the work of the Madison School and the little Madison Sanitarium successfully.*23LtMs, Ms 13, 1908, par. 6*

I appeal to our brethren to whom the Lord has entrusted the talent of means. Will you now help the workers at Madison, who have been instrumental in raising means for many enterprises? As the Lord's messenger, I ask you to help the Madison School now. This is its time of need. The money which you possess is the Lord's entrusted capital. It should be held in readiness to answer the call in places where the Lord has need of it.*23LtMs, Ms 13, 1908, par. 7*

The necessities of the Madison School call for immediate help. Brethren, work while the day lasts; for the night cometh, when no man can work. We hope that no means will be drawn from you to help those who have gone out from us because they are not of us. There are many needy missionary fields that call for our help. The message of present truth must be carried to those who have never heard it. We pray that the Lord will give you wisdom to place your means where it will build up the cause of God in the earth.*23LtMs, Ms 13, 1908, par. 8*

There is another matter I desire to write about. I desire to secure means that I can use for the publication of my books. I have much matter written which should come before the church and the world;

but I have not the means with which to publish these writings.*23LtMs, Ms 13, 1908, par. 9*

I have been instructed to publish the early experiences of the cause of present truth, showing why we stand, as we do, a people separate and distinct from the world. Few of the men who led out in the proclamation of the message are now living; but I have kept in my diaries an account of many precious experiences. These are now being prepared for the press. Will some one loan me, at a low rate of interest, the means to help in doing this work that needs to be done in bringing these things before the people? While Satan is stirring up many to depart from the faith, I am bidden to republish the experiences of the past and give the message of warning God sends, showing the dangers of the present time and what will be in the future.*23LtMs, Ms 13, 1908, par. 10*

Ms 15, 1908

The Need of Watchfulness

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Never was there a time when Christian men and women, in all walks of life, were in so great need as now of clear, spiritual eyesight. It is not safe to lose sight of Christ for one moment. His followers must pray, and believe, and love Him fervently. *23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 1*

A very thorough work must be done in cleansing the soul-temple from its natural depravity. The Christian must be wide-awake to resist the in creeping of a spirit of licentiousness among those who claim to be sanctified. When our hearts are clean, washed and made white by the blood of the Lamb, the work will go forward in our experience that was outlined in the wonderful prayer of Christ: "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified through the truth." [*John 17:19.*]*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 2*

What shall be said regarding the man who has been greatly blessed as a teacher of righteousness, yet who in time of temptation is betrayed into a sinful course? Satan in the form of an heavenly angel has come to him, as he approached Christ in the wilderness of temptation, and he has gained the victory. *23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 3*

Coming to the Son of God, the great deceiver claimed to be commissioned by the Father with a message to the Saviour. He need no longer hunger. "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." [*Matthew 4:3.*] But by such an act as this, Christ would have broken His promise that He would never exercise His divine power in order to escape any difficulty or

suffering that man in his humanity must meet. "It is written," He replied to the tempter, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." [*Verse 4.*]*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 4*

Jesus met Satan with the words of Scripture. "It is written," He said. In every temptation the weapon of His warfare was in 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.*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 5*

It was in the time of greatest weakness that Christ was assailed by the fiercest temptations. Thus Satan thought to prevail. By this policy he had gained the victory over man. When strength failed, and the will power weakened, and faith ceased to repose in God, then those who had stood long and valiantly for the right were overcome. Moses was wearied with the forty years' wandering of Israel, when for the moment his faith let go its hold upon infinite power. He failed just upon the borders of the promised land. So with Elijah who had stood undaunted before King Ahab, who had faced the whole nation of Israel with the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal at their head. After that terrible day upon Carmel, when the false prophets had been slain and the people had declared their allegiance to God, Elijah fled for his life before the threats of idolatrous Jezebel. Thus Satan has taken advantage of the weakness of humanity. And he will still work in the same way. Whenever one is encompassed with clouds, perplexed by circumstances, or afflicted by poverty or distress, Satan is at hand to tempt and annoy. He attacks our weak points of character. He seeks to shake our confidence in God, who suffers such a condition of things to exist. We are tempted to distrust God, to question His love. Often the tempter comes to us as he came to Christ, arraying before us our weakness and infirmities. He hopes to discourage the soul and to break our hold upon God. Then he is sure of his prey. If we would meet him as Jesus did, we should escape many a defeat. By parleying with the enemy, we give him an advantage.*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 6*

“Then the devil taketh Him unto the holy city, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down; for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee; And in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone.” [*Verses 5, 6.*]*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 7*

Again the temptation is prefaced with the insinuation of distrust, “If Thou be the Son of God.” Christ was tempted to answer the “if”; but He refrained from the slightest acceptance of the doubt. He would not imperil His life in order to give evidence to Satan. “It is written,” He declared, “Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” [*Verse 7.*]*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 8*

Jesus was victor in the second temptation, and now Satan manifests himself in his true character. But he does not appear as a hideous monster with cloven feet and bat’s wings. He is a mighty angel, though fallen. He avows himself the leader of rebellion and the god of this world.*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 9*

Placing Jesus on a high mountain, Satan caused the kingdoms of the world in all their glory to pass in a panoramic view before Him. The sunlight lay on templed cities, marble palaces, fertile fields, and fruit-laden vineyards. The traces of evil were hidden. The eye of Jesus, so lately greeted by gloom and desolation, now gazed upon a scene of unsurpassed loveliness and prosperity. Then the tempter’s voice was heard: “All this power will I give Thee, and the glory of them; for that is delivered unto me: and to whomsoever I will I give it. If Thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be Thine.” [*Verses 8, 9.*]*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 10*

The strength of this temptation to the Saviour was greater than the human mind can understand. Christ’s mission could be fulfilled only through suffering. Before Him was a life of sorrow, hardship and conflict, and an ignominious death. He must bear the sins of the world. He must endure separation from the Father’s love. Now the tempter offered to yield up the power he had usurped. Christ might deliver Himself from the dreadful future by acknowledging the supremacy of Satan. But to do this was to yield the victory in the great controversy. It was in seeking to exalt himself above the Son

of God that Satan had sinned in heaven. Should he prevail now, it would be the triumph of rebellion.*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 11*

Christ declared to the tempter, "Get thee behind Me, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." [*Verse 10.*] Satan had questioned whether Jesus were the Son of God. In his summary dismissal, he had proof that he could not gainsay. Divinity flashed through suffering humanity. Satan had no power to resist the command. Writhing with humiliation and rage, he was forced to withdraw from the presence of the world's Redeemer. Christ's victory was as complete as had been Adam's failure.*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 12*

So we may resist temptation and force Satan to depart from us. Jesus gained the victory through submission and faith in God, and by the apostle He says to us, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." [*James 4:7.*] We cannot save ourselves from the tempter's power; he has conquered humanity, and when we try to stand in our own strength, we shall become a prey to his devices; but "the name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and are safe." [*Proverbs 18:10.*] Satan trembles and flees before the weakest soul who finds refuge in that mighty name.*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 13*

It is those who have had the most light that Satan most assiduously seeks to ensnare. He knows that if he can deceive them, they will, under his control, clothe sin with garments of righteousness and lead many astray. I say to all, Be on your guard; for as an angel of light, Satan is walking in every assembly of Christian workers, and in every church, trying to win the members to his side. I am bidden to give to the people of God the warning, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked." [*Galatians 6:7.*]*23LtMs, Ms 15, 1908, par. 14*

Ms 16, 1908

Arbitrary Control

St. Helena, California

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I thank the Lord that He has given me strength to do His will and that on this first Sabbath in Oakland I was able to speak distinctly to a crowded congregation in the new church. I did not have any special effort to make. The words came readily. Dores Robinson took the discourse.²³*LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 1*

I feel deeply the need of a special effort being made in the spiritual reviving of the third angel's message in all our churches. Business meetings should not be entered into as they have been in our camp-meetings. These seasons of gathering should now, as never before, be seasons of deep searching of heart. Do not defer this spiritual examination until the meeting is about ready to close. At the very beginning of the meeting, let there be heart searching. Earnest work is to be begun to cure the alienation one with another, not by talking the matter over and over, but [by] letting every soul seek the Lord for his individual self.²³*LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 2*

We need the strength of every worker, and none are prepared to work unless they first empty the heart of self. Seek the Lord while He may be found. Humble the heart before God. The light given me is that the Lord is willing to give, but there is now a work to be done represented in *Revelation 3*.²³*LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, 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 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.”

This describes the position of the church in Oakland. For the past three years there has been coming in a spirit which the Lord does not accept. The men who have been in the most responsible positions have carried things in a strong way. The Lord has not given them any such work to do. Men have been permitted to occupy responsible places who have not a sense of what these responsible positions embraced. They were taking upon themselves work to do—to guard ministers and people, that they should be dependent upon the president of the conference to define their work and not to engage in the work unless they should first ask permission of the ones taking charge of the conference. These overseers were to be voice and judgment. This has made them rulers of ministers and church members.*23LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 5*

Threats have been made that if they [the overseers] were not consulted and permission obtained to go to certain places—that if they [the ministers] went without thus consulting, and when and where the Lord would have them—they should not have wages. I am to say to those who have withheld means from the ones who have been fulfilling the requirements of the Word that would bring souls to the truth, that they have been under the condemnation of God for their assumed power of authority.*23LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 6*

The Lord had a message for me to bear that the work that has been carried on for the last three years, of man dominating over the flock of God, was now to be no longer tolerated. Again and again messages have been borne in various places that forbid man's ruling over the servants of God in religious matters. But all the messages given were disregarded and were not of any force to these men. My soul has been burdened grievously. The same ruling of man has been kept up through years, but the underworking of the men ruling in office was to carry the impression that the testimony of Sister White was no longer of force. This underworking was bringing unbelief in the testimonies, and what could correct the evil?*23LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 7*

When men are placed in office year after year without faithful, close investigation of the result of their work, it is a mistake. They place a mold upon the work after their own similitude of character; and light has been given me the last three years of this kind of work being carried on, until through their representations, ministers and physicians were inoculated with their poison of unbelief. These men in office have heard the testimonies God has given me under the influence of His Holy Spirit. They gave no heed to the testimonies, but were sowing their tares of unbelief, and many minds have been poisoned.*23LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 8*

Their unbelief has become as the sowing of tares among the wheat during these years past, until the message came to me from the Lord, and in decided, forcible words, that I must bear a message to those men who were sowing the tares of unbelief and carrying a dominating power, that the Lord would not accept their services officiating another year. Never were they to link up together to spoil the churches with their misrepresentations and will power.*23LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 9*

And the men who should have stood firm as a rock against this evil work had received the words of these two men—Elder Corliss and Elder Knox. They have done their work, and those who have drunk of their words have lost faith in the testimonies God has given. Now it will take time, as soon as it is proper, to listen to the evidence in misrepresentations, falsifying and affirming their own position until the Lord has said, I will not accept their work in any position unless they humble their hearts. They should have been separated from the work long ago. Say to My people, the words these men have spoken are out of their own minds and hearts to sow the seeds of questioning and doubt. Elder Corliss and Elder Knox, especially, should not be entrusted with the flock of God. The word spoken has shown their neglect to heed any message God may send to correct their evil work.*23LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 10*

None but men who are daily learning lessons from the Great Teacher can be true and sound, as Christian gentlemen. A neglect to conform in every particular to God's requirements means certain failure in managing the Lord's work. Having failed to give heed to the messages the Lord has sent for the benefit of His people for

more than half a century, it would be a dishonor to God to have them acknowledged in any line as accepted laborers. They trusted themselves, failing to heed the words the Lord has given His servant to speak the last three years. They have strengthened themselves in their own will and purposes and ways, refusing to heed the words of warning and to surrender their will and unsanctified course of action. They make grave mistakes in exhibition of self. They have both spoiled the work in their hands, being untrue to principle and exalting self, unsanctified self. God refuses to connect with them unless they repent and are converted.*23LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 11*

The sin both are guilty of is rejecting the message God has given His people for the last half a century. The sin that is most hopeless and incurable is self-conceit. This sin stands in the way of all spiritual growth. He who is imbued with self-sufficiency cannot see that the work he has chosen spoils the flock of God.*23LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 12*

Now the sad part of this is that all these years the flock of God has been spoiled as far as these men's influence is concerned. In words and in spirit and self-confidence they are placing themselves where they will mislead others. I have said the Great Teacher bore long, waiting for fruit unto repentance. While occupying positions in connection with the work of God, these men have heard the straightforward messages I have given them over and over. God has borne long with them. Men placed in high positions of responsibility have not borne fruit God can accept. They were not left in darkness. They were standing in positions of high, sacred trust, and yet the fruit was not such as would glorify God, because they bore wild fruit. The words spoken have had their influence because of their position.*23LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 13*

I have much on my mind, but I am not able to present it. That which I have spoken and written to them has been treated by them as idle tales. The Lord weighs the men in the balances of His sanctuary. You have both given your example to others, and you have leavened the flock of God. Now my work is largely increased to counterwork your work because of your influence on the flock of God in works and words given in your three years' service.*23LtMs,*

Ms 16, 1908, par. 14

The Lord said to me, "These men are spoiling the flock of God by their words and works, so that many are becoming confused, unable to distinguish righteousness from unrighteousness. He sees and does not accept. They have been misled by selfish, ambitious projects. They are deceived and continuing to be deceived. If after the light I shall give you for them they still fail to distinguish right from wrong in betraying the cause of God, they are to be disconnected from the work, and they shall not serve another year. The sooner they are disconnected from the work, the purer and more elevated will be the character of the work in the future. They who would place more confidence in their own judgment than in the message I have given My servant to bear reveal that they have not spiritual discernment. They have lost the gem of discernment and have been accepting wages as if they were to be trusted as faithful guardians when they have developed this specious unbelief. They cannot distinguish between righteousness and truth and falsehood and error. And unless they repent, evil angels will be their teachers to misled those who have not discernment to judge between truth and righteousness and error and falsehood."*23LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 15*

There are those who will be confirmed in their unbelief, and I am to speak thus plainly to guard the flock of God strenuously. Some will have received such impressions during these three years of service that they will never become straight again. The apprentices that have been under discipline to the influences they have received must now by decided action be retaught the right way.*23LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 16*

Oh, how much I have suffered during the last two and three years at the thought that the man put in as president was not fitted for such a place, did not carry the work of God intelligently in his mind, [so] that he could work as with an eye single to the glory of God. No man who himself refuses to be led should in any case be retained after one year's trial in any important position as leader unless he carries the burden of his responsibilities. Elder Knox has been in his position as president of the conference, working with a determination to carry his ideas concerning Elder Rice and wife,

whose work has been acceptable to God as set forth in *Isaiah 58:6-14*. The work that has been done has been a good work. Plenty of testimony has been borne, and the Lord accepts their work.²³*LtMs, Ms 16, 1908, par. 17*

Ms 17, 1908

The Work in California

St. Helena, California

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My soul is burdened and distressed, because of the way in which the work of our cause in California has been managed for the past three years. It has been laid out before me that there has been a lack of spiritual discernment. A man-ruling power has held sway, and it has injured the sound judgment of some who have carried responsibilities. The outworking of this power has been an offense to God. Men have exercised authority over the Lord's heritage, according to their own disposition, and this has in some cases made religious liberty an impossibility.²³*LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 1*

This work did not originate with the Author of our salvation. The Lord forbids everything of this order. The message has been given me that the placing of such power in the hands of men is a work that should be rebuked. God has given to no human agency the right to be conscience for his fellow man. Again and again He has instructed me to point out the defects in the experience and the management of some who have been placed in positions of trust.²³*LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 2*

It is greatly to be deplored that the influence and labors of some have not led the church members to unity of action in the work of soul-saving. The experience of some in church work has not been such as to prepare them to receive the "well done, good and faithful servant." [*Matthew 25:23.*] May the Lord carry on a work of thorough reformation in the hearts and lives of those who have been given great light, but who have refused to repent and be converted! Their position and influence mean much to members of

our churches.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 3*

The men composing the conference committee should be men of ability. They are called by God to take their place in the work, not like Aaron to assist in a work of idolatry, but to build up the cause of God in right lines.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 4*

It should not be the chief consideration of conference officers to collect and save up money, for then the real work of the conference, the salvation of souls, will become a matter of secondary importance. Our people should never be permitted to lose sight of a world shrouded in darkness, waiting for the light of the gospel message.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 5*

What a change would have been seen in this conference, if all its laborers, with truly converted hearts, had worked with zeal and sanctified ability! Men and women would have been converted to the truth through the preaching of the Word, and these would have reached out for others. Many souls would have been converted, and all would have brought additional revenue to the cause of God in their tithes and offerings.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 6*

The character of the economy, which has sometimes been revealed in gathering up means, is an offense to God. He says, "The gold and the silver is Mine." [*Haggai 2:8.*] Religious and spiritual interests must not be subordinated to the saving of the means gathered into the conference treasury, that the officers may stand high in the estimation of the people as good financiers. The Lord looks beneath the surface, and He does not approve of such financiering.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 7*

The Lord demands that in His servants shall be found a spirit that is quick to feel the value of souls, quick to discern the duties to be done, quick to respond to the obligation which the Lord lays upon them. There must be a devotion that will regard no earthly interest of sufficient value to take the place of the work to be done in winning souls to a knowledge of the truth. It is a sad fact that the importance of the responsibilities laid upon the workers for the salvation of souls has in some cases been lost sight of in the desire to save all the money possible; and, as a result, some who ought to have entered the field have lost heart. I have been shown that the

desire to save money, by paying some of the ministers an insufficient salary, has resulted sometimes in serious depression and has brought upon some faithful laborers much heavier burdens than they needed to have borne; and as a result, the progress of the progress of the work has been seriously retarded. This is displeasing to God.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 8*

If more earnest revival efforts had been made, many who are now living in unbelief would have come to a knowledge of the truth. If special efforts had been made by the circulation of our publications, by the giving of Bible readings, and by faithful, untiring ministry as Christ gave example, many, very many would have been converted to the truth, and these in turn would have labored for their friends. Said Christ, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." [*Mark 2:17.*]*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 9*

Many unfortunate experiences have come into the work in the past three years, and these would have continued to occur in the future had not the Lord laid the burden upon my soul, saying, Give the message to the conference that there would have been many souls brought to a knowledge of the truth if human yokes had not been placed upon the necks of some of God's workers. The Lord saith, "I will move upon human minds to go to places where help is needed, to hold meetings, and to bear testimony where My Spirit shall direct."*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 10*

The Lord knows how to direct and where to send His workers, just as verily as He knew how to direct His servants in the days when He was on earth. Had the workers in California relied more upon the guidance and instruction of the Lord, and less on the judgment of men, hundreds more would have been brought to Christ, and these in turn would have labored for the salvation of their friends.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 11*

The spiritual phase of every meeting should always be regarded as of the highest importance. The souls under conviction of the truth need to be visited and labored for. Sinners need a special work done for them, that they may be converted and baptized. The Scriptures should be explained to them, and they should be prayed with. Nothing should be done to discourage or restrict Christian

activity, but the workers should be encouraged to do all in their power to advance the kingdom of Christ. Ministers should be encouraged to extend their labors far and near. How few have seen the great need of promptness and faithfulness in this work, which means the saving of souls!*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 12*

The workers in the cause of God, if they work wisely, will not fail to follow up by personal labor the interests of the meetings held. They will continue their efforts for the people after they have returned to their homes. The Lord would have been pleased if much more of this kind of work had been done. The tent-meetings laid increased responsibility upon those whom the Lord was moving to visit and labor for souls. But some who should have done this house-to-house work with the interested ones have been disheartened and discouraged by their severe encounter with opposing parties.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 13*

I urge our workers to read in Acts the record of how wonderfully the Lord worked for one who was seeking after light. "And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down unto Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot reading Esaias the prophet."*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 14*

"Then the Spirit of the Lord said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him."*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 15*

"The place of the Scripture where he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so openeth He not His mouth: in His humiliation His judgment was taken away: and who shall declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? Of himself, or of

some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.^{23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 16}

“And as they went their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still, and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.” [*Acts 8:26-39.*]^{23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 17}

The Lord has His angels in the earth today, ministering, although unseen, to the servants of God. Sometimes they speak to men in person, taking the form of men.^{23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 18}

We have another record of the Lord’s work through the agency of angels, in the account of Saul’s conversion, recorded in the *ninth chapter of Acts*. Here again we are led to see the wonderful connection there is between the heavenly agencies and the earthly. Saul, he who had stood by, consenting, at the stoning of Stephen, was not content to leave the people of God undisturbed. “Breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, Saul went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.”^{23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 19}

“And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?”^{23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 20}

“And he said, Who art Thou, Lord?”^{23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 21}

“And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.”^{23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 22}

“And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 23*

“And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 24*

“And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 25*

“And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 26*

“Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to Thy saints at Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on Thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will show him how great things he must suffer for My name’s sake.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 27*

“And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief

priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.”
[*Verses 1-22.*]23*LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 28*

In the *tenth chapter of Acts* we have still another instance of the ministrations of heavenly angels, resulting in the conversion of Cornelius and his company. Let these chapters be read and receive special attention. In them we see that heaven is much nearer to the Christian who is engaged in the work of soul-saving than many suppose. We should learn through them the lesson, also, of God’s regard for every human being, and that each should treat his fellow man as one of the Lord’s instrumentalities for the accomplishment of His work in the earth.23*LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 29*

The light of prophecy still burns for the guidance of souls, saying, “This is the way; walk ye in it.” [*Isaiah 30:21.*] It shines on the pathway of the just to commend, and on the way of the unjust to lead to repentance and conversion. Through its agency sin will be rebuked and iniquity unmasked. It is progressive in the performance of its duty to reflect light on the past, the present, and the future. The light of truth, Bible truth, will sustain the workers under the great responsibilities that they are called upon to bear. God is working out His great plan for eternity, and His agencies are to be multiplied. We are all acting our part in obedience to the laws of cause and effect.23*LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 30*

Our workers need to experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many need to have a reconversion, a reconsecration to God’s service, to be led and controlled by His will. Now and ever let your trust be in the One who understands the working of every human heart. The Lord is soon to come, and every soul is to be under His control. Let us now arouse to the work before us with energy, letting the truth go forth as a lamp that burneth.23*LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 31*

Lay not up your increase in lands or houses or bank-stock. There is a grand and wonderful work for the salvation of men to be done that calls for your means—a work that has been neglected for years. I urge you to put away every extravagance. Let your food be in harmony with the light God has given on health reform. The Lord

asks you to break the yoke of custom. Let us become in every sense of the word health reformers. Let us so live that we can come to the Lord with confidence, knowing that we have heeded the light the Lord has given upon health reform.²³*LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 32*

A knowledge of the truth calls for those who profess to believe in it to take up their appointed work for the arousing of the world. They are to labor to fulfil the Word, "The earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord." [*Numbers 14:21.*] The worker may ask, "Who is sufficient for these things?" [*2 Corinthians 2:16.*] The only way to enter heaven is by the strait gate and the narrow way. If men would be saved, they must be converted to God's plans.²³*LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 33*

Independent Action

My brethren, there is to be no independent action in the work of God. We are to understand that we are a part of God's great sacred plan and work. Our religious experience is to be in strict conformity to the Word, in which are defined the principles of mercy and the love of God. God calls upon His people to unify as the burdens of the work press upon them. They should engage often in earnest, humble prayer. There should not be made one careless, indifferent move, or one selfish proposition, that would hurt or cut off the influence of one of the Lord's purchased possessions. I have been shown that the truth is to reveal its consecrating influence by creating in the lives of the believers examples of conscientiousness which will be maintained under every circumstance. Truth is to be revealed as truth that sanctifies the receiver. I have been grieved to see, at times, the banner of truth trailing, as it were, in the dust. Uplift the standard!²³*LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 34*

The missionary work that should have been developed among us is not seen as it should have existed. Genuine piety has lessened in the hearts of many, instead of having increased. There has been a loss of genuine simplicity. There is not that understanding of how to win souls that should be revealed. The proper methods for the strengthening of true devotion have not been followed. A true understanding of what God requires of His people will show that

there are many who need to be converted. When the mind is under the control of the will of God, laborers will have success in their work, but not until then. The Lord has no use in His work for those who feel satisfied with their labors.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 35*

We are part of the most wonderful plan that has ever been devised. None can be stationary. Until the end, each must either be going backward or continually advancing. The object of this great plan is unity. Unity must be among the Lord's workers. We need to be very careful how we treat the Lord's purchased possessions; for unless the Lord is the controlling power in our work, serious mistakes will be made. His purchased possession is very dear to the heart of Christ, and those who make the work of His faithful ones hard and trying will be called to account for their actions. Those who have pledged themselves by baptism to be true to God must be faithful in acting their appointed part. They are to exert a sanctified influence and give an example of the working out of pure, unselfish, noble principles. In an example of this character, God is glorified because of His grace imparted for the salvation of men.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 36*

The wonderful plan of God for the human family is being worked out when His people reveal that hallowed, benevolent character that was manifested in the life of Christ, given for the saving of a fallen world. He designs that every church member shall reveal such a clean, holy spirit, that the character of Christ can be traced in his lifework.*23LtMs, Ms 17, 1908, par. 37*

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A Broader View

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In carrying forward the Lord's work at home and abroad, those in positions of responsibility must plan wisely so as to make the best possible use of men and of means. The burden of sustaining the work in many of the foreign fields must be largely borne by our conferences in the homeland. These conferences should have means with which to assist in opening new fields where the testing truths of the third angel's message have never yet penetrated. Within the past few years, doors have been thrown open as if by magic, and men and women are needed to enter these doors and begin earnest work for the salvation of souls.*23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 1*

Our educational institutions can do much toward meeting the demand for trained workers for the mission fields. Wise plans should be laid to strengthen the work done in our training centers. Study should be given to the best methods for fitting consecrated young men and young women to bear responsibility and to win souls for Christ. They should be taught how to meet the people and how to present the third angel's message in an attractive manner. And in the management of financial matters, they should be taught lessons that will help them when they are sent to isolated fields where they must suffer many privations and practice the strictest economy.*23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 2*

The Lord has instituted a plan whereby many of the students in our schools can learn practical lessons needful to success in afterlife. He has given us the privilege of handling precious books that have been dedicated for the advancement of our educational and sanitarium work. In the very handling of these books, the youth will meet with many experiences that will teach them how to cope with problems that await them in the regions beyond. During their school

life, as they handle these books, many may learn how to approach people courteously and how to exercise tact in conversing with them on different points of present truth. And as they meet with a degree of success financially, some will learn lessons of thrift and economy, which will be of great advantage to them when they are sent out as missionaries.*23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 3*

The students who take up the work of selling *Christ's Object Lessons* and *Ministry of Healing* will need to study the book they expect to sell. As they familiarize their minds with the subject matter of the book in hand, and endeavor to practice its teachings, they will develop in knowledge and spiritual power. The messages in these books are the light that God has revealed to me to give to the world. The teachers in our schools should encourage the students to make a careful study of every chapter. They should teach these truths to their students and seek to inspire the youth with a love for the precious thoughts the Lord has entrusted to us to communicate to the world.*23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 4*

Thus the preparation for handling these books, and the daily experiences gained while bringing them to the attention of the people, will prove an invaluable schooling to those who take part in this line of effort. Under the blessing of God, the youth will obtain a fitting up for service in the Lord's vineyard.*23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 5*

There is a special work to be done for our young people by those bearing responsibility in local churches throughout the conferences. When the church officers see promising youth who are desirous of fitting themselves for usefulness in the Lord's service, but whose parents are unable to send them to school, they have a duty to perform in studying how to give help and encouragement. They should take counsel with parents and youth and unite in planning wisely. Some youth may be best fitted to engage in home missionary work. There is a wide field of usefulness in the distribution of our literature and in bringing the third angel's message to the attention of friends and neighbors. Other youth should be encouraged to enter the canvassing work, to sell our larger books. Some may have qualifications that would make them valuable helpers in our institutions. And in many instances, if

promising youth were wisely encouraged and properly directed, they could be led to earn their own schooling by taking up the sale of *Christ's Object Lessons* or *Ministry of Healing*.^{23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 6}

In selling these books, the youth would be acting as missionaries; for they would be bringing precious light to the notice of the people of the world. At the same time, they would be earning money to enable them to attend school, where they could continue their preparation for wider usefulness in the Lord's cause. In the school, they would receive encouragement and inspiration from teachers and students to continue their work of selling books; and when the time came for them to leave school, they would have received a practical training, fitting them for hard, earnest, self-sacrificing labor that has to be done in many foreign fields, where the third angel's message must be carried under difficult and trying circumstances.^{23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 7}

How much better is this plan than for students to go through school without obtaining a practical education in field work and, at the end of their course, leave under a burden of debt, with but little realization of the difficulties they will have to meet in new and untried fields! How hard it will be for them to meet the financial problems that are connected with pioneer work in foreign lands! And what a burden some one will have to carry until the debts incurred by the student have been paid!^{23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 8}

On the other hand, how much might be gained if the self-supporting plan were followed! The student would often be enabled to leave the educational institution, nearly or wholly free from personal indebtedness; the finances of the school would be in a more prosperous condition; and the lessons learned by the student while passing through these experiences in the home field would be of untold value to him in foreign fields.^{23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 9}

Let wise plans now be laid to help worthy students to earn their own schooling by handling these books, if they so desire. Those who earn sufficient means in this way to pay their way through a course at one of our training-schools will gain a most valuable practical experience that will help fit them for pioneer missionary work in

other fields.*23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 10*

A great work is to be done in our world in a short time, and we must study to understand and appreciate, more than we have in past years, the providence of God in placing in our hands the precious volumes *Christ's Object Lessons* and *Ministry of Healing* as a means of helping worthy students to meet their expenses while in training, as well as a means of liquidating the indebtedness on our educational and medical institutions.*23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 11*

Great blessings are in store for us, as we wisely handle these precious books given us for the advancement of the cause of present truth. And as we labor in accordance with the Lord's plan, we shall find that many consecrated youth will be fitted to enter the regions beyond as practical missionaries; and, at the same time, the conferences in the home field will have means with which to contribute liberally to the support of the work that shall be undertaken in new territory.*23LtMs, Ms 19, 1908, par. 12*

Ms 21, 1908

To Ministers, Physicians, and Teachers in Southern California

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The men who stand as leaders in any part of the solemn work of the last gospel message must cultivate and cherish broad views and ideas. It is the privilege of all who bear responsibilities in the work of the gospel to be apt learners in the school of Christ. The professed follower of Christ must not be led by the dictates of his own will; his mind must be trained to think Christ's thoughts and enlightened to comprehend the will and way of God. Such a believer will be a follower of Christ's methods of work.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 1*

Provision for Our Schools

Our brethren should not forget that the wisdom of God has made provision for our schools in a way that will bring blessing to all who participate in the enterprise. The book *Christ's Object Lessons* was donated to the educational work, that the students and other friends of the schools might handle these books and, by their sale, raise much of the means needed to lift the school indebtedness. But this plan has not been presented to our schools as it should have been; the teachers and students have not been educated to take hold of this book and courageously push its sale for the benefit of the educational work.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 2*

Long ago the teachers and students in our schools should have learned to take advantage of the opportunity to raise means by the sale of *Christ's Object Lessons*. In selling these books, the students will serve the cause of God, and, while doing this, by the dissemination of precious light, they will learn invaluable lessons in Christian experience. All our schools should now come into line and earnestly endeavor to carry out the plan presented to us for the

education of the workers, for the relief of the schools, and for the winning of souls to the cause of Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 3*

In the cities of Riverside, Redlands, and San Bernardino, a mission field is open to us that we have as yet only touched with the tips of our fingers. A good work has been done there as far as our workers have had encouragement to do it; but there is need of means to carry the work forward successfully. It was God's purpose that by the sale of *Ministry of Healing* and *Christ's Object Lessons* much means should be raised for the work of our sanitariums and schools, and that our people would thereby be left more free to donate of their means for the opening of the work in new missionary fields. If our people will now engage in the sale of these books as they ought, we shall have much more means to carry the work in the way the Lord designed.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 4*

Wherever the work of selling *Christ's Object Lessons* has been taken hold of in earnest, the book has done good. And the lessons that have been learned by those who have engaged in this work have well repaid their efforts. And now our people should all be encouraged to take part in this special missionary effort. Light has been given me that in every possible way instruction should be given to our people as to the best methods of presenting these books to the people.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 5*

I have been instructed that at our large gatherings, workers should be present who will teach our people how to sow the seeds of truth. This means more than instructing them how to sell the *Signs of the Times* and other periodicals. It includes thorough instruction in how to handle such books as *Christ's Object Lessons* and *Ministry of Healing*. These are books which contain precious truths, and from which the reader can draw lessons of highest value.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 6*

Why was not some one appointed at your recent camp-meeting to present the interests of this line of work to our people? In your failure to do this, you lost a precious opportunity to place large blessings within the reach of the people; and you also lost an opportunity of raising means for the relief of our institutions. My brethren, let us encourage our people to take up this work without

further delay.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 7*

There are some who have had experience in the sale of health foods who should now interest themselves in the sale of our precious books; for in them is food unto eternal life. Los Angeles has been presented to me as a very fruitful field for the sale of *Christ's Object Lessons* and *Ministry of Healing*. The thousands of transient residents and visitors would be benefited by the lessons they contain; and those who bear responsibilities in our sanitariums should act wisely in this matter, encouraging all—nurses, helpers, and students—to gather by this means as much as possible of the money required to meet the expenses of the different institutions.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 8*

We have need of workers in Southern California who have clear, spiritual eyesight, men who will weigh matters wisely and who can discern what is needed both nigh and afar off. If our workers were more fully consecrated to the cause of God, a much more effective work would be done.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 9*

Why are our people so slow to understand what the Lord would have them do? Our leading workers should prepare beforehand to use their opportunities at our large and small gatherings to present these books to our people and call for volunteers who will engage in their sale. When this work is entered into with the earnestness which our times demand, the indebtedness which now rests upon our schools will be greatly lessened. And then the people who are now being called upon to give largely of their means to support these institutions will be free to turn a larger part of their offerings to missionary work in other needy places, where special efforts have not yet been made.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 10*

Great good will result from bringing these books to the attention of the leaders in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. We should invite these workers to our meetings and give them an opportunity to become acquainted with our people. Place these precious books in their hands, and tell them the story of their gift to the cause, and its results. Explain how, by the sale of *Ministry of Healing*, patients may be brought to the sanitarium for healing who could never get there unaided and how, through this means,

assistance will be rendered in the establishment of sanitariums in places where they are greatly needed. If our sanitariums are wisely managed by men and women who have the fear of God before them, they will be the means of bringing us in connection with workers in the W.C.T.U.; and these workers will not be slow to see the advantage of the medical branch of our work. As a result of their contact with our medical work, some of them will learn truths that they need to know for the perfection of Christian character.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 11*

One point that should never be forgotten by our workers is that the Lord Jesus Christ is our chief director. He has outlined a plan by which the schools may be relieved of their indebtedness, and He will not vindicate the course of those who lay this plan aside for lack of confidence in its success. When His people will come up unitedly to the help of His cause in the earth, no good thing that God has promised will be withheld from them.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 12*

In a place like Los Angeles, where the population is constantly changing, a wonderful opportunity is presented for the sale of our books. A great loss has been sustained because our people have not more fully embraced this opportunity. Why should not the teachers and students from the San Fernando school make Los Angeles a special field for the sale of *Object Lessons*? If with earnestness and faith they will work out the plan that has been given us for the use of this book, angels of God will attend their steps and the blessing of heaven will be upon their efforts.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 13*

It would have been an excellent thing if the teachers of the San Fernando school had, during the vacation, availed themselves of this opportunity to push the work with *Christ's Object Lessons*. They would have found a blessing in going out with the students and teaching them how to meet the people and how to introduce the book. The story of the gift of the book and its object would lead some to have a special interest in the book, and in the school for which it is sold. Why have not the teachers in our schools done more of this work? If our people would only realize it, there is no more acceptable work to be done in the home field than to engage in the sale of *Object Lessons*; for while they are thus helping to

carry out the Lord's plan for the relief of our schools, they are also bringing the precious truths of the Word of God to the attention of the people.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 14*

The indifference that has been manifested by some toward this enterprise is displeasing to God. He desires that it shall be recognized by all our people as His method of relieving our schools from debt. It is because this plan has been neglected that we now feel so keenly our lack of means for the advancing work. Had the schools availed themselves of the provision thus made for them, there would be more money in the school treasury and more money in the hands of His people to relieve the necessities of other needy departments of the cause; and, best of all, teachers and students would have received the very lessons that they needed to learn in the Master's service.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 15*

I send you these lines because I see that there is need of a deeper intuition, a wider perception on the part of our medical and educational workers, if they would get all the benefit that God intends shall come to them through the use of *Object Lessons* and *Ministry of Healing*. I ask you, my brethren, to read these words to our people, that they may learn to show the spirit of wisdom, and of power, and of a sound mind.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 16*

The book *Ministry of Healing* was given to the sanitariums to sustain them in their work. If skill and invention is used in getting this book into the hands of the people, I shall be very thankful. Both *Ministry of Healing* and *Christ's Object Lessons* are books that outside people need. I am desirous of seeing our schools and sanitariums helped by their sale.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 17*

I am pained at heart that these books are not being sold more disinterestedly for the benefit of our educational and sanitarium work. At the time of the camp-meeting, special effort should be made by the students and others to bring these books into the hands of the people. In this way they will not only be doing good missionary work, but will be helping to relieve the indebtedness on our institutions. I cannot understand why this work is neglected, in view of the fact that when the work has been entered into in the past, there have been such ready sales.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par.*

October 24, 1907

Sanitarium, California

Our sanitariums are most important agencies for the promulgation of the message of truth in the earth; they are to be made a success in every way. Had your mind been unprejudiced, you would have discerned the Lord's plan for the students in the sale of the books *Christ's Object Lessons* and *Ministry of Healing*, in order that the sanitariums and schools might be helped and that the students might receive an essential experience. The students should be encouraged to enter upon their mission with these two books, after having received instruction in the way they should be handled.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 19*

We have the highest authority for the prosecution of this work. Those who go forth to engage in the sale of these books will find many open doors for Christian service; and they will be doing the very work which Christ instructed His disciples to do in His last great commission: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 20*

As they canvass for the books, the way will be opened for the students to give instruction in the truth. Opportunities will be given them to care for and treat the sick; and they will do this work, knowing that the great Medical Missionary is presiding over each case. Impressions will be made on the minds of the sufferers that the human agent alone could never make.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 21*

Christ Himself is present at the bedside of the sick to suggest ways of ministry; and the efforts made for the relief of the sufferer will preach a sermon more powerful than any words could be.²³*LtMs,*

Ms 21, 1908, par. 22

Thus the missionary pioneer will open many a door for service; and the presence with him of the great Missionary, and the power which He bestows, will be constantly enlarging the worker's sphere of usefulness.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 23*

The gospel of health is to be given to all nations in true simplicity, without the use of poisonous drugs. And a large work for the cause of truth will be accomplished through this medium. Skill in treating the sick without the use of drugs will give Christ opportunity to work through those who go forth to labor both in healing of disease and in the preaching of the gospel. This is why our sanitariums and schools should be conducted on educational lines, and why their work should blend in perfect harmony. The students who come to the school for training are to have the advantage of knowing how to treat the sick; this knowledge combined with the education obtained in their school work will make their training a perfect whole. This is regarded in the heavenly courts as the higher education.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 24*

January 10, 1908

Sanitarium, California

The book *Christ's Object Lessons* might have had a wide circulation in the South for the benefit of the southern schools. But instead of this enterprise's being energetically pushed, territorial rights have been contended for and the field has been left unworked. It is true that organization and method must be maintained in the various lines of our work; but because undue importance has been attached to territorial claims, many have been deprived of the instruction that this precious book contains. My brethren, let these books be circulated in every possible place. "Faith without works is dead." [*James 2:20.*] Who will now engage in this work with a true missionary spirit? Who will study to bring in ingenious methods by which this book may be brought before all classes?²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 25*

At our large gatherings, men of wisdom and experience should be chosen to present *Christ's Object Lessons* and *Ministry of Healing* before the people, and to call for those who will take a part in circulating them. If this plan had been faithfully followed in the past, we might now have humble places of worship and schools in many places where the colored people would be receiving an education in the principles of present truth. *23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 26*

October 2, 1907

Sanitarium, California

The Sale of Object Lessons

My soul is drawn out in behalf of our brethren who are struggling against great financial difficulties in the establishment and maintenance of schools for the education of our youth. To these I am instructed to say, Let not your interest flag. There is a reward to be given the faithful laborer. Let it be remembered that the nearer we are to the coming of the Lord, the more devotedly and earnestly we are to give ourselves to the work. *23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 27*

The times call for action that our schools may be freed from debt and provided with facilities for the acceptable doing of their work. The book *Christ's Object Lessons* has been a gift to our schools. Many souls have been converted through the reading of the book, and thousands of dollars have come to our training schools. The good work of selling this book in behalf of our educational work should continue. *23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 28*

With earnest effort, men, women, and children; teachers, students, ministers, and physicians, if they will take up the work in faith, can sell many copies of this excellent book. Tell the people that you are selling the book to help carry forward the Lord's work, that its sale will help in the training of young men and young women for missionary service. *23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 29*

In like manner let our people engage in the work of selling *Ministry of Healing*. From the light given me, I know that much may be

accomplished for our sanitariums and our schools if these two books are sold disinterestedly. I have done what I could in the gift of the manuscripts, and I know the Lord will bless those who with a spirit of self-denial and earnest endeavor will place the books in the hands of the people.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 30*

Broader Plans Should Be Laid

Wise plans must be laid for the circulation of these relief books, because if handled properly, their sale will be large.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 31*

Teachers, if you will take hold of this work with courage and faith, the Lord will certainly help you. We see schools falling behind in efficiency because they are cramped financially. Why do they not use the very means provided by the Lord for their upbuilding? In many places money is needed to complete the good work already begun.²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 32*

Every effort possible should now be made to advance the work of God. Soon circumstances will arise which will make it more difficult than it is now to present the truth to many who are at present within our reach. Most earnest efforts should be put forth in Washington, in Boston, in Nashville, St. Louis, New Orleans, and in many other large cities. A comprehensive work will be accomplished when men and women stand in their places, faithfully doing their part. There is a call for hundreds of young men and women to be educated and trained for service. Shall we not rally to the work of freeing our schools from debt?²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 33*

“Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.” [*Ephesians 5:14.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 34*

The Washington School

In every place where a school is established, the book *Christ's Object Lessons* should be circulated as the Lord's appointed agency for financial help. The school at Takoma Park needs the blessing to be gained from a well-planned, systematic campaign for

the sale of this book. And the experience that is to be gained by seeking to place it in the homes of the people will be of great value to the students.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 35*

None should feel that this work is beneath them. All who take part in it should realize that two important objects are being gained. They are raising funds to help strengthen the school, and they are giving precious truth to the people. In the past the Lord has given special blessings to those who have engaged in the sale of these books for the relief of our institutions.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 36*

Our training school for missionaries in Washington will need many facilities. Let every effort be put forth to make of this school what it ought to be. Let us give it the help that will enable it to carry the students higher and still higher. Thousands of dollars may be raised for the assistance of this school if the work of selling *Object Lessons* is taken hold of with a spirit of earnestness and prayer. Let those who engage in this work feel their constant need of divine assistance and of an increase of faith in God.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 37*

From the light that has been given me, I know that a much greater blessing might have been realized by our people had there been a true blending of effort by ministers, teachers, students, and all the members of the churches. Let not any one talk doubt. Let the unbelieving educate their tongues to utter the truth made plain by the parables of Christ. Those who make up their minds not to talk unbelief will gain a great blessing.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 38*

The work done in Washington is to be of a character that will warn the men who are standing in responsible positions at the head of our nation. Those who make the laws are to be shown that the Lord God of heaven is the great Lawgiver, and that they should be careful not to say or do anything that is not in harmony with the will of the great I AM. We say to our brethren in Washington, Press in wherever you can in this important work. As you do this, you will realize that the Holy Spirit helps you to present to others precious truths, giving you words to speak that will create a favorable impression on those whom you ask to buy the book. Light will come in, faith will increase, fervency and energy will fill the heart of the

worker, and great grace will be imparted. *23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 39*

The Huntsville School

My brethren and sisters in the South, will you not act your part in the good work of helping the Huntsville school? Have you not some time to spare in its behalf, that you can devote to the sale of *Christ's 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 the faithful workers in the Huntsville school. By circulating *Christ's 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 the most precious, spiritual instruction. *23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 40*

The Huntsville school is in need of help. Let our people take hold earnestly of the circulation of *Object Lessons* in its behalf. If you will act your part faithfully, the school can have the equipment that it so much needs. Christ says 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.*] *23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 41*

The Graysville School

The Graysville school has received some help in the past from the sale of *Object Lessons* in the Southern Union Conference. But the work is nearly at a standstill. Why have the teachers and students of the Graysville school manifested so little interest in this work? *23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 42*

From this time forward, let the other schools have a part in the labors and benefits of this work, and let the work be revived throughout the field. *23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 43*

At the camp-meetings and other large gatherings, chosen men should be present to handle our relief books. The cities of the South have been presented to me as good fields for the sale of *Christ's Object Lessons* and *Ministry of Healing*. *23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par.*

The Mission Schools

There are many mission schools to be established in the South; and by engaging in the sale of *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 uneducated children and youth who need the advantages of our mission schools.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 45*

The Madison School

I would present to your notice also the school that Brethren Magan and Sutherland are working so hard to establish at Madison, Tennessee.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 46*

The Lord would have our people in the South, old and young, obtain the precious experience that is to be gained by selling the book *Christ's Object Lessons*. In His wisdom, Christ has given you this work to do; and by its performance you will obtain most valuable lessons in Christian experience and will bring means in for the relief of our schools. Let us study this matter faithfully to see if we have done all we could in our vicinity to circulate *Christ's Object Lessons*. This is a fruitful, evangelistic work. May the Lord stir up the minds of our people to take hold of it anew and act their part in diffusing the precious light.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 47*

The study of the parables, as presented in this book, will remove many difficulties from minds. It is one of the means ordained of God for reaching the people, for overcoming prejudice, and for introducing Bible truth into the homes of the people.*23LtMs, Ms 21, 1908, par. 48*

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In the night of March 3, 1907, many things were revealed to me regarding the value of our publications on present truth and the small effort that is being made by our brethren and sisters in the churches for their wise circulation.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 1*

I have been repeatedly shown that our presses should now be constantly employed in publishing light and truth. This is a time of spiritual darkness in the churches of the world. Ignorance of divine things has hidden God and the truth from view. The forces of evil are gathering in strength. Satan flatters his co-workers that he will do a work that will captivate the world. While partial inactivity has come upon the church, Satan and his host are intensely active. The professed Christian churches are not converting the world; for they are themselves corrupted with selfishness and pride and need to feel the converting power of God in their midst before they can lead others to a purer or higher standard.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 2*

An Encouraging Experience

The afternoon of March 3 I spent in counsel with Brother and Sister Haskell, discussing the work in Oakland and their plans to go east to spend some time in south Lancaster. After our visit I was weary and retired early. I was suffering with rheumatism in my left side and could get no rest because of the pain. I turned from side to side, trying to find ease from the suffering. There was a pain in my heart that portended no good for me. At last I fell asleep.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 3*

About half-past nine I attempted to turn myself, and as I did so, I became aware that my body was entirely free from pain. As I turned from side to side, and moved my hands, I experienced an extraordinary freedom and lightness that I cannot describe. The room was filled with light, a most beautiful, soft, azure light, and I seemed to be in the arms of heavenly beings.^{23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 4}

This peculiar light I have experienced in the past in times of special blessing; but this time it was more distinct, more impressive, and I felt such peace, peace so full and abundant no words can express it. I raised myself into a sitting posture, and I saw that I was surrounded by a bright cloud, white as snow, the edges of which were tinged with a deep pink. The softest, sweetest music was filling the air, and I recognized the music as the singing of the angels. Then a voice spoke to me, saying, "Fear not; I am your Saviour. Holy angels are all about you."^{23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 5}

"Then this is heaven," I said, "and now I can be at rest. I shall have no more messages to bear, no more misrepresentations to endure. Everything will be easy now, and I shall enjoy peace and rest. O what inexpressible peace fills my soul! Is this indeed heaven? Am I one of God's little children, and will I always have this peace?"^{23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 6}

The voice replied, "Your work is not yet done."^{23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 7}

Again I fell asleep, and when I awoke, I heard music, and I wanted to sing. Then some one passed my door, and I wondered if they saw the light. After a time the light passed away, but the peace remained.^{23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 8}

After a while I fell asleep again. This time I seemed to be in a council meeting where our book work was being discussed. There were a number of our brethren present, leaders in our work; and Elder Haskell and his wife were there consulting together with the brethren about the circulation of our books, tracts, and periodicals.^{23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 9}

Elder Haskell was presenting strong reasons why the books which

contain the knowledge that has been communicated to Sister White, the books containing the special message to come to the world at this present time, should be more freely circulated. Why, he inquired, do not our people appreciate and circulate more widely the books bearing the divine credentials? Why is not a specialty made of the books containing the warnings regarding Satan's work? Why do we not give greater effort to circulating the books that point out Satan's plans to counterwork the work of God, that uncover his plans and point out his deceptions? The moral evils of his deceptions are to be removed by opening the eyes of the people so that they shall discern the situation and the dangers of our times; so that they shall make diligent effort to lay hold by faith upon Christ and His righteousness.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 10*

A messenger from heaven stood in our midst, and he spoke words of warning and instruction. He made us clearly understand that the gospel of the kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing, and that this message, as contained in our publications already in print, and those yet to be issued, should be circulated among the people who are nigh and afar off.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 11*

Dangers in Speculative Study

The light of truth which God designs shall come to the people of the world at this time is not that which the world's men of learning are seeking to impart; for these men in their research often arrive at erroneous conclusions and in their study of many authors become enthused with theories that are of satanic origin. Satan, clothed with the garb of an angel of light, presents for the study of the human mind subjects that seem very interesting, and which are full of scientific mystery. In the investigation of these subjects, men are led to accept erroneous conclusions and to unite with seducing spirits in the work of propounding new theories which lead away from the truth.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 12*

There is danger that the false sentiments expressed in the books that they have been reading will sometimes be interwoven by our ministers, teachers, and editors with their arguments, discourses, and publications, under the belief that they are the same in principle

as the teachings of the Spirit of truth. The book *Living Temple* is an illustration of this work, the writer in its support declaring that its teachings are the same as those found in the writings of Mrs. White. Again and again we shall be called to meet the influence of men who are studying sciences of satanic origin, through which Satan is working to make a nonentity of God and of Christ.²³*LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 13*

The Father and the Son each have a personality. Christ declared, “I and My Father are one.” [*John 10:30.*] Yet it was the Son of God who came to the world in human form. Laying aside His royal robe and kingly crown, He clothed His divinity with humanity, that humanity through His infinite sacrifice might become partakers of the divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.²³*LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 14*

Christ was tempted in all points as man is tempted, but at no time did He bring against the tempter a railing accusation. To every temptation He presented the Word of the Lord. “It is written” was His never-failing weapon. We, as the representatives of Christ, are to meet every thrust of the enemy with the Word of the living God. Never should we allow ourselves to follow the trail of the serpent by using his scientific arguments. Satan can never gain advantage of the child of God who relies on the Word of God as his defense.²³*LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 15*

Our Counselor impressed deeply on our minds that God’s commandment-keeping people must be sanctified through the truth, and that truth must ever be given the foremost place. We must not forget that Satan still lives to exercise his deceptive power through false science.²³*LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 16*

Christ was the Majesty of heaven, the Prince of life; yet He humbled Himself as a man and became obedient to every law of God. He passed over the ground that every man must tread who takes His name and came forth from His trial pure and untainted by sin. He was our example in all things.²³*LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 17*

The first advent of Christ and His life of ministry is not studied as it should be. His life was one of self-denial, in which truth in all its noble qualities was expressed. He lived to bless humanity by every

good word and work.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 18*

Dignity of the Book Work

The work of book making is a grand and good work; but it has not always stood in the high and holy position that God designed it should occupy, because self has been interwoven with the work of some who have engaged in it. The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world. The publications that come forth from our presses today are to be of such a character as to strengthen every pin and pillar of the faith that was established by the Word of God and by the revelations of His Spirit.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 19*

The truth that God has given for His people in these last days should keep them firm when there come into the church those who present false theories. The truth that has stood firm against the attacks of the enemy for more than half a century must still be confidence and comfort of God's people.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 20*

Our evidence to nonprofessors that we have the truth of the Word of God will be given in a life of strict self-denial. We must not make a mockery of our faith, but ever keep before us the example of Him who, though He was the Prince of heaven, stooped to a life of self-denial and sacrifice to vindicate the righteousness of His Father's Word. Let us each resolve to do our best, that the light of our good works may shine forth to the world.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 21*

Unity and Progress

Perfect agreement should exist in the plans laid for the publication of our books and periodicals, that the light which they contain may be quickly carried everywhere, to the nominal churches and to the world. Much more should have been accomplished in the sale of our books than we see accomplished today.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 22*

Our ministers should call upon the church members to let the truth triumph. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord

is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.” [Isaiah 60:1-3.] Unity and love will accomplish wonderful things for the believers. Will not our churches arouse and give the last warning message to the world?²³LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 23

Our Relief Books

Christ's Object Lessons is a book that speaks for itself, and it has accomplished a good work. As it has been sold, and the object of its sale related, money has been received that has relieved the indebtedness of our schools. But more than this, many by reading the book have been blessed by its lessons of truth, and many more will be blessed by reading it.²³LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 24

The book *Ministry of Healing* may do the same work for our sanitariums and health institutions that *Christ's Object Lessons* has done for our schools. This book contains the wisdom of the Great Physician. To me it has been a great privilege to donate my work on these books to the cause of God. In the future there should be a much greater effort made to increase their sale.²³LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 25

Lift the Debts

God designs that we shall learn lessons from the failures of the past. It is not pleasing to Him to have debts rest upon His institutions. We have reached the time when we must give character to the work by refusing to erect large and costly buildings. We are not to copy the mistakes of the past and become involved in debt. We are rather to endeavor to clear off the indebtedness that still remains on our institutions. Our churches can help in this matter if they will. Those members to whom the Lord has given means can invest their money in the cause without interest or at a low rate of interest, and by their freewill offerings they can help to support the work. The Lord asks you to return cheerfully to Him a portion of the goods He has lent you, and thus become His almoners.²³LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 26

Another View of the Book Work

Afterward we were in camp-meetings and in large meetings in our churches where the ministers presented clearly the perils of the times in which we live and the great importance of making haste in the circulation of our literature. In response to these appeals, the brethren and sisters came forward and purchased many books. Some took a few, and some purchased large quantities. Most of the purchasers paid for the books they took. A few arranged to pay afterward.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 27*

Because books were being sold at low prices, some being specially reduced for the occasion, many were purchased, and some by persons not of our faith. They said, It must be that these books contain a message for us. These people are willing to make sacrifices in order that we may have them, and we will secure them for ourselves and our friends.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 28*

But dissatisfaction was expressed by some of our own people. "A stop must be put to this work," one said, "or our business will be spoiled." As one brother was carrying away an armful of books, a canvasser laid his hand upon his arm, and said, "My brother, what are you doing with so many books?" Then I heard the voice of our Counselor, saying, "Forbid them not." This is a work that should be done. The end is near. Already much time has been lost, when these books should have been in circulation. Sell them far and near. Scatter them like the leaves of autumn. This work is to continue without the forbiddings of anyone. Souls are perishing out of Christ. Let them be warned of His soon appearing in the clouds of heaven.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 29*

Some of the workers continued to appear much cast down. One was weeping, and said, "These are doing the publishing work an injustice by purchasing these books at so low a price; besides, this work is depriving us of some of the revenue by which our work is sustained." The Voice replied, "You are meeting with no loss. These workers who take the books at reduced prices could not obtain so ready sale for them except it be at this so-called sacrifice. Many are now purchasing for their friends and for themselves who otherwise would not think of buying."*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 30*

A Caution

Then instruction was given to Elder Haskell that in his anxiety to supply the people with the precious truth contained in his books, in his desire that all should feel that the books are worth more than they cost, and that all should be encouraged to give them a wide circulation, he was selling the books too cheap and making his own burden too heavy.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 31*

Our Counselor said, The books should be sold in such a way that the author will not be left bare-handed, and that the publishing house shall have a proper margin so that it will have means to carry on its work.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 32*

A Parable for Our Study

“The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which is an householder,” Christ declared, “which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market place, and said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, I will give you. And they went their way.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 33*

“Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith to them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last even unto the first. And when they were come that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 34*

“But when the first came, they supposed they should have received more: and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, saying, These last have wrought but one hour; and thou

hast made them equal with us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst thou not agree with me for one penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto these last even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: but many be called, but few chosen." [Matthew 20:1-16.]*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 35*

I am very desirous that the light contained in my books shall come to every soul possible; for God has sent the message for all. These books contain precious lessons in Christian experience. I would not dare forbid that these books be sold on special occasions at a low price, lest I should hinder the reading of the book, and thus withhold the light from some soul who might be converted to the truth. I have no forbiddings to place on the work of circulation of our books. Let the light be placed on the candlestick, that it may give light to all that are in the house.*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 36*

A Lesson in Commercialism

"And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold doves and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves." [Matthew 21:12, 13.]*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 37*

"And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple; and He healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying in the temple, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto Him, Hearest Thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise?" [Verses 14-16.]*23LtMs, Ms 23, 1908, par. 38*

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A Plea for Aggressive Work

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I have received message after message that we must enlarge our plans of labor. A far greater work must be done in sowing the seed in every possible place, and especially in the cities. For years the work in the cities has been kept before our people, but the importance of this has not been fully realized. We must enter aggressively upon this work and never relax our efforts until the cities have been thoroughly warned.²³*LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 1*

I call upon our ministering brethren to consider this matter. Let strong men be appointed to work in the great centers. With them there should be associated many young men and women to labor in a humble manner in harmony with the instructions that Jesus gave His disciples when He sent them forth. If such work was necessary in His time, it is even more so now. Great ingenuity must be revealed in so presenting the words of eternal life that souls will be reached and converted. If the workers themselves are thoroughly converted, they will present the Word of truth in a spirit of tenderness that will win hearts.²³*LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 2*

Among our churches a work needs to be done with the individual members, that they may be aroused to labor for souls. This is not a time for our ministers to spend their energies merely among those who already have a knowledge of the truth. Our church members will receive more spiritual strength by putting forth earnest efforts to help others than by listening from week to week to a sermon from some minister. The light given me is that the wickedness in the cities of San Francisco and Oakland is beyond all imagination. God's wrath is upon many of the inhabitants of these cities. San Francisco has been visited with heavy judgments, but Oakland has been thus far mercifully spared. The time will come when our labor

in these places will be cut short, therefore it is important that earnest efforts be put forth now to proclaim to their inhabitants the message of the Lord for them.*23LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 3*

Will our brethren and sisters arouse and awake to the situation? In Oakland a deception has for years been upon ministers and people. Instead of sanctifying soul, body, and spirit to the work, and receiving in faith the messages that God has in mercy sent to them, some who have acted as guides of the churches, the shepherds of the flock, have misrepresented the work that God would have done in the hearts of the people until it has come to mean nothingness to them. As a result, there have been accepted in the churches members who were having an uncertain religious experience, and who themselves needed to have a spiritual resurrection—those who are now in need of additional labor.*23LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 4*

These things have all been open to the One who never slumbers nor sleeps. The Lord has now wrought to bring His people to a true understanding of His methods of government. His work is to go forward. That which has been deficient and has borne the mark of pretension is now to experience decided spiritual reformations. The truth for this time is to stand forth in all its sacredness and spirituality.*23LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 5*

There is great need that a clearer spiritual atmosphere pervade all our churches. There is need of earnest searching of the Word of truth. The believers need to be impressed with the importance of learning how to labor effectively for others; at present they carry but little burden for the souls who are in darkness.*23LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 6*

The believers in the churches in Oakland and the surrounding cities need to have the experience that came to the early disciples on the day of Pentecost. Then in humiliation of soul and earnest, humble prayer, they will plead for the grace and power of God to be displayed for the people of Oakland and San Francisco. True, genuine labor for souls will bring men often to God in earnest prayer, with contrition of soul and a faith that takes hold of the Infinite. They will realize that the power of God alone can soften the hearts of the people. The heavenly messengers will work with

sincere, humble souls. In the parable of the sower we read that the seed fell upon many kinds of soil. But if we sow diligently, some seed will fall upon good ground and will spring up and bring forth fruit abundantly.*23LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 7*

I am instructed to say that there must be a decided change in the characters of some of the professed people of God if they are to be among the number whom Jesus will pronounce worthy to enter heaven. The Lord's people are to carry a burden for souls.*23LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 8*

“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.*23LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 9*

“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 shall say unto 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.*23LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 10*

“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 everyone 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 7:16-27.*]*23LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 11*

The refining process must be carried on in our churches. Individual workers must humble themselves before God. Coarseness and roughness of character, that has come in through a neglect to

watch and pray, must be purged away through the Word, that harmony and unity may be seen. The life must be purified from every semblance of sin.²³*LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 12*

Let the call be given: The end is near; get ready, get ready, get ready; for He that is to come, will come, and will not tarry. Now is the time to fill our vessels with the holy oil. The members of our churches must be cleansed from every selfish purpose. Confess your sins before God. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your minds, ye double-minded. When you are converted, you will be laborers together with God, preparing yourself in this life to unite with the redeemed.²³*LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 13*

Here in this world we are to obtain a fitness for heaven. Seek God as you have never done before. Will you not now make certain work for eternity? Will you not read the prayer of Christ, recorded in *John seventeen*, and answer that prayer by an entire consecration to God? This is your only hope.²³*LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 14*

Many, many souls will be brought up on to the higher platform if they will appreciate the fact that they are to be purified, refined, sanctified. They will feel the worth of souls for whom Christ has died, and they will realize how perilous is the condition of those who are doing nothing to bring souls to Christ.²³*LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 15*

Read and study diligently the *twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew*, and remember that the present is your trading time, in which you are to use your God-given capabilities for the Master. The fact that your name is in the church book will not secure you an entrance into the kingdom of heaven. How have you used your opportunities? Have you given yourself a close, critical examination? Have you asked yourself, How am I trading on my Lord's talents? Am I putting them out to the exchangers? God rewards every servant who works with self-denying, self-sacrificing zeal for the salvation of souls. What are you as church members doing for the One who gave His life for the world? Each one who has denied himself and purified his soul through a belief of the truth will begin at once to do missionary work for those perishing in their sins.²³*LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 16*

Read the *last chapter of Revelation*, and let it make an impression

upon heart and life and character. We are to pray earnestly and work untiringly. The time had long gone by that should have seen every church, every school, every sanitarium placed upon a much higher platform. Will every soul now make most thorough work for repentance? We have no time to dally. Purify your souls by heartfelt repentance. Ask God to forgive your unfaithful discharge of your duties. Tarry no longer in your unprepared state. Open the door of the heart, that Christ may enter.*23LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 17*

Let every idol now be given up, and let the believers come into a position of sincere, full consecration to God. If we will do this, He will delight to bless us and acknowledge us as His people. The Holy Spirit will work through every consecrated channel. When as a people we give evidence of our faith in the wonderful truths of the Word, and give these truths to the people, many eyes now blinded will be opened to discern spiritual things. As we keep the way of the Lord to do justice and righteousness, sinners will be drawn to Christ and will be converted.*23LtMs, Ms 25, 1908, par. 18*

Ms 27, 1908

Truth to Be Maintained

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I have warnings to give to our people. There must be greater spiritual life and character given to our exposition of the Scriptures. In every church there should be held solemn seasons of earnest prayer to heaven for special revelations of the grace of God. Let every teacher humble his own heart, subdue his own excitable temper. There is to be a more direct unveiling of truth. He who presents the truth of the prophecies in the right way will use Scripture to explain Scripture. He will make the Bible its own expositor. *23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 1*

The enemy is wise in the work of leading men into false paths. The *twenty-ninth chapter of Isaiah* brings to view conditions the workers will have to meet as they carry forward the work of the third angel's message. The prophet declares: *23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 2*

“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. 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 to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. *23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 3*

“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 things framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding? Is it not a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?" [Verses 9-17.]*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 4*

Here are represented some of the very things that have been taking place in Battle Creek in the introduction of strange suppositions. The Lord has marked how some of the men who acted a prominent part in the leading out of the work have gradually allowed themselves to be led by Satan's devisings. "Is it not a very little while," the prophet asks, "and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?" [Verse 17.]*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 5*

In these words is outlined the true condition that exists among many of our people. There has come into the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists false sentiments, an inclination on the part of some ministers and physicians to abolish the light that God has been sending. Some of our leading men have been denying the faith and giving heed to fanciful and erratic teachings. This is a scheme of Satan to call the mind away from the truth and lead men to give time and thought to the study of theories that confuse the mind and leave an indistinct understanding of the way of the Lord.*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 6*

I am instructed to say, Repeat not these errors or false teachings, but write the truth, speak the truth. Let the Word of God speak in every place, vindicating the truth for this time. The truth will triumph. When objectionable sentiments are introduced, repeat them not in your discourses, but hold to the affirmative. The message I am instructed to give at this time is one that I have been charged again and again for many years to give. It is this: Advance the truth.*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 7*

Satan has been well pleased with the work of those men and women who have used their influence to undermine the confidence of our people in the messages the Lord is sending through the Spirit of prophecy. I have been instructed that those who have engaged in such a work should not be chosen to occupy positions as leaders; for the influence they exert, and their misstatements concerning this agency in which they have no faith, will result in making unbelief popular in our churches. Let no man or woman be entrusted with responsibility in the church who will use the advantages such a position would give them to advocate sentiments of unbelief, thus sowing the tares of heresy among believers. And it has sometimes been the case that when men have been reproofed for this kind of work, they have begun a warfare against the messages sent, by making light of the warnings and reproofs.*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 8*

What can be done to make these men with strong traits of character realize that they need to be reconverted? Unless this experience comes to them, they will never become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King. They are wrapping themselves up in a garment of self-confidence. The messages that the Lord sends them, that they may understand how much they need to be taught of Him, they cast aside as idle tales, thus placing themselves where they will accept their own suppositions as divine revelations. With their deficient experience, they are unfitted to understand the dealings of the Lord with His people.*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 9*

Great and wonderful changes are taking place in the world. Wonderful changes are also taking place among God's professing people; and these changes God foresaw. The minds of men who once were led by the wisdom of the Word of truth are passing through dark experiences. They have followed the imagination of unsanctified wills, and that which was once accounted as precious they no longer value. They have lost their bearings. The suppositions of the great deceiver have been greedily received, because they were in accordance with their own hearts and judgment. The judgment of those who have thus allowed themselves to be deceived is no longer reliable. The fruitful field has become a forest.*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 10*

“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 at the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought. 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 18-24.*]*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 11*

Our brethren in positions of responsibility need to experience daily the converting power of God upon heart and mind and soul, before they can hope to advise and labor unselfishly. The kind of planning that would make one man a center and pattern cannot be carried out. This is not the way in which the Lord works. He works through different individual minds to accomplish His purposes, and in the simplest ways, that they may reflect the great outshining of His love. When one man thinks that his mind is to outline the large moves in the work of God, that his abilities are to accomplish the greatest work, he limits the power of God to fulfil His purposes in the earth.*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 12*

God would have the truths of the third angel’s message firmly established in the hearts of His people. Not one pin or pillar of the faith He has so graciously given is to be moved. The wily foe will bring in specious arguments to substantiate the theories he desires to have take the place of truth in the minds of the people. Assertions will be made that have no foundation in truth. The words of Scripture interwoven with a mass of error will be brought forward to confuse the mind. But we might be held in controversy as long as time should last if we were to listen to all the applications of Scripture that might be made to substantiate erroneous theories.*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 13*

God has not given the Scriptures that they may be used to uphold a false position that would unsettle minds regarding light that He has clearly given. If men depart from the faith they have once held, and use the Word, which once they used in confirming their faith, now to support error, they do so to their own destruction. We are forbidden by God to repeat their arguments. Yet I have been shown that this has been done by some who have accepted the false teachings of those who have departed from the faith.*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 14*

For the past few years the work in some of our conferences has been diverted from its true object, and if permitted to go on in the same lines, the cause of truth would be greatly dishonored. The Lord would have all the workers now come into line to advance the truth as it is proved by the Word of God, and by the providence of God in His continual vindication of it.*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 15*

I am instructed to warn our people against placing in high positions of trust those men and women who seem to be adrift on any points of the faith and who, if our writings did not stand as faithful witness as to what constitutes truth, would lead away from the faith. Those who know of the grand and holy work done in the past, of the experience of the past fifty years in the cause of present truth, must witness to the revelations of the Spirit of God.*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 16*

I am thankful that Elder Haskell can connect with the California Conference and help to conduct the work on right lines. I have felt that he should be left free to a large extent to work in ministerial lines, leaving the business burdens of the conference for businessmen to handle. Strong, consecrated men should stand as his helpers.*23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 17*

As far as possible, I have endeavored to write out from time to time the experiences in connection with the work of the third angel's message, that it may be seen what was the work God gave me to do from the beginning. Elder Haskell, Elder Loughborough, Elder Butler—there are but few of the old pioneer workers still living who saw the wonderful works that God did to confirm the truth—these old standard-bearers are to be respected. When new and strange

theories are introduced, it is time to call a halt and to revive the past workings of the Lord's grace and power among us as a people.²³*LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 18*

As I have seen the old standard-bearers fall one by one, I have longed, O so much, that some might be spared as was the disciple John, to declare the great works of the Lord. The enemies of John, when they were not suffered to kill the aged servant of God, banished him to the isle of Patmos. I urge you to study the epistles of John. "That which was from the beginning," the apostle wrote, "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.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 19*

We are ever to seek to keep the evidences of the past before us. We must not give heed to the voice of those who would lessen the force of the testimony which God has given to His servants to communicate to men.²³*LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 20*

To the younger men and women I would say: If the truth of God is stamped on heart and mind and soul, you will regard the old waymarks; you will never lose sight of the grand truths that have made us what we are. Let the light shine forth in distinct rays to the world.²³*LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 21*

The Lord calls for thoroughly converted men who are students of the Word and who will give the truth to the people in pure doctrine. The missionary spirit needs to be revived in all our churches. Every church member should feel the burden of a special work, a special commission from the One who gave Himself a living sacrifice for the salvation of the world. The Son of God has pledged Himself to be the efficiency of every one who will unite with Him in the work of saving souls.²³*LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 22*

Ms 29, 1908

The Aim of Our School Work

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To the Teachers in Council:

We are rapidly nearing the final crisis in this world's history, and it is important that we understand that the educational advantages offered by our schools are not to be such as are offered by the schools of the world. Neither are we to follow the routine of worldly schools. The instruction given in Seventh-day Adventist schools is to be such as to lead to the practice of true humility. In speech, in dressing, in diet, and in the influence exerted is to be seen the simplicity of true godliness.²³*LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 1*

Our teachers need to understand the work that is to be done in these last days. The education given in our schools, in our churches, in our sanitariums should present clearly the great work to be accomplished. The need of weeding from the life every worldly practice that is opposed to the teachings of the Word of God, and of supplying their place with deeds that bear the mark of the divine nature, should be made clear to the students of all grades. Our work of education is ever to bear the impress of the heavenly, and thus reveal the excellency of divine instruction above that of the learning of the world.²³*LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 2*

To some this work of entire transformation may seem impossible. But if this were so, why go to the expense of attempting to carry on a work of Christian education at all? Our knowledge of what true education means is to lead us ever to seek for strict purity of character. In all our association together, we are to bear in mind that we are fitting for transfer to another world; the principles of

heaven are to be learned, the superiority of the future life to this impressed upon the mind of every learner. Teachers who fail to bring this into their work of education fail of having a part in the great work of developing character that can meet the approval of God.²³*LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 3*

The last earthly work of the prophet Elijah was to visit all the schools of the prophets in Israel and to give the students divine instruction. This he did and then ascended to the heavenly courts in a chariot of fire. As the world in this age comes more and more under the influence of Satan, the true children of God will desire more and more to be taught of Him. Teachers should be employed who will give a heavenly mold to the characters of the youth. Under the influence of such teachers, foolish and unessential practices will be exchanged for habits and practices befitting the sons and daughters of God.²³*LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 4*

As wickedness in the world becomes more pronounced, and the teachings of evil are more fully developed and widely accepted, the teachings of Christ are to stand forth exemplified in the lives of converted men and women. Angels are waiting to co-operate in every department of the work. This has been presented to me again and again. At this time, the people of God, the truly converted men and women, under the training of faithful teachers, are to be learning the lessons that the God of heaven values.²³*LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 5*

The most important work for our educational institutions to do at this time is to set before the world an example that will honor God. Holy angels through human agencies are to supervise the work, and every department is to bear the mark of divine excellence. Let the Word of God be made the chief book of study, that the students may learn to live by every word that Christ has given.²³*LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 6*

All our health institutions, all our publishing houses, and all our institutions of learning are to be conducted more and more like the divine model that has been given. When Christ is recognized as the head of all our working forces, more and more thoroughly will our institutions be cleansed from every common, worldly practice. The

show and the pretense, and many of the exhibitions that in the past have had a place in our schools, will find no place there when teachers and students seek to carry out God's will on earth as it is done in heaven. Christ, as the chief working agency, will mold and fashion characters after the divine order; and students and teachers, realizing that they are preparing for the higher school in the courts of God, will put away many things that are now thought to be necessary and will magnify and follow the methods of Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 7*

Into all to which the Christian sets his hand should be woven the thought of the life eternal. If the work performed is agricultural or mechanical in its nature, it may still be after the pattern of the heavenly. It is the privilege of the preceptors and teachers of our schools to reveal in all their works the leading of the Spirit of God. Through the grace of Christ every provision has been made for the perfecting of Christlike characters, and God is honored when His people in all their social and business dealings reveal the principles of heaven.*23LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 8*

The Lord gave an important lesson to His people in all ages when to Moses on the mount He gave instruction regarding the building of the tabernacle. In that work He required perfection in every detail. Moses was proficient in all the learning of the Egyptians; he had a knowledge of God, and God's purposes had been revealed to him in visions; but he did not know how to engrave and embroider.*23LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 9*

Israel had been held all their days in the bondage of Egypt; and although there were ingenious men among them, they had not been instructed in the curious arts which were called for in the building of the tabernacle. They knew how to make bricks, but they did not understand how to work in gold and silver. How was the work to be done? Who was sufficient for these things? These were questions that troubled the mind of Moses.*23LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 10*

Then God Himself explained how the work was to be accomplished. He signified by name the persons He desired to do a certain work. Bezaleel was to be the architect. This man belonged to the tribe of Judah—a tribe that God delighted to honor.*23LtMs, Ms 29, 1908,*

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“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.²³*LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 12*

“And I, behold I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee. The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, and the table and his furniture, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering, with all his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering, with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot. And the cloths of service, and the garments of Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons to minister in the priests’ office, and the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.”
[*Exodus 31:1-11.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 13*

The Lord demands uprightness in the smallest as well as the largest matters. Those who are accepted at last as members of the heavenly court will be men and women who here on earth had sought to carry out the Lord’s will in every particular, who had sought to put the impress of heaven upon their earthy labors. In order that the earthly tabernacle might represent the heavenly, it must be perfect in all its parts, and it must be in the smallest detail like the pattern in the heavens. So it is with the characters of those who are finally accepted in the sight of heaven.²³*LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 14*

The Son of God came down to earth, that in Him men and women might have a representation of the perfect characters which alone God could accept. Through the grace of Christ, every provision has

been made for the salvation of the human family. It is possible for every transaction entered into by those who claim to be Christians to be as pure as were the deeds of Christ. And the soul who accepts the virtues of Christ's character, and appropriates the merits of His life, is as precious in the sight of God as was His own beloved Son. Sincere and uncorrupted faith are to Him as gold and frankincense and myrrh, the gifts of the wise men to the Child of Bethlehem, and the evidence of their faith in Him as the promised Messiah.²³*LtMs, Ms 29, 1908, par. 15*

Ms 31, 1908

Deeper Consecration

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The teachers employed in our schools should be men who are acquainted with God through an experimental knowledge. They know Him because they obey all the commandments He has given them. Jehovah engraved His ten commandments on tables of stone, that all the inhabitants of the earth might understand His eternal and unchangeable character. Those teachers who desire to advance in learning and proficiency need to lay right hold of these wonderful revelations of God. But it is only as heart and mind are brought into harmony with God that they will understand the divine requirements. *23LtMs, Ms 31, 1908, par. 1*

None need concern themselves about those things which the Lord has not revealed to us. In these days speculations will abound, but the Lord declares, "The secret things belong unto the Lord." [*Deuteronomy 29:29*.] The voice that spoke to Israel from Sinai is speaking in these last days to men and women, saying, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." [*Exodus 20:3*.] The law of God was written with His own finger on tables of stone, thus showing that it could never be changed or abolished. It is to be preserved through the eternal ages, immutable as the principles of His government in heaven and in earth. Men have set their will against the will of God, but this will not silence His words of wisdom and command, though they may set their speculative theories in opposition to the teachings of revelation and exalt human wisdom above a plain "Thus saith the Lord." *23LtMs, Ms 31, 1908, par. 2*

It should be the determination of every soul who desires to enter the pearly gates not so much to seek to understand all about the conditions that will prevail in the future state as to know what the Lord requires of him in this life. It is the will of God that each professing Christian shall perfect a character after the divine

similitude. By studying the character of Christ revealed in the Word, by practicing His virtues, the believer will be changed into the same likeness of goodness and mercy. Christ's works of self-denial and sacrifice brought into the daily life will develop in the soul the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. There are many who wish to evade the cross-bearing part, but the Lord speaks to all when He says, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." [*Luke 9:23.*]*23LtMs, Ms 31, 1908, par. 3*

A great work is to be accomplished by the setting forth of the saving truths of the Bible. This is the means ordained of God to stem the tide of moral corruption in the earth. Christ gave His own life to make it possible for man to be restored to the image of God. It is the power of His grace that draws men together in obedience to the truth. Those who would experience more of the sanctification of the truth in their own souls should present the truth to those who are ignorant of it. Never will they find a more elevating, ennobling work.*23LtMs, Ms 31, 1908, par. 4*

The Teacher an Evangelist

The work of educating our youth as outlined for us in the instruction given of God is to be sacredly maintained. For this reason we must select as teachers those who will educate in right lines. Said my Instructor: Let not teachers be chosen to educate and train youth who will not maintain the simplicity of Christ's methods. His teachings contained the very essence of sanctified simplicity.*23LtMs, Ms 31, 1908, par. 5*

Those teachers who present matters to the students in an uncertain light are not fitted for the work of educating the youth. No man is qualified for this work unless he is daily learning to speak the words of the Teacher sent from God. Now is the time to sow the gospel seed. The seed we sow must be clean and pure, and that which will produce the choicest fruit. We have no time to lose. The work of our schools is to become more and more in character like the work of Christ. Only the power of the grace of God working on human hearts and minds will make and keep the atmosphere of our schools and churches clean.*23LtMs, Ms 31, 1908, par. 6*

There have been teachers in our schools who could pass well in a worldly institution of learning, but who were unfitted for the training of our youth because they were ignorant of the truths of the gospel of Christ. They were unable to bring the simplicity of Christ into their labors. It should be the work of every teacher to present those truths that have called us out to stand as a peculiar people before the world, and which are able to keep us in harmony with heaven's laws. In the messages that have been sent to us from time to time, we have truths that will accomplish a wonderful work of reform in our characters, if we will give them place. They will prepare us from entrance into the holy city of God. It is our privilege to make continual advancement to a higher grade of Christian living.*23LtMs, Ms 31, 1908, par. 7*

One night I was awakened and instructed to write a straight testimony regarding the work of our school at Loma Linda. By that school, a solemn and sacred work was to be done. The teachings of health reform were to stand out clearly and brightly, that all the youth in attendance might learn to practice them. All our educators should be strict health reformers. The Lord desires that genuine missionaries shall go out as pioneers from our schools. They are to be fully consecrated to the work, as laborers together with God, daily enlarging their sphere of usefulness and becoming more fully sanctified through the truth. The influence of a consecrated medical missionary teacher in our schools is invaluable.*23LtMs, Ms 31, 1908, par. 8*

I have been instructed to present these things before our teachers. We need to be converted from our faulty lives to the faith of the gospel. Christ's followers have no need to try to shine. If they will behold constantly the life of Christ, they will be changed in mind and heart into the same image. Then they will shine without any superficial attempt. The Lord asks for no display of goodness. In the gift of His Son, He has made provision that our inward lives may be imbued with the principles of heaven. It is the appropriation of this provision that will lead to a manifestation of Christ to the world. When the people of God experience the new birth, their honesty, their uprightness, their fidelity, their steadfast principles will unflinchingly reveal it. O what words were spoken to me! What gentleness was recommended through the grace abundantly given!

The greatest manifestation that men and women can make of the grace and power of Christ is made when the natural man becomes partaker of the divine nature and, through the power that the grace of Christ imparts, overcomes the corruptions that are in the world through lust.²³*LtMs, Ms 31, 1908, par. 9*

Ms 33, 1908

Home Schools

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As church schools shall be established in the future, there is a class of work to be done in connection with them that has not been done in the past. All who can should have the privileges of a home church school. It would be well if several families in a neighborhood would unite to employ a humble, God-fearing teacher to give to the parents the help that is needed in educating their children. This will be a great advantage, and a plan more pleasing to the Lord than that which has largely been followed of removing the youth from their homes to attend one of our larger schools. The church members, uniting, could erect an inexpensive building and secure a wise teacher to take charge of the school.*23LtMs, Ms 33, 1908, par.*

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Our small churches are needed. And the children are needed in their homes, where they may be a help to their parents when the hours of study are ended. The Christian home is the best place for young children; for here they can have parental discipline that is after the Lord's order. God would have us consider these things in all their sacred importance. It is the precious privilege of teachers and parents to co-operate in teaching the children how to drink in the gladness of Christ's life by learning to follow His example. The Saviour's early years were useful years. He was His mother's helper in the home; and He was just as verily fulfilling His commission when performing the duties of the home and working at the carpenter's bench, as when He engaged in His public work of ministry.*23LtMs, Ms 33, 1908, par. 2*

It is not required that all the youth rush off from home responsibilities to seminaries or higher schools in order to reach the highest round of the ladder. It should be remembered that right in the home there are generally young children to be instructed. The

elder should ever seek to help the younger. Let the elder members of the family consider that this part of the Lord's vineyard needs to be cultivated and resolve that they will put forth their best capabilities to make home attractive and to deal patiently with younger minds.*23LtMs, Ms 33, 1908, par. 3*

There are young persons in our homes whom the Lord has qualified to give the knowledge they have to others. Let these strive to keep spiritual lessons fresh in the mind, that they may impart the knowledge they have gained. If these older members of the family would become learners with the children, new ideas would be suggested, and the hours of study would be a time of decided pleasure as well as of profit.*23LtMs, Ms 33, 1908, par. 4*

The tender years of childhood are years of sacred responsibility to fathers and mothers. Parents have a sacred duty to perform in teaching their children to help bear the burdens of the home, to be content with plain and simple food and neat and inexpensive dress. The requirements of the parent should always be reasonable; kindness should be expressed, not by foolish indulgence, but by wise direction. Parents are to teach their children pleasantly, without scolding or faultfinding, seeking to bind the hearts of the little ones to them by the silken cords of love. Let all, fathers and mothers, teachers, older brothers and sisters, become an educating force to keep up every spiritual interest, and create a wholesome atmosphere in the home and school life that will train the younger children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*23LtMs, Ms 33, 1908, par. 5*

Our children are the Lord's property; they have been bought with a price. This thought should be the mainspring of our labors for them. The most successful method of assuring their salvation, and keeping them out of the way of temptation, is to instruct them constantly in the Word of God. And as parents become learners with their children, they will find their own growth in a knowledge of the truth more rapid. Unbelief will disappear; faith and activity will increase; assurance and confidence will deepen as they thus follow on to know the Lord. Their prayers will undergo a transformation, becoming more earnest and sincere. Christ is the head of His church, the dependence of His people; He will give the needed

grace to those who seek Him for wisdom and instruction.*23LtMs, Ms 33, 1908, par. 6*

I speak to fathers and mothers: You can be educators in your home churches; you can be spiritual missionary agencies. Let fathers and mothers feel the need of being home missionaries, the need of keeping the home atmosphere free from the influence of unkind and hasty speech, and the home school a place where angels of God can come in and bless and give success to the efforts put forth.*23LtMs, Ms 33, 1908, par. 7*

Let parents unite in providing a place for the daily instruction of their children, choosing as teacher one who is apt to teach, and who, as a consecrated servant of Christ, will increase in knowledge while imparting instruction. The teacher who has consecrated self to the service of God will be able to do a definite work in missionary service and will instruct the children in the same lines. Let fathers and mothers co-operate with the teacher, laboring earnestly for the salvation of their children. If parents will realize the importance of these small educating centers, co-operating to do the work that the Lord desires to be done at this time, the plans of the enemy for our children will be frustrated.*23LtMs, Ms 33, 1908, par. 8*

Ms 35, 1908

Sermon/Conflict and Victory

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“And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis, which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.”
[*Revelation 3:1-5.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 1*

The expression “he that overcometh” indicates that there is something for every one of us to overcome. The overcomer is to be clothed in the white raiment of Christ’s righteousness, and of him it is written, “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.” Oh, what a privilege it is to be an overcomer, and to have our names presented before the Father by the Saviour Himself! And when, as overcomers, we shall be “clothed in white raiment,” the Lord will acknowledge our faithfulness as verily as He acknowledged the “few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments;” and we shall walk with Him in white, for through His atoning sacrifice we shall be accounted worthy. [*Verses 4, 5.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 2*

My dear friends, in view of these encouraging promises, how earnestly should we strive to perfect a character that will enable us

to stand before the Son of God! Only those who are clothed in the garments of His righteousness will be able to endure the glory of His presence when He shall appear with “power and great glory.” [Matthew 24:30.]*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 3*

It means much to be an overcomer. The besetments of the enemy and all his evil agencies must be firmly resisted. Every moment we must be on guard. Not for one instant are we to lose sight of Christ and of His power to save in the hour of trial. Our hand must be placed in His, that we may be upheld by the power of His might.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 4*

We read further: “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth: I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.” [Revelation 3:7-9.]*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 5*

A battle is continually going on between the forces for good and the forces for evil, between the angels of God and the fallen angels. We are beset before and behind, on the right hand and on the left. The conflict that we are passing through is the last that we shall have in this world. We are now in the midst of it. Two parties are striving for the supremacy. In this conflict we cannot be neutral. We must stand either on one side or on the other. If we take our position on the side of Christ, if we acknowledge Him before the world in word and work, we are bearing a living testimony as to whom we have chosen to serve and honor. In this important period of earth’s history, we cannot afford to leave any one in uncertainty as to whose side we are on.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 6*

The True Witness declares: “Behold, I have set before thee an open door.” [Verse 8.] Let us thank God with heart and soul and voice; and let us learn to approach unto Him as through an open door, believing that we may come freely with our petitions, and that He

will hear and answer. It is by a living faith in His power to help that we shall receive strength to fight the battles of the Lord with the confident assurance of victory.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 7*

“Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” [*Verse 10.*] We are now in this great hour of temptation that is to try all the world. In order to gain the victory over every besetment of the enemy, we must lay hold on a power out of and beyond ourselves. If we are self-sufficient, and think that we may go on just as we please, and yet hope to come out on the right side finally, we shall find that we have made a terrible mistake. As those who hope to receive the overcomer’s reward, we must press forward in the Christian warfare. At every advance, we shall meet with opposition.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 8*

“Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” [*Verse 11.*] Here again we are admonished to faithfulness, in view of the conflict. We must not yield any point that we have already gained. From now on till Jesus comes, the battle will wax fiercer and still fiercer. We shall have to meet and resist men who are regarded as very wise and learned, but who are not spiritually wise unto salvation. Our only hope of saving our own souls and of helping others to be saved is to receive the righteousness of Jesus Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 9*

In this Scripture is brought to view the hour of temptation that is to try them that dwell upon the earth. There is no escape for any one from this conflict. If in your life there are defective traits of character that you are not striving to overcome, you may be assured that the enemy will take advantage; for he is watching vigilantly, seeking to spoil the faith of every one. We must maintain a constant, living connection with Christ, who has power to give victory to every soul that will maintain an attitude of faith and humility.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 10*

We are seeking for a crown, a crown of glory that fadeth not away. As overcomers, we are to reign with Christ in the heavenly courts; and we are to overcome through the blood of the Lamb and the

word of our testimony.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 11*

“Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verses 12, 13.*]*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 12*

“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the beginning of the creation of God: I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.” [*Verses 14-16.*]*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 13*

Those who profess to serve Christ, while in life they deny Him, are not thoroughly converted and are regarded by Christ as very offensive. Of every such one, He says, “I will spue thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 14*

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verses 16-22.*]*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 15*

It will profit us to study carefully the book of Revelation. There are in this book many precious truths that we should bring into our living, daily experience.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 16*

We are not to rest quietly, with the thought that the devil will have nothing to do with us; but we can have the assurance that we shall not be left helpless, to be overcome by him. Yet if we, like many others, put forth no special effort to resist him, he will work to lead us away from the truth. If we give him the least encouragement, he will not wait for an invitation to come into our hearts. He will take possession of the mind, and then, although we may even think that we are being wonderfully led by the Lord, we shall be deceived. Our minds have been bought with an infinite price, and we cannot afford to give them over to the control of the enemy. We have no right to follow impulse and regard it as the guidance of heaven. We must have evidence that we are receiving the stamp of the divine character, such as will be acknowledged in the heavenly courts.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 17*

The Lord desires us to know what is our work in this world. Those who have come into right relation to God will have a living experience in carrying out His purposes. They will be enabled to help those who are tempted. Angels of God will open the way before them; and as they follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit, they will work for their neighbors and friends.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 18*

If, while professing to know the truth, we lead others away from Christ by our example, there rests upon us a terrible accountability. It is a sad truth that some are carrying out plans and methods of their own devising, believing these to be right, when in reality they are sadly deceived. Because they fail of maintaining a living connection with God, they are led by a spirit that is at enmity with God and His work. O that these deceived souls may yet repent and be converted!*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 19*

Why should we be so particular in regard to our life conduct? Oh, there is a world lying in darkness, waiting for the Light of life, a world for whom Christ has given His life! In His plan for the redemption of the fallen race, Jesus came to the earth and was subject to the same temptations wherewith man is beset. No one will be called to pass through temptations so severe as were those our Saviour endured. Because of this, our great High Priest knows how to succor those who are tempted. He knows how to

sympathize with them when in their great need they call for help. There are severe trials before every one of us, yet we need not fail. In the hour of temptation, Christ will not leave His children, but will send His angels to minister unto them. He will answer their prayers for deliverance.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 20*

The Lord desires us to pray much. He desires us to maintain a firm hold on His divine power. His blessings are to be sought, not merely for our own benefit, but for the benefit of our fellow men. In view of the power of our influence for good or ill, we cannot afford to deviate from the right way; for if we do wrong, we may lead some one else astray. "Make straight paths for your feet," writes the apostle Paul, "lest that which is lame be turned out of the way." [*Hebrews 12:13.*] If with clear, sanctified vision we keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus, and walk by faith, we shall not stumble and fall. By beholding, we shall become changed into the likeness of the divine.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 21*

Our Saviour laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown and left the glories of heaven to come to this world. He clothed His divinity with humanity. He designed that fallen humanity might touch His humanity and receive from Him power to be partakers of the divine nature and to overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust. He is our pattern, and I beseech of you, my brethren, to lay hold of the power that is ours through the union of the divine and the human in Christ. He overcame for us, and we may claim His merits. We may plead His power, His virtue. And as we co-operate with Him, and live in harmony with His law, He will cleanse our natures from sin and impart to us His righteousness.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 22*

The world is to be warned of the impending judgments of God that will precede the second coming of Christ. Those who know the truth should be taught to labor earnestly for their neighbors and friends. Special efforts must be put forth in behalf of those who do not know the truth. As we ourselves learn more and more how to overcome through the blood of the Lamb, and through the word of our testimony, we shall labor to help those who are weak, and who have been unable to overcome.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 23*

There are many who have never heard from the Word the reasons for our faith. And yet some of our ministers feel a burden to hover over little companies of believers in an effort to hold them together. The best way to hold them together is to induce them to maintain a living connection with God and to exert their influence in seeking to draw others to Him. It is our work to help others to place their feet upon the right foundation and to understand their duty through a prayerful study of the Scriptures.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 24*

Satan knows that his time is short, and he will put forth every effort in his power to destroy our faith in God and in His Word. His agencies are following us constantly, seeking to induce us to follow his plans, to take a wrong course in word and deed. But if we will grasp the power that Christ offers, seeking the Lord diligently and watching unto prayer, we shall have all power and wisdom to meet the attacks of the enemy.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 25*

Many of our people do not seem to realize that the time has come for every one to take his stand positively on the side of Jesus Christ and the heavenly angels. By their indifference, by carelessness in word and act, they leave themselves open to the molding influence of the enemy. They seem asleep as regards the issues that are now before the world.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 26*

I wish to read to you the description of a scene that passed before me not many years ago. This is published in (*Testimonies for the Church 8:41-47*), under the title "A View of the Conflict":*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 27*

"In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust, as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe, and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standard of Emmanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried out with a loud voice: 'Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean,

and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters. Let all who will, come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.'*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 28*

"The battle raged. Victory alternated from side to side. Now the soldiers of the cross gave way, 'as when a standard-bearer fainteth.' *Isaiah 10:18*. But their apparent retreat was but to gain a more advantageous position. Shouts of joy were heard. A song of praise to God went up, and angel voices united in the song, as Christ's soldiers planted His banner on the walls of fortresses till then held by the enemy. The Captain of our salvation was ordering the battle, and sending support to His soldiers. His power was mightily displayed, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates. He taught them terrible things in righteousness as He led them on step by step, conquering and to conquer.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 29*

"At last the victory was gained. The army following the banner with the inscription, 'The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus' [*Revelation 14:12*], was gloriously triumphant. The soldiers of Christ were close beside the gates of the city, and with joy the city received her King. The kingdom of peace and joy and everlasting righteousness was established.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 30*

"Now the church is militant. Now we are confronted with a world in midnight darkness, almost wholly given over to idolatry. But the day is coming in which the battle will have been fought, the victory won. The will of God is to be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. Then the nations will own no other law than the law of heaven. All will be a happy, united family, clothed with the garments of praise and thanksgiving—the robe of Christ's righteousness. All nature, in its surpassing loveliness, will offer to God a constant tribute of praise and adoration. The world will be bathed in the light of heaven. The years will move on in gladness. The light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven-fold greater than it is now. Over the scene the morning stars will sing together, and the sons of God will shout for joy, while God and Christ will unite in proclaiming, 'There shall be no more sin, neither shall there be any more death.' [See *Revelation 21:4*.]*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908,*

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“This is the scene that is presented to me. But the church must and will fight against seen and unseen foes. Men have confederated to oppose the Lord of hosts. These confederacies will continue until Christ shall leave His place of intercession before the mercy seat, and shall put on the garments of vengeance. Satanic agencies are in every city, busily organizing into parties those opposed to the law of God. Professed saints and avowed unbelievers take their stand with these parties. This is no time for the people of God to be weaklings. We cannot afford to be off our guard for one moment.²³*LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 32*

“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 spiritual 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.*²³*LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 33*

“This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.’ *Philippians 1:9-11.*²³*LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 34*

“Let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ; ... stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries; which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only

to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.' *Philippians 1:27-29*.²³*LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 35*

"There are revealed in these last days visions of future glory, scenes pictured by the hand of God, and these should be dear to His church. What sustained the Son of God in His betrayal and trial?—He saw of the travail of His soul, and was satisfied. He caught a view of the expanse of eternity, and saw the happiness of those who through His humiliation should receive pardon and everlasting life. He was wounded for their transgressions, bruised for their iniquities. The chastisement of their peace was upon Him, and with His stripes they were healed. His ear caught the shout of the redeemed. He heard the ransomed ones singing the song of Moses and the Lamb."²³*LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 36*

As I see representations of the terrible conflict that is now waging, and realize that those who are victorious will be with their Lord forevermore, I feel as if I cannot spare myself. I must do all I can to help others win the victory and the crown of life. I am now in my eighty-first year, and yet I cannot lay down the burden. My pen is in my hand almost constantly, excepting when I am in attendance at some meeting. I am always glad when I can have the privilege of speaking to a company of people in the hope that the words I speak will be received and will exert an influence for good upon life and character.²³*LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 37*

Since my return from Australia, I have felt a great burden for the work in Oakland. Frequently the Lord has revealed to me, as an indication of unfaithfulness on the part of His people, the little that is being done in our large cities. In the camp-meetings and tent-meetings that have been held in Oakland, I have stood before our own people and with most earnest entreaties have labored to persuade them to give the truth to those who know it not. But many in our churches say, "We want your labors; we want you to preach to us." Let those who believe the truth go out and preach it. Let them practice it before their neighbors. The Lord calls upon you, my brethren, to gain a deep, living experience in the things of God. There are sacrifices that we must make. Shall we let the multitudes

who know nothing of the truth perish in their sins, unwarned? Satan is planning to hold these souls fast. He is seeking to hedge up our opportunities for reaching them. But the God of heaven is also at work in their behalf. As you seek to labor for them, His angels will go before you to prepare their hearts, and the same heavenly agencies will go with you as you visit them, to tell them of the sin-pardoning Saviour.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 38*

Who will now carry this burden? In view of the great needs all about us, who can be content to hover over our own churches, neither gaining nor imparting strength? Let those who have a living connection with God go out and labor for unbelievers. We do not call for those who are half asleep to go in their present condition, but we beseech of them to awake, to lay hold of the arm of infinite strength, and then go forth, speaking the words of life.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 39*

Let us now seek God with all the heart, that we may find Him. For your souls' sake, I ask you to resist the devil. The promise is that he will flee from you. Put on the whole armor of righteousness, and press the battle to the gates. Heavenly angels will be with you to minister to your needs. You can speak the words of truth, and they will make an impression upon the heart.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 40*

How many of those present will now take a position on the Lord's side, enlisting to fight the good warfare? Ask the Saviour to anoint your eyes with the heavenly eyesalve, that you may have spiritual discernment. Break with the enemy, and come into line with the soldiers of Jesus Christ and with heavenly angels. Here is a world perishing in sin; and I beg of you, for Christ's sake, to work along right lines.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 41*

Are there those who will pledge themselves to live a life of prayer, ceasing to find fault, ceasing to criticize their brethren, and striving henceforth to be co-laborers with Christ Jesus? There are souls to be saved, and we cannot afford to lay stumbling blocks in one another's way. Now we ask you to seek the Lord with all the heart. Will those who are determined to cut loose from every temptation of the enemy, and to seek for heaven above, signify such

determination by rising to their feet. (Nearly all the congregation responded.)*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 42*

We desire that every one of you shall be saved. We desire that for you the gates of the city of God shall swing back on their glittering hinges, and that you, with all the nations who have kept the truth, may enter in. There we shall give praise and thanksgiving and glory to Christ and to the Father evermore, even forever and ever. May God help us to be faithful in His service during the conflict, and overcome at last, and win the crown of life eternal.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 43*

(Praying) My heavenly Father, I come to Thee at this time, just as I am, poor and needy, and dependent upon Thee. I ask Thee to give me and give this people the grace that perfects Christian character. Wilt Thou have compassion upon this people? Let Thy light shine into the chambers of the mind, and into the soul-temple.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 44*

My Saviour, Thou hast given Thy life to purchase Thine inheritance, that, as overcomers, they may enter the kingdom of God, where they shall go no more out forever. Bless those who have signified their desire to serve Thee. Put Thy Spirit upon them.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 45*

I ask Thee, heavenly Father, to let Thy Holy Spirit come to this people. May Thy salvation be revealed. Touch their hearts, and make them very tender. Soften them by Thy Holy Spirit, and help them to see the work to be done for their neighbors, and for souls that are perishing all around them. O awaken them to their responsibilities! May they wash their robes of character, and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. Wilt Thou encircle them in the arms of Thy mercy? Plead with them through the impressions of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may try to let their light shine to those that have not known the truth. Put Thy church in order, O Lord, that they may labor for souls.*23LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 46*

My Saviour, reveal Thyself to this people. Let Thy love be expressed—O let it be revealed! Hold Thy people, that Satan may not have his will and way with them. Help them to press through all opposition, that at last they may lay their crowns at the feet of Jesus

in the city of God; and Thy name shall have all the glory.
Amen.²³*LtMs, Ms 35, 1908, par. 47*

Ms 37, 1908

Sermon/Abiding in Christ

Oakland, California

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“I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 1*

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 2*

“If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” [*John 15:1-7.*]*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 3*

It is your privilege to be one with Christ as He is one with the Father. If you are a member of such a union, you will not ask favors of Him from a selfish motive, but you will be prompted by pure, holy desires, and your petitions will be such as God can grant.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 4*

The Saviour next points out the sign of discipleship: “Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.” [*Verse 8.*]*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 5*

By faith we are to lay hold on a living God and maintain an experience that shall breathe love, tenderness, kindness, compassion, and affection. These traits of character are the fruit

that the Lord Jesus desires us to produce, and to present before the world as a witness that we have a Saviour who can uplift and who can satisfy. We have not as our Saviour one who will continually cast a shadow across our pathway. We need not be on the losing side; for in everything He is our efficiency.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 6*

What we need is the presence of Jesus Christ. We want His truth shining in our hearts, pervading all our life actions. This will determine whether or not we are branches of the true vine. If we are fruit-bearing branches, we may expect that the Great Husbandman will prune us, that we may bring forth more fruit. All that is useless, all that would hinder our growth in the Christian life, must be removed. We are to be representatives of Jesus Christ who died for us that we might have life. The sanctification of the Holy Spirit of God is to be manifested in our heart and revealed in our disposition, in our conversation, in all our dealing with others. After we have made a promise, even though we consider that we have acted against our own interests to the advantage of others, we are not to break our word. Let us all be Christians. God desires us to stand with Him, His grace resting upon us, His character revealed by our influence.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 7*

“As the Father hath loved Me,” He continues, “so have I loved you: continue ye in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love.” [*Verses 9, 10.*] This language is so plain that there need be no mistake as to what God requires of us. “This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.” [*1 John 5:3.*]*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 8*

Our duty is made so plain in the Word that there will be no excuse for us if we fail. It is our privilege to believe the words of Christ. If we exercise a living faith in God’s power, we shall be overcomers. May the Holy Spirit come into our mind and heart, and transform our character, so that we may discern the right, and may give to the world an example of a true Christian life.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 9*

“These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” [*John 15:11.*]23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 10

We, as Christians, are not required to go about with long faces, sighing as though we had no Saviour and no hope. This will not glorify God. He desires us to be cheerful. He desires us to be filled with praises to His name. He desires us to carry light in our countenances and joy in our hearts. We have a hope that is far above any pleasures that the world can give, and this fact should be made manifest.23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 11

Why should not our joy be full—full, lacking nothing? We have an assurance that Jesus is our Saviour, and that we may draw freely from Him. We may partake freely of the rich provision that He has made for us in His Word. We may take Him at His word, believe on Him, and know that He will give us grace and power to do just as He bids us. He has given us every assurance, and He will fulfil all that He has promised.23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 12

We may constantly seek the joy of His presence. We need not be all the time upon our knees in prayer, but we may be constantly asking for His grace, even when we are walking on the streets or when we are engaged in our ordinary daily duties. We may constantly keep the mind ascending to Christ, and He will freely impart to us of His grace; for He Himself has said, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” [*Matthew 7:7.*]23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 13

The joy of Christ is a pure, unalloyed cheerfulness. It is not a cheap gaiety that leads to vanity of words or lightness of conduct. No, we are to have His joy, and His greatest joy was to see men obeying the truth.23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 14

“This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” [*John 15:12.*] This is a wonderful statement. In our lives we are to exemplify the love of Christ. Then, like Him, we shall labor most earnestly for the salvation of sinners. He desires that we shall abide in Him, that He may work through us in keeping before the world such a representation of the infinite love of God as He Himself gave. Through our lives the despondent may receive an

assurance that it is possible to be partakers of the divine nature, and by taking hold of this divinity, win the victory that all must win who shall enter in through the gates into the city.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 15*

It seems impossible for us to comprehend Christ's great love for us. We can only behold the wonderful sacrifice that He made in manifesting that love. He who was one with the Father laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown and in coming to this world clothed His divinity with humanity. Had He come in all His glory, escorted by myriads of angels, no man could have endured the sight. But He took upon Himself humanity, that He might perfect in His own life a humanity that we can lay hold of and be united with divinity. The divine nature is to be imparted to every true seeker after Jesus Christ. Divinity must be united with humanity. Thus humanity may be partakers of the divine nature, that men may be able to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 16*

Without perfection of character, no one can enter the pearly gates of the city of God; for if, with all our imperfections, we were permitted to enter that city, there would soon be in heaven a second rebellion. We must first be tried and chosen, and found faithful and true. Upon the purification of our character rests our only hope of eternal life.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 17*

In so far as we lack perfection of character, thus far do we fail of attaining that which God has provided for us through Jesus Christ. If we do not lay hold upon the provisions of His grace, we shall have a cheap experience governed by our own impetuous, changeable disposition. We cannot glorify God by our own efforts. We must become partakers of the divine nature, abiding in Him as the branches abide in the vine.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 18*

God helping me, I am determined to be an overcomer. Through Christ, I shall obtain the victory. Then His joy will remain in me, and my joy be full. I will talk of His goodness; I will tell of His power. Through a dependence upon the divinity of Christ, I may overcome as He overcame.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 19*

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for

his friends. Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.” [*Verses 13-15.*]23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 20

Here is brought to view our work. There is something that we are to make known to the world. If Jesus Christ is revealed in us, the world will see that humanity may lay hold of divinity. There will be no excuse for us if we fail in overcoming as God requires of us. The question we must now decide is, Will we put on the armor of righteousness? Will we lay hold of the divinity of Jesus Christ, that we may receive strength to overcome?23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 21

“Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.” [*Verse 16.*]23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 22

Can we desire more than this? Then why, with such a promise, should we manifest unbelief? Why should we be halfhearted in our efforts to follow Christ? What excuse can we have for occupying such a position? May the Lord God of heaven tear away the film that dims our perception, hindering us from discerning the requirements of Jesus Christ and following Him. May we, by living faith, grasp the hand of Infinite Power. This is our privilege; and if we take Christ at His word, He is honored and glorified. Then our joy will be full, and we shall not appear as a company of mourners. Happy are the people who have laid hold of the divine nature, and escaped the corruption that is in the world.23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 23

“Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit.” [*Verse 16.*] We are ordained unto God to bear fruit. Was this not our experience when we were led down into the water and baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost? What did that mean?—It meant that the three great powers in heaven were pledged to keep us so long as we remain one with Christ, united to the vine.23LtMs, Ms

37, 1908, par. 24

We are not, because Christ died, left a company of orphans. "Greater works than these shall ye do," says He, "because I go unto My Father." [John 14:12.] It is possible for us to obtain victory after victory and be the most happy people on the face of the earth. True, we shall feel sorrow as we see the results of sin around us. But we have a message to bear that can, through the grace of Christ as revealed in the Word, transform the sinner. We are not to fold our arms and do nothing. If there are around us unconverted ones, we are not to leave them till the day of judgment to find out what their sins are. We must hunt for these people. We have words to speak to them of the highest, holiest import. As we endeavor to win them to Christ, we must ever keep Him in view.²³*LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 25*

We are to overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. When God is dishonored by men who appear to be doing the will of God, then we sometimes have a very plain testimony to bear. We must take a decided stand on the side of Christ, to approve that which is of Him. Unless we do this, we shall not be accounted as faithful stewards.²³*LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 26*

I have felt compelled to bear some very straight testimonies to men who, though dead in trespasses and sins, did not realize their true condition. They have even thought that, because they were doing a certain work, they were doing the will of God. But when it came to a representation of Jesus Christ in character, they revealed a decided failure. To those who receive testimony after testimony from the Spirit of God, and do not heed the reproof, the time will come when, unless they repent and are converted, the Spirit will no longer strive with them.²³*LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 27*

Every day of our lives, we need a manifestation of the converting power of God. There must be a continual yielding of self to do the will of God. Our will is not a sanctified will unless it is in harmony with His will. And if it is in harmony with His will, our actions will bear testimony to that fact. God will not leave us in darkness, not knowing whether we are serving Him or not. We have the Word, and our actions will bear testimony as to whether or not we are

obeying that Word.²³*LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 28*

We need not go about like a band of mourners. We may commit our case to God, saying, "I will do Thy will, whatever comes. I will honor Thy name." Now that is just what every one of us will have to do if we are to have the divine nature and be enabled to distinguish between right and wrong, and to overcome every evil thing.²³*LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 29*

"These things I command you, that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for My name's sake, because they know not Him that sent Me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth Me hateth My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both Me and My Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated Me without a cause." [*John 15:17-25.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 30*

Jesus says, "They hated Me without a cause." [*Verse 25.*] And if we take a straightforward course to lift up Jesus Christ, if we work determinedly, that we may bring souls to Him, we shall arouse the hatred of the world, even as did He whom we follow.²³*LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 31*

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning." [*Verses 26, 27.*] I am very glad that our workers have the privilege of attending these meetings. I hope that as a result of the labors put forth here, some who have not been keeping the commandments of God will be led to feel that it is high time to take hold of the divine nature of

Jesus Christ, in order that they may be overcomers. Do not allow these opportunities to pass by without seeking the Lord with all the heart. Let every one repent and be converted. If you will do this, you will see of the salvation of God. We may be misunderstood by the world; for spiritual things are spiritually discerned; but we are to go straightforward, following in the footsteps of our Lord. We are to trust Him who is spirit and life to the believer.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 32*

Confess your sins while you may. Clear the King's highway, that He may use you as His disciples. He will accept every one who comes to Him. Whoso shall confess and forsake his sins shall find mercy. Even the thief, dying on the cross in awful agony, asked for forgiveness, and it was granted to him. His request to be remembered by the Saviour when He should come into His kingdom was granted. "Verily, verily I say unto thee today, Thou shalt be with Me in paradise." [*Luke 23:43.*] Not that he would be with Christ in paradise that same day, for Jesus did not then Himself go to paradise.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 33*

I hope that all will here seek the Lord with the whole heart, that you may touch a new spring of praise and glory and thanksgiving to God and Jesus Christ, and that the light of heaven may shine into your hearts, and the glory of God be revealed in your lives. Make a steady work of overcoming. Be sure that your words and actions are right and sanctified.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 34*

God calls upon His people to come into line. There is a great work to be done in a short time, and there is no time for hesitation. Plead with God, saying, "I make an entire surrender. I give myself away to Thee." Then be joyful. The Word is in you, purifying and cleansing your character. God does not want His children to go about with anxiety and sorrow expressed in their faces. He wants the lovely expression of His countenance to be revealed in every one of us who are partakers of the divine nature; for we have power to escape the corruptions of the world.*23LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 35*

May God help you to labor for eternity. He wants you to have eternal life, and you may have it. If you will come to Christ, confess your sins in humility, and put them away, He will use you and will

enable you to help others. You may be workers together—together! If you separate from God you can do nothing—workers together with Him. That is our privilege. May God help us as we strive for the victory.²³*LtMs, Ms 37, 1908, par. 36*

Ms 39, 1908

Sermon/Let Us Glorify God

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It will be profitable for us to consider some of the important truths contained in the last recorded prayer of Christ with His disciples just before His betrayal and crucifixion. From the *seventeenth chapter of John* we read:*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 1*

“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.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 2*

“I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word.” [*Verses 1-6.*]*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 3*

Important responsibilities are resting upon us. Let us be very careful lest we dishonor the work of Jesus Christ, regarding lightly the work of salvation which cost so much. In our course of action, and in our words, let us seek to glorify Him.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 4*

“Now they have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee. For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me.” [*Verses 7, 8.*]*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 5*

Then what is our work? We are to give to others the very words that Christ gave to His disciples. These words are of value both for time and for eternity. We are to glorify, not ourselves, but God.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 6*

“I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine. And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them.” [*Verses 9, 10.*]*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 7*

To glorify God is a living experience that must be realized in every one of us. We are not to look to men for direction as to what we shall do. Our commission is to come from God. We are to receive our orders from Him, for if we always do as He bids us, we shall make no mistakes.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 8*

“And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are.” [*Verse 11.*]*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 9*

“One as We are”—one as the Father and the Son are one. If we realized that angels of God were looking upon us, would we not be less careless and indifferent? Let us be sure that all our works are wrought in God. Let us be careful of our words. O there is so much speech that is not for the glory of God. Would it not be much better if we should talk less and pray more?*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 10*

“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. And now come I to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have”—perplexity, sorrow, or groaning?—No, no—“that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.” [*Verses 12, 13.*]*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 11*

God wants every one of us to be happy in living in harmony with Christ’s example. He wants us all to rejoice in the redemption that has been wrought for us. He wants us to lift up Christ before the people; to glorify Him in our words and in our actions.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 12*

“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.” [*Verses 14, 15.*]23*LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 13*

We shall have to associate with people of the world, but we may show a determination of character ever to keep in view the glory of God. Wherever we are, we have a work to do for the world. When we go out into the world, we are not to leave our religion at home. In all our association with men and women, we are to reveal the purity and gentleness of Christ’s character. Whenever we see an opportunity to speak a word in favor of Christ and His truth, let that word be spoken. There should rest upon us continually a burden to manifest Christ to the world.23*LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 14*

“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.*]23*LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 15*

If we are to be sanctified through the truth, we must know what is truth. This sanctifying truth is revealed in the Bible, and in order to understand it we must have the help of the Holy Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit will, if we are individually partakers of the divine nature, enable us to escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust. The light of the glory of God must shine into our hearts, that we may develop a pure and holy character.23*LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 16*

“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.” [*Verses 18, 19.*]23*LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 17*

Amid great obstacles and difficulties, we are to continue the special work that He began on earth.23*LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 18*

“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.” [*Verses 20,*

21.]*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 19*

Such unity is wonderful, too wonderful for us to comprehend fully. Let us never work at cross purposes with our brethren; for we must ever keep in view the glory of God. He is glorified, not by the counterworking of one and another, but by a unity that is based upon a belief of the truth.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 20*

God is ready to do great things for us, if we will only reach the high standard that He has set before us. If we would live up to our privileges, hundreds more would be converted from darkness and error to a belief of the truth.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 21*

We cannot afford to live a half-way religion; for unless we take a decided position on the right side, we shall be heavy losers.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 22*

Christ said to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [*Matthew 5:14, 16.*] To exert a converting influence is our mission in the world. We should feel a solemn obligation to fulfil our part of the terms of salvation and redemption, to reach such a condition of unity with God and with one another that the world may realize that we are in the love of the Father. We want to convince men that the Father loves them, even as He loves His own Son.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 23*

"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 17:24-26.*]*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 24*

Let every one of us come into a close relation to God. Let us seek the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. Let us be men and women of prayer. The woman, while she is at work in her home, or the man, while he is about his daily business, may keep their minds in communion with God. Then He will let His light shine upon them,

and that light will be reflected to others around them.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 25*

And let us be pleasant and agreeable. We need not go about with sorrowful faces, as though we were serving a tyrant. The Lord Jesus wants us to bear a pleasant countenance, and to speak kind, sympathetic words. Even if we are sick, or if we feel out of sorts, we need not tell others. If we will talk of the goodness of the Lord, this will act as a cure for sadness and grief.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 26*

How thankful I am that at the age of eighty years I can speak to you. Every day I try to do all I can; for I know not how long my life may be spared. But it does not grieve me to think that my life may soon end. So long as God gives me a clear mind and physical strength, I shall endeavor to speak and to write the things He gives me.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 27*

Brethren and sisters, the Lord is our God. If Christ is formed within, the hope of glory, we have a hope in God that it is impossible for us to keep to ourselves. We will praise Him. We do not praise Him as much as we should. Whoso offers praise glorifies God. Now instead of speaking doleful words, and telling of our trials and afflictions, let us thank God that we can speak at all and resolve that we will endeavor to glorify His name. Let us take such a position that we may honor and glorify God upon the earth. Let this determination be expressed in our words and in all our business transactions.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 28*

If I am to transact business with men, I will not do a dishonest or a shameful thing. I will not dishonor my Master. While I live, I will keep His praise in my heart. I will carry a cheerful countenance, that others may see that I am not under a yoke of bondage, but that the truth makes free. We are free indeed, if we work in harmony with the principles of truth. But we must constantly look to Jesus and weave His grace and His love into our words and actions.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 29*

How must Christ regard professed Christians who act like quarrelsome children? O how His heart was grieved, when on earth, as He saw such a spirit manifested among His disciples! If

we have a blessed hope in and through Jesus Christ, let us manifest it by our words. Let us not speak words that will, by grieving God's children, grieve the Holy Spirit.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 30*

We may at times be obliged to speak some very plain things, as I have had to do many times, when those who should stand as sentinels for God are not found in their lot and place. Such words must sometimes be spoken to show where we as Bible Christians stand, that we are on the side of Him who gave His life for us and can not countenance evil. But we may always speak the truth in love.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 31*

I am so thankful that ever since I was fifteen years old the Lord has permitted me to have a part in His work. I am glad that my mind is still clear on Bible subjects. Alone in my room, in the early morning hours, while the other members of the family are sleeping, I write the messages that God gives me in representation. And the Lord has given me vivid representations of how He regards His church, and how willing He is to bless them if they will only repent and serve Him with their whole heart. But He cannot bless them if there is a constant clinging to their own imperfect ways, if they are careless and indifferent and unrepentant. God wants us to come into perfect harmony with Himself. Why should we not be spiritually minded? Christ tells us that we may be one with Him, even as He and the Father are one. Why should we not keep our eyes fixed upon the Author and the Finisher of our faith?*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 32*

It is painful to know that there are many church members who feel so little responsibility to make Christ known to their neighbors. If we all carried the love of Christ in the heart and the truth upon our lips, if we were diligent in opening the Word of life to those that are perishing about us, showing what Christ is to us, and what He is willing to be to them, hundreds more would believe and be rejoicing in the truth today. But we shut ourselves up within ourselves. We seem to think that it is well with us, but that it is not in our line to speak of Christ. Is He not all and in all to us? If we obtain any victories, is it not through His grace that they are wrought? Then why should we not lift Him up?*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 33*

Christ in His prayer teaches that we should be one as He is one with the Father. Then what is our work? Are we to do honor to men who are finding fault with others men that are exalting themselves? Shall we encourage them as though God were truly leading them? No, we can not do that. We have a message for them, a message of reproof that we must faithfully bear.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 34*

I began to bear my testimony when I was but fifteen years old. Now I am, as some might say, in my second childhood, and I feel that it is a proper time for me to continue to learn. I want to learn the lessons that Christ gives me, as a little child learns. There are others here who have gray hairs. What shall we do? Let us learn of the great Teacher, the greatest Teacher that ever came to our world. It is not yet too late for us to learn how to be thankful for a truth that purifies the soul.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 35*

We are to love the Word. Do not fall into a passion if some one in his words crosses your track. If some one says something that stirs you up, and you feel the words are unjust, show him by a well-ordered life and a godly conversation that Christ is formed within, the hope of glory. Remember that silence is eloquence. You can best stop the talk by making no response to it. If you speak wrongly to a brother, do not go right on, too proud to confess it.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 36*

Let us talk more of heaven, more of Christ. When you go to visit your neighbors, ask them if they will spend a few minutes with you in prayer. You need not pray at great length; but as you offer a few words of prayer, angels of God will be around you to hear and to make a right impression.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 37*

God wants us to come into line. For our own good, and for the good of others, He desires us to acknowledge Him and to walk in the path that leads heavenward. This is a straight path, and we must follow that straight path, looking constantly to the Author and Finisher of our faith.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 38*

Study what Christ endured. He might have brought with Him into our world myriads of heavenly angels. But this He did not do. He came as a man, taking upon Himself humanity, that He might in His humanity wrestle with evil. We read that He was tempted in all

points like as we are, yet without sin. [*Hebrews 4:15.*] He gained victory after victory in our behalf.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 39*

In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I ask you, What victories are you gaining? Sometimes what you may regard as a very small victory is really a great victory, for the enemy was working right with you; and if he could have induced you to yield even a small point, a great loss would have been yours. We cannot afford any losses, for they give advantage to the enemy. We are seeking for the crown of everlasting life that is to be given to the overcomer.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 40*

If all those who profess to be believers were indeed overcomers, there would be no disagreement among them. But there are many, even among God's professed people, who must humble themselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt them in due time.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 41*

O I am so grateful that we have a Saviour. I feel to praise the Lord with heart and soul and voice for His great salvation.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 42*

In the last chapter of Revelation is pictured the reward of the overcomer. Let us read:*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 43*

"He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him." [*Revelation 22:1-3.*] And now is the time to begin earnestly and determinedly the work of serving Him.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 44*

"And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever." [*Verses 4, 5.*]*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 45*

What is our little lifetime of service here?—A few brief years devoted to the service of God, and then to come into possession of everlasting life, everlasting happiness. No more trials, no more griefs, no more temptations. Is not this a wonderful prospect—eternal life—to live forever and ever?*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 46*

We cannot afford to sin. We cannot afford to be negligent or reckless in this matter of our soul's eternal interest. The time that we are in this world is in comparison to eternity very brief. A life that measures with the life of God is presented to us for a brief life of sanctified obedience to the will and Word of God. Then, for Christ's sake, let us reach a higher and still higher standard. Let us plead with God till we have in our hearts the sanctification of His Spirit. But shall we be overcomers? My dear brethren and sisters, it is worth our while to try.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 47*

“And He said unto me, These things 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.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 48*

“Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.” [*Verses 6, 7.*] O let us keep them. Let us keep them in our hearts. Let us teach and stimulate others to keep them. When we think of eternal life, why do we not feel a determined interest to try to open the Word before souls perishing and dying in their sins? Let us talk with them of the wonderful blessings that await the children of God. God will help us in doing this. We need the simplicity of Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 49*

“Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” [*Verse 12.*] Then can we afford to be careless or indifferent? Dare we serve our own unsanctified will? We must work the works of God here in this life, if we would live with Him in the future life and wear the crown of glory.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 50*

“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. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and

whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 51*

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 13-17.*]*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 52*

Here are words to encourage our hearts. But we do not, as we should, build ourselves up in the most holy faith. With seeming indifference, we see sinners going down to perdition. The world is seeing a very faulty example in many professed Christians. As these things are revealed to me, my heart is so burdened that I cannot sleep. I feel an untold agony of mind.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 53*

Let us all arise. Let us lay hold of the promise which is given us, and hold it fast by living faith. By living works, by a living sanctification, let us reveal that we do believe the truth, that we believe in Jesus Christ, and that we are running with patience the race that is set before us. Then we shall have right—O that right is worth everything to us—we shall have right to the tree of life, and to enter in through the gates into the city.*23LtMs, Ms 39, 1908, par. 54*

Ms 41, 1908

Sermon/Lessons From the *First Chapter of Second Peter*

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“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.” [2 *Peter* 1:1.]*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 1*

Here is our dependence. We are not to be dependent on men to direct us. We cannot lean on human agencies, but it is our privilege to look to and trust in Jesus Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 2*

“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.” [*Verses 2-4.*]*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 3*

Corruption abounds in our world. It is all around us; and unless we watch diligently, we shall become corrupted and be unable to discern what we must be or what we must do in order to win eternal life. We must be wide-awake. In the matter of our eating and drinking we must use wisdom, denying ourselves of everything that would corrupt the mind or turn our thoughts away from the clear knowledge that we may have in Jesus Christ. Notice the words “exceeding great”—“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.” [*Verse 4.*]*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 4*

We may escape this corruption; but if we do, it will not be by indulgence in harmful or unnecessary desires. We must have all the strength of our minds, in order to know what saith the Lord. We are to study His Word diligently.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 5*

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance.” [*Verses 5, 6.*] Notice that temperance is placed before patience. An intemperate man is seldom a patient man. The drunkard and the tobacco user have by harmful indulgence injured their brain nerve power. One who indulges freely in eating, who overloads the digestive organs until they are unable properly to care for the food eaten, is also an intemperate man and will find it impossible to discern clearly spiritual things.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 6*

We must be temperate in our eating and drinking. We must care for the digestive organs and not force upon them a great variety of food. He who gorges himself with many kinds of food at a meal is doing himself injury. It is more important that we eat that which will agree with us than that we taste of every dish that may be placed before us. There is no door in our stomach by which we can look in and see what is going on, so we must use our mind, and reason from cause to effect. If you feel all wrought up and everything seems to go wrong, perhaps it is because you are suffering the consequences of eating a great variety of food.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 7*

The digestive organs have an important part to act in our life happiness. God has given us intelligence, that we may learn what we should use as food. Shall we not, as sensible men and women, study whether the things we eat will be in agreement, or whether they will cause trouble? People who have a sour stomach are very often of a sour disposition. Everything seems to be contrary to them, and they are peevish and irritable. If we would have peace among ourselves, we should give more thought than we do to having a peaceful stomach.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 8*

We should practice temperance in our labor. It is not our duty to place ourselves where we shall be overworked. Some may at times be placed where this is necessary, but it should be the exception,

not the rule. We are to practice temperance in all things. If we honor the Lord by acting our part, He will on His part preserve our health. We should have a sensible control of all our organs. By practicing temperance in eating, in drinking, in dressing, in labor, and in all things, we can do for ourselves what no physician can do for us.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 9*

We need to exercise good judgment. We should work out the principles of health reform decidedly, not in a half-way manner, but whole-heartedly, positively. Then we shall be less likely to speak words in the heat of passion. Our words will be studied. We shall consider what effect our words may produce upon those who hear them. We may be speaking to persons who have had trials and difficulties, or who are despondent. Unless we are constantly on guard, we are in danger of speaking words that would better be left unsaid; for they will tempt others to respond in a manner corresponding to our unkind words.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 10*

The Lord wants us to be sanctified. We shall have to contend with people of varied dispositions, and we should be in a position where we know how to deal with human minds. We must ask Christ to impress us with words to speak that will be a blessing. And as we help others, we shall be blessed ourselves.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 11*

We cannot afford to be in any way a hindrance to others. Each has his own peculiar temptations and trials, and we are to stand in a position where we can help and strengthen the tempted. We are to encourage and, if possible, lift up those who are weak in the faith. By speaking of the promises of God, we may sometimes remove depression from the minds of those who are in trial and difficulty.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 12*

When I was visiting the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, about three years ago, I spoke nearly every morning at five o'clock to the workers, and at a later hour to the patients. There was among the patients one man who seemed always depressed. I learned that he believed the theory of the Bible doctrines, but could not exercise faith to appropriate to himself the promises of God. Morning after morning I would speak to the patients about faith and urge them to

believe the words of God. Yet this poor man seemed unable to admit that he had faith. I talked with him alone. I would present the truth in every way possible, then I would ask him if he could not believe that Christ was his individual Saviour and would help him. He has said to all who are weary and heavy laden, "Take My yoke upon you." Do not wear a yoke of your own framing. "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.*]*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 13*

Finally the time came when I must leave. I said to him, "Now, my friend, can you tell me that you have learned to trust that Saviour who has taken so much pains to meet the situation of every soul? Can you and will you trust in Him? Can you tell me, before I leave, that you have received faith to believe God?" He looked up and said, "Yes, I believe. I have faith." "Thank the Lord," I replied. I felt that although there were others who had been present and had listened to my talks in the parlor, I had in this case been amply rewarded for all my efforts.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 14*

We do not realize how much we lose through unbelief. Without faith we shall be engaged in a losing battle. We have a Saviour who understands every phase of our life. He knows our discouragements, and He knows just what help we need. We want a faith in Him, a faith that works by love and purifies the soul.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 15*

We are individually to do what we can for ourselves. We are, so far as possible, to be our own physicians. Many pay large sums of money for one thing or another to help them, when, if they would only deny themselves, and refrain from wrong habits in eating and living, they might save many dollars. When you sit at table, be careful. Do not eat things that disagree; for if you do, you are likely to get into a disagreement with somebody before long.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 16*

There was one time in my experience when it was expected that I would live but a little while. I was then a meat-eater and thought I could not possibly live without it. I had frequent fainting spells, when it was difficult to restore me to consciousness. Then the light came

me: “Use no flesh meat as food. You do not need the flesh of dead animals. There are simple foods that you can eat that will not create a disturbance, and cause fermentation, as does the meat.”*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 17*

So I gave up eating meat. I did not like bread, but I began to educate my appetite till I could eat those things that were harmless. Since that time, I have had but very few of those fainting spells, and then only when I have become exhausted or have been poisoned by the breaths of large congregations.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 18*

“And to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness.” [2 *Peter 1:6, 7.*] Do we understand what brotherly kindness means? As those whom Christ has died to redeem, we should be like a family of brothers and sisters. We should treat one another kindly, tenderly. How does God regard those whom He desires to redeem? We read that He “so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [*John 3:16.*]*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 19*

“If thee things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” [2 *Peter 1:8.*]*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 20*

Many times I have praised the Lord for that promise. We have a right to claim it as our own. If we do our part, adding to our characters the virtues that have been spoken of, we may trust the Lord to fulfil His promise that we “shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 21*

“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.” [*Verses 8-11.*]*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 22*

Here is our everlasting life insurance policy—“If ye do these things, ye shall never fall.” [*Verse 10.*] It is our privilege to have the reward

that remains for the faithful; but we must co-operate with God. Merely talking the truth will not save men who refuse to co-operate with God, who will not place themselves in a position where they can obtain the insurance policy for eternal life. Let us do all we can to secure this everlasting life insurance policy in the kingdom of glory.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 23*

“Give diligence to make your calling and election sure.” [*Verse 10.*] When we manifest diligence in this line, we shall have fewer church trials. There will not be in the church the difficulties that have been seen in some places. Those trials were caused by men who did not heed the words that God sent to them. Their eyes were blinded, and they stumbled in the pathway.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 24*

“Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 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 decease to have these things always in remembrance.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 25*

“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 eye witnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 26*

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” [*Verses 12-21.*]*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 27*

Now I have read these things from the Word of God. How do we regard these promises? Are our hearts softened? I pray the Lord

that you may have grace and strength to be free from all the difficulties and disturbances that are caused by finding fault, or charging faults upon others. Shall we not put all such things away? We want Christ formed within, the hope of glory. He loves us with a love that is infinite.*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 28*

May the Lord bless the little talks I have given you from morning to morning. I desire that every soul here may enjoy all that it is his privilege to enjoy. I desire that you may all stand where you will have the eternal life insurance policy, so that “an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” [*Verse 11.*]*23LtMs, Ms 41, 1908, par. 29*

Ms 43, 1908

Sermon/Lessons From the *Fifty-Eighth of Isaiah*

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“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions, 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 ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God. Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and Thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and Thou takest no knowledge?²³*LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 1*

“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 to the Lord? 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?” [*Isaiah 58:1-6.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 2*

Men have no right to place yokes on the necks of their brethren. They have no right to exercise a power so dominating that their brethren will look upon them with fear, instead of looking unto the Lord God of Israel and fearing Him and doing His will²³*LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 3*

“To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed to free, and that ye break every yoke”—this is

the message that the Lord has given me to bear to those assembled here today. [*Verse 6.*] There is to be a reformation all through these cities, that the inhabitants of these crowded centers may know what it means to serve the Lord God of Israel and to glorify His name.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 4*

We continue reading. *Seventh verse*: “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?”*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 5*

All about us in Oakland and San Francisco, and in every other city of this land, there are many who have been so blinded and bound about by the enemy of their souls, that they cannot recognize the Lord God of heaven and His will concerning them. They seem unable to realize the times in which they are living. And yet here we are, professedly the Lord’s people, with the accumulated light of centuries shining along our pathway. What are we doing for those who are groping their way in the mists of error? The coming of the Lord is near. It hasteth greatly. The Lord is coming in such a time as many look not for Him, and who is prepared for His coming? What are we doing to warn our friends and neighbors? Are we faithfully doing all in our power to let our light shine out into this moral darkness and illuminate the pathway of those who are seeking to find the way of life eternal?*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 6*

Note the inspired promise of the prophet to those who do all in their power to relieve distress, both physical and spiritual. “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 rereward.” [*Verse 8.*]*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 7*

As Christians we are to have a righteousness that shall be developed and seen—a righteousness that represents the character of Jesus Christ when He was in our world. He came and died in order that we might live. He gave His life to purchase every soul of the human family. But only those who come to Him in faith, nothing wavering, will be granted the boon of life eternal.*23LtMs,*

The Christian life does not call for undue suffering and hardship. We are not asked to sit in sackcloth and ashes; but we are asked to recognize God as our helper, and to co-operate with Him in doing His will, so that He may bless us and enable us to live the Christian life. He is our strength, our frontguard, and our reward. And whatever our estate, we may be assured that Christ has lived and suffered in our behalf, and that by His grace we may be strong to prevail. The King of glory, He stooped low to rescue humanity. Laying aside His royal crown and kingly robe, He came to this earth in the likeness of humanity, as the poorest of the poor. By personal experience He knew what it meant to be poor and oppressed. And in the busy years of His ministry, when surrounded by crowds seeking to be healed of their infirmities, He never turned one away. Although oft faint with hunger and weariness, He attended to the needs of all who sought His help.²³*LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 9*

At times His friends and relatives feared for His life, the pressure was so great. On one occasion when His mother and His brethren begged Him to rest, and He saw how concerned they were over His welfare, He called for a boat and went to the other side of the sea, away from the press of the throng. But only for a little while did He remain, and then He was once more back with the multitude. He could not turn aside from suffering humanity unless first He had helped them escape from their afflictions.²³*LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 10*

We read further: "Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: and the Lord shall guide thee continually." [*Verses 9-11.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 11*

A follower of Christ is one who lives a Christlike life. In his association with the sick and the suffering, the unconverted and the backslider, he does all in his power to help. His light is ever bright, and many are blessed through the influence of his helpful ministry.

God desires that every soul shall become a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 12*

We are now preparing for eternity. Time will not last much longer; for we are living in the closing days of this world's history. Satan knows that his time is short, and he is now at work with all his masterly power. We need to be instant in prayer; for in communion with God we shall find strength to resist the enemy. If we are not watchful, we may be ensnared, and yet not realize our condition.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 13*

It is our privilege to live in the light or in the darkness. Our spiritual condition is dependent on our consecration of soul, body, and spirit to Him who has purchased us by the sacrifice of His own life. We are the property of Christ. We have been bought with a price—and what a price! We can acknowledge God's ownership by walking in accordance with a plain "Thus saith the Lord," advancing step by step in faith. In the light of the infinite cost of our redemption, how essential it is that we have keen spiritual discernment! Never should we lose sight of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross of Calvary. Oh, the suffering, the agony, endured by Him! He died to save a lost world. If we choose, we may blind our eyes to His sacrifice in our behalf; but in the way of unbelief there is naught but darkness and death.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 14*

In our world there are two classes. One is made up of those who behold a crucified and risen Saviour. The other includes all who have chosen to look away from the cross and to follow the leadings of satanic influences. The latter class are busily engaged in putting stumbling blocks before God's people, to cause them to fall, and turn from the path of obedience into the broad way of disobedience and death. Evil angels are striving to obscure the clear vision of commandment-keepers, and to darken the understanding that they will not be able to discern between righteousness and unrighteousness.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 15*

Many choose unrighteousness because Satan presents it in such a way that it seems attractive to those who are not on guard against his wiles. And he works in a special manner through unsanctified

men and women who profess to be children of God. In some way or other the enemy will seek to deceive all, even the very elect. Only as we are partakers of the divine nature can we escape the corrupting influences that are brought to bear upon us by the enemy of our souls. *23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 16*

As Satan seeks to break down the barriers of the soul, by tempting us to indulge in sin, we must by living faith retain our connection with God and have confidence in His strength to enable us to overcome every besetment. We are to flee from evil and seek righteousness, meekness, and holiness. Rightdoing develops strength of character and begets confidence in our Christian integrity on the part of those who are watching us to see whether the Christian religion is really a molding power in our lives. We are to obey the injunction, "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.*]*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 17*

Of him who walks in the way of life everlasting, using his blessings to bless others, the prophet Isaiah declares: "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.*]*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 18*

These blessings we need. We need the water of life that flows from Jesus Christ, which will be in us a well of water springing up into everlasting life. "The Lord shall guide thee continually." [*Verse 11.*] When we are guided by the Lord, we shall have clear discernment. We shall not call righteousness unrighteousness, nor think that things that the Lord has forbidden are right. We shall understand where the Lord is working. *23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 19*

Many have not understood this. There are some whom I know have been led astray by the enemy. But God wants to make you a partaker of the divine nature. He wants no yoke of human authority on your neck, but that you shall look to Him who is able to save to the uttermost every one that comes to Him in righteousness and truth. We have no time to tamper with the enemy; for we are very near the close of this earth's history. *23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 20*

“And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations, and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.” [*Verse 12.*]23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 21

A breach has been made in the law of God, and He is calling for a people that will repair this breach. A spurious Sabbath has been exalted instead of the Sabbath of Jehovah. Soon laws will be passed, compelling all to observe the first day of the week instead of the seventh. We must meet this difficulty, and we shall find trouble enough, without stirring up contention among those who profess to be keeping God’s commandments.23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 22

“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 shall 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.23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 23

“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.” [*Isaiah 58:12-14; 59:1, 2.*]23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 24

God wants us to be in a position where we may do real missionary work. We should feel for our fellow men the same sympathy that Christ felt for humanity. His sympathy led Him to redeem them, even at the cost of His own blood. If we would carry out the principles of the law of God, we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 25

The Lord is calling upon His people to finish His work in the earth. As for me, I purpose to stand in my lot and place; and wherever the Lord bids me go, I shall raise the note of warning. He requires of us that the divine impress shall be upon all our words, upon all our

business transactions. Wherever we go, we are to let our light shine in the community around us. We are preparing to enter the pearly gates of the city of God.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 26*

But many of you are not ready for the coming of Christ. The Lord has bidden me bear to this people the message, Prepare to meet thy God. There is earnest work before you. There are hundreds even in this vicinity who should be converted, and who might even now be rejoicing in the knowledge of the truth, if all had done their duty faithfully. There is a world to hear the message, yet some of our ministers have been hovering over small churches, when the members of these churches themselves ought to be active in spreading the knowledge of the truth to those around them.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 27*

We cannot give this solemn warning unless we ourselves are partakers of the light and grace and the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Let it be known that there is a God in Israel. We are to lift up our voice like a trumpet, and show God's people their transgressions. If we do this faithfully and fearlessly, many will take heed and will seek the Lord and find Him.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 28*

I would ask you, Have you done the work of the Lord in meekness and in sanctification of the Spirit? In the visions of the night I have seen some of the baneful results of unsanctified minds influencing other minds. Some have placed yokes on the necks of their brethren, and God now demands that these yokes shall be broken. Let every one realize that there is freedom in Jesus Christ. He loves you, and He desires to reveal Himself unto you, that you may reveal Him to the world. He desires you to tell others of His love and of His willingness and power to save. Jesus Christ, the Lord our righteousness, will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your reward.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 29*

I ask you to search well your own hearts. Put away the evil speaking that has been weakening the faith of some of God's people. We must have a living faith in God. We cannot afford to go backward. We must press forward in the footsteps of our Redeemer, even though we are led through a cloud.*23LtMs, Ms 43,*

1908, par. 30

In the *sixty-first chapter of Isaiah*, the prophet speaks of the mission of our Saviour. He says:*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 31*

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.” [*Verses 1, 2.*]*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 32*

The Lord is not pleased to have His people a band of mourners. He wants them to repent of their sins, that they may enjoy the liberty of the sons of God. Then they will be filled with the praises of God, and will be a blessing to others.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 33*

The Lord Jesus was anointed also “to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that the might be called Trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.” [*Verse 3.*]*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 34*

“That He might be glorified”—O that this might be the purpose of our lives! Then we should have regard to the expression of our countenance, to our words, and even to the tone of our voice when we speak. All our business transactions would be wrought in faith and integrity. Then would the world be convinced that there is a people that are loyal to the God of heaven.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 35*

So long as God gives me strength, I shall endeavor faithfully to bear to His people the messages of warning that He gives me. It pains me to think of the loss of souls. I find no pleasure in thinking that there are some who have seen great light, and who have enjoyed wonderful privileges, but who are still in the darkness of error. God calls for all to come into harmony with Himself. He will receive them if they will put away their evil actions. By a union with the divine nature of Christ, they may escape the corrupting influences of this world.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 36*

It is time for every one of us to decide whose side we are on. The agencies of Satan will work with every mind that will allow itself to be worked by him. But there are also heavenly agencies waiting to communicate the bright rays of the glory of God to all that are willing to receive Him. It is truth that we want, precious truth in all its loveliness. Truth will bring liberty and gladness.²³*LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 37*

We are to take a special interest in those who know not the special truths for this time. Had faithful work been done in Oakland during the past few years, hundreds more would have been converted. Will those whose eyes have been blinded, now seek earnestly for a clear spiritual vision, that a new order of things may be seen.²³*LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 38*

In the following verses our work is pointed out: “And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen, and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.” [*Verses 4-6.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 39*

We are all amenable to God for the character of the influence we exert. Are we preparing for the day of our God which is soon to burst upon us, or are we closing our eyes, and blinding the eyes of others, that they shall not discern where the enemy is working?²³*LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 40*

We plead for temperance in all points. I remember how the temperance question forty years ago was all alive. My husband was living then, and as we went from place to place, we would advocate the principles of temperance in all things. There must be temperance in eating as well as in drinking. Our appetites are to be under a sensible control. The Lord is not pleased when we load our digestive organs with the flesh of dead animals, or with a large variety of foods at the same meal. It is well to eat one class of foods at one meal, and other kinds of food at a different meal. Fruit we

would especially recommend as a health-giving agency. But even fruit should not be eaten after a full meal of other foods.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 41*

We may preserve our health if we will use good common sense. That is why we have established sanitariums in so many places, that a proper education might be given. But notwithstanding all the light that God has given on this subject, there are some who will eat anything and everything that they desire.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 42*

God is willing to work with everyone who will seek for the righteousness of Jesus Christ. But if you turn away from that righteousness, if you refuse to heed the light that God has given, you cannot claim His promises.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 43*

May the Lord bring into our ranks the spirit of freedom. He is coming soon, to take to Himself those who are tried and proved. But what a loss will come to those who have not purified their souls through obedience to the truth. They will lose eternal life, an eternal life free from pain and suffering, a life where sin is unknown. This reward Christ has provided for all who will receive and acknowledge Him.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 44*

May the Lord help us to humble our souls before Him, and learn of Jesus Christ as little children, that we may practice the truth in righteousness. If we do this, we may rejoice in the Lord. We may be happy and joyous in our God.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 45*

I want you all to be saved in the kingdom of glory. As I see how much Christ has done for you, I am determined, so long as I have strength, to extend the invitation to come up on the platform of eternal truth, where you may know that you are experiencing the keeping power of God, and that there awaits you in the kingdom of God the life eternal.*23LtMs, Ms 43, 1908, par. 46*

Ms 45, 1908

Sermon/"That Ye Should Go and Bring Forth Fruit"

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"I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." [*John 15:1, 2.*]*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 1*

The Lord Jesus expects fruit from every soul that professes to believe in Him. He expects of all of us much more than we give Him. Those who will take Him as their Helper will be branches that will bear fruit abundantly.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 2*

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me." [*Verses 3, 4.*]*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 3*

In the kind of fruit we bear, we give to the world an evidence as to whether or not we are united to the true vine. Some branches bear fruit, but not good fruit. So some people profess to be children of God; but unless they bear fruit in harmony with the character and example of Jesus Christ, they give to the world a false representation. If we would make a right use of all the light and opportunities that have been granted to us, we must represent the truth in its purity. We must seek to copy after the example of our Saviour.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 4*

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing." [*Verse 5.*]*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 5*

If as branches we draw our nourishment from the vine Jesus Christ, we have a right to expect that He will give us of His Holy Spirit. He will work with us, and His power will rest upon us. Then when we speak to others in regard to the truth, the holy Spirit will be present to impress their minds.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 6*

“If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” [*Verses 6, 7.*]*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 7*

If with faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour we come to Him in our necessities, we shall receive from Him that grace that we need every day and every hour.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 8*

“Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love.” [*Verses 8-10.*]*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 9*

Here is a wonderful promise to those who keep the commandments of God who, by bearing good fruit, give evidence that they are branches of the living vine.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 10*

“These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” [*Verse 11.*]*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 11*

In an abiding union with Christ there is fulness of joy: there is a refreshing cheerfulness, a constant uplifting of the soul to God. If we enjoy this experience, those around us will be benefited by our fruit-bearing. The kind words we speak and the Christian love that we manifest will bring gladness to their hearts.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 12*

O that we might see more of that fulness of joy! Then would flow from the lips of God’s children words in harmony with that sacred joy. If our joy is full, it will manifest itself in labor for souls. If our heart is really full of the love of God and His joy, we shall not

confine our religious exercises to meeting together on the Sabbath. There is a world lying in darkness. We must have compassion on those who know not the truth. Let us open the Word to them. It may be that we may help some to free themselves from the hold of Satan, and then they, too, will labor to lead others to see the beauty and loveliness that there is in Jesus Christ.²³*LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 13*

We are all amenable to God. If we abide in Christ, we shall do His works. We shall see the necessity of multiplying souls for His kingdom. We shall reveal His light and love and joy in our hearts. There is a great work to do. Why are we not stirred within us as we see souls perishing on the right hand and on the left? Let us invent every possible means to bring the precious light of truth to those that are ready to perish.²³*LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 14*

“This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” [*Verse 12.*] Can you measure the love wherewith Christ has loved us? We only know that in manifesting that love He offered Himself to us as a living sacrifice, in His humiliation and suffering, paying the price of our salvation. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.” [*Verses 13-16.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 15*

This is an abundant promise: do we believe it? Will we honor our great Teacher by believing every word He says, that we may meet His expectations for us?²³*LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 16*

“These things I command you, that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The

servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for My name's sake, because they know not Him that sent Me." [Verses 17-21.]*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 17*

The true Christian can have no fellowship with the world, where "judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off," where "truth is fallen in the streets, and equity cannot enter," and "he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey." [*Isaiah 59:14, 15.*] The Christian represents a truth that works counter to all the ambitious plans of the world. This is why the world hates the followers of Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 18*

"If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth Me hateth My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both Me and My Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated Me without a cause."*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 19*

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me: and ye shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning." [*John 15:22-27.*]*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 20*

We understand something of our responsibilities, but would that we all might be brought into right relation to God, that we should love Him, and keep His commandments, and be happy in His love. We entreat of you for Christ's sake to make an entire surrender to God. Here is your opportunity, while you are assembled at this camp-meeting. Search your hearts to see where in your business relations, or in any other line, you have been working counter to the law of God.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 21*

God has given us His precious Word, that we might live by it. When Christ has done so much for us, shall we not show our appreciation of His love. There is a world to be saved. We are not to sit down contentedly with our own families, enjoying our privileges of

meeting together, but feeling no special interest for those who know not the truth. We must help them to understand the Word.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 22*

The work of the Lord is to be carried in meekness, in lowliness of heart. As Christ's little children, we are to take Him as our Helper. He will let His glory rest upon us, and He will speak through us as He did through the disciples that He sent out. He said to them, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." [*Matthew 10:16.*] There may be manifestations all around us of a wolfish spirit, but we need not be partakers of that spirit.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 23*

If you have not taken hold to try to bring the light of truth to those that are in darkness, will you not begin this work at once? Try to win souls to Christ, and let the light of His countenance be expressed in you. Let it shine forth in meekness and lowliness of heart. The truth will be opposed by the world, but "greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." [*1 John 4:4.*]*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 24*

Let the children be educated to understand what Christ is to them, and what they may do for Christ. They can be His obedient children. There are errands that they may do for Jesus, and they may help in the work of saving souls that are ready to perish.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 25*

There is a heaven to win and a hell to shun. If we lose that heaven that has been purchased for us at such tremendous sacrifice, the time will come when we shall bitterly lament. We shall have lost everything.*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 26*

If we will all take hold of the work of God intelligently, angels of God will be with us to teach us, to lead us, and to bless us. Then our hearts will be filled with a satisfaction that we do not dream of while we are careless and indifferent. Let us arm ourselves with the mind of Christ. With the trusting simplicity of children, let us pray as we have never prayed before for the Holy Spirit. God has promised it in His Word. It is His Word that bids us go forward, and His work in which we are to be engaged. Then why should we fail or be discouraged?*23LtMs, Ms 45, 1908, par. 27*

Ms 47, 1908

Sermon/As Little Children

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“At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto Him and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily, I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 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 midst of the sea.” [*Matthew 18:1-6*.]^{23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 1}

The child in its simplicity manifests a humility that should be manifest among the children of God. How can we but feel humble when we consider how Jesus Christ, the Majesty of heaven, took it upon Himself, even at the cost of His own life, to rescue a fallen race? In doing this He took upon Himself the nature of weak, sinful humanity and came to this world to battle with the powers of darkness. In His work of overcoming sin, He opened the way, so that every one that will receive Him as his Saviour may also be an overcomer.^{23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 2}

Let us be careful that we do not offend one of the little ones that believes in Jesus. All about us are souls that are tempted. They know not how to receive from Christ the grace and help that He can give. As Christians we are ever to stand ready to help such ones.

With all the powers of our influence we are to seek to draw to Jesus Christ those that are in need of His grace. We are not to stand in indifference and coldness, with no sympathy for those who are tempted. We must work one for another.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 3*

We are laborers together with God. Jesus says of 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.*] Those who have a knowledge of the Scriptures are not to hide their light under a bushel.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 4*

There are souls to be saved. It was at a tremendous sacrifice that the Father gave His only begotten Son to die a shameful death. Jesus’ experience on earth was necessary, in order that no one might truthfully say that Christ could not enter into sympathy with him in his temptations.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 5*

While Christ was hanging in agony on the cross, one of the thieves that at first railed on Him repented, and said to Him, “Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee today, Thou shalt be with Me in paradise.” [*Luke 23:42, 43.*] Satan then trembled for his kingdom. He knew it would be destroyed. Jesus had withstood all his temptations, He had patiently endured cruel persecution, and now with a note of triumph in His voice, He could promise salvation to a poor, repentant sinner.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 6*

Christ has paid the debt of sin for the whole world. In His great sacrifice, He embraces old and young. He endured the <inconvenience of> poverty, in order that He might bring to mankind the priceless riches of the heavenly home. He who was the Son of God, equal with His Father, He who made the worlds has died to save every soul that will come to Him. How terrible it is for any one to refuse to co-operate with Him, <and> to work against Him!*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 7*

Every one who will help these little ones is doing the will of God. “But whoso shall offend one of these little ones,” Christ declares, “it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck,

and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea.” [*Matthew 18:6.*] It is a very serious matter to lay stumbling blocks in the way of others. Especially should we seek to keep the little ones in our own families, as far as possible, from the temptations of Satan.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 8*

Fathers and mothers, you are responsible for your children. Be careful under what influences you place them. Do not, by scolding or fretting, lose your own influence over them for good. You are to guide them, not to stir up the passions of their mind. Whatever provocation you may have, be sure that the tone of your voice betrays no irritation. Do not let them see in you a manifestation of the spirit of Satan. This will not help you to fit and train your children for the future, immortal life.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 9*

“Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.” [*Verses 7-9.*]*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 10*

If anything stands in the way of our surrender to Christ, even though it be as dear to us as a hand or a foot or an eye, it will be to our interest to let it go, rather than to lose eternal life.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 11*

“Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do alway behold the face of My Father which is in heaven. For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost.” [*Verses 10, 11.*]*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 12*

The children are God’s property, and it is the duty of every church member to take an interest in their salvation. Because some children do not belong to your own family is no excuse for neglecting or mistreating them. You are to co-operate with Christ in seeking and saving that which has been lost. Let us not shrink from

bearing responsibilities. I thank the Lord that I have in the past taken some responsibilities in caring for children. I have taken several into my own home, and have done my best to educate and train them for God.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 13*

The work of saving the children must begin in the home. If the mother has a hasty temper, she should seek earnestly to overcome it. Let her remember that she is not to provoke her children to wrath. By exercising patience under trial, she may be the means of bringing her children under the influence of the Spirit of God, so that they may respond to it. The father and the mother are responsible for the maintenance of religion in the home. We should pray to God much more than we do. There is great strength and blessing in praying together in our families, with and for our children. When my children have done wrong, and I have talked with them kindly and then prayed with them, I have never found it necessary after that to punish them. Their hearts would melt in tenderness before the Holy Spirit that came in answer to prayer.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 14*

I see great possibilities for the proper training of children situated, as you are here, away from the contaminating influences that are found in the large cities. You are not so crowded together, but that you can keep your children under your own influence. O what a gain it will be if you can so educate and train your children, that when you come up to the gates of the city of God, a blessing may be pronounced upon you and upon your children!*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 15*

God has a tender regard for the children. He wants them to gain victories every day. Let us all endeavor to help the children to be overcomers. Do not let offenses come to them from the very members of their own family. Do not permit your actions and your words to be of a nature that your children will be provoked to wrath. Yet they must be faithfully disciplined and corrected when they do wrong.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 16*

“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.” [Verses 12-14.]*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 17*

Will our ministers remember that it is not the particular duty of a minister of the gospel to hover over the churches? Those who do not labor for the salvation of others will soon lose their own confidence in God. All who profess to understand the plan of salvation have a special work to do for those around them, ever to be ready to speak a word in season to them that are ready to perish. If it is your desire to honor and glorify, not yourself, but God, He will give you a work to do that will result in the salvation of souls. But you yourselves must be in right relation with God before you can lead others to Him. You must have a humility that God can accept. Then He will be able to impress your mind and give you a fitness for His service.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 18*

“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.” [Verses 15-18.]*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 19*

If these directions were faithfully carried out whenever a brother or a sister is thought to be in wrong, there would be fewer church trials. God would be pleased to have His people cease to criticize their brethren one to another. We must come into unity with God and with one another.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 20*

“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 in My name, there am I in the midst of them.” [Verses 19, 20.]*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 21*

If when you find the battle is strong, you would go to one of two of your brethren and sisters, and unite with them in seeking the Lord, you might often find peace and comfort. The holy angels would be with you, and your prayers would be heard by your Father in heaven. You would be better fitted for your responsibilities in the home.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 22*

We do not half believe the Lord. Suppose we try to come into right relation with Him, and know that He will surely teach us, and lead us, and guide us, and bless us. Let us cast our helpless souls on Jesus Christ. If you are provoked, remember that silence is eloquence. Do not become angry. Here in this world we are in our preparatory school, being fitted to enter the school in the higher courts above. One of the lessons that we must learn here is the lesson of self-control.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 23*

In all our troubles and difficulties it is our privilege to look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. He wants us to unite with Him in finishing His work on the earth. If we act our part faithfully now, we shall, when He comes, receive a crown of life. We shall obtain the reward that is granted to every overcomer.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 24*

We cannot bear the thought that the King of glory, the mighty Counselor shall have come to our world and died for us in vain. We want to accept the great gift, and to be laborers together with God in obeying the principles of His Word. Let us live a life of simplicity. We are not living for the world. We are not seeking its flattery or its compliments. There is a world to save. Christ has done all that He can do for its salvation, and He desires us to do what we can do to raise up churches for Him in new places.*23LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 25*

“Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God! therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” [1 John 3:1-3.]*23LtMs, Ms 47,*

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Here is our work today. We are to carry on constantly a work of soul purification. We must cling to the mighty One and walk in humility. God wants parents and children to be overcomers. He desires them to conquer their own natural spirit, and to gain the victory over the great enemy of righteousness, who is playing the game of life for our souls.²³*LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 27*

We are told that “whoso offereth praise glorifieth God.” [See *Psalms* 50:23.] How much do we glorify God by our praises? We frequently hear the expression, “I am so sorry.” Have we not heard enough sorry stories? Let us tell some stories that will uplift and bring cheer and courage. Let us tell what it means to be an overcomer. With the sunshine of heaven in our hearts, let us praise and glorify God. Let there be no quarrelling among us, no differences. With sanctified lips and tongues, let us sing the praises of God, even though we may feel discouraged.²³*LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 28*

In times of discouragement, there are evil angels by our side. But angels of heaven are also with us; and as soon as we strike a note of praise to God, His angels shed their light about us, and the evil angels are driven back. Then we find our discouragement giving way to a feeling of hope and courage in the Lord. Shall we not, instead of fretting and complaining, use our voice to praise God? Then we shall see more of His salvation, and He will let His rich blessing rest upon us.²³*LtMs, Ms 47, 1908, par. 29*

Ms 49, 1908

Sermon/Lessons from the Experiences of Pentecost

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“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.^{23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 1}

“And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed, and marveled, saying one to another, Behold are not all these which speak Galileans? And how here we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.” [*Acts 2:1-11.*]^{23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 2}

At this time there was in Jerusalem a great religious festival, and God used His disciples on this occasion to give to the multitudes assembled there the message of the risen Saviour.^{23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 3}

In preparation for this important work, the disciples had for several days been together, confessing their sins and praying for the Holy Spirit. Jesus had told them that they were not to depart from

Jerusalem until they had received the promise of the Father. “Ye shall receive power,” He had told them, “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 parts of the earth.” [*Acts 1:8.*] The *second chapter of Acts* records the experiences that came to the disciples when they received the Holy Ghost.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 4*

Some who heard the disciples tried to say something that would counteract the influence of their preaching. “They were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.”*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 5*

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words; for these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy: and I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke: the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” [*Verses 12-21.*]*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 6*

If this prophecy of *Joel* met a partial fulfilment in the days of the apostles, we are living in a time when it is to be even more evidently manifest to the people of God. He will so bestow His Spirit upon His people that they will become a light amid the moral darkness; and great light will be reflected in all parts of the world. O that our faith might be increased, that the Lord might work mightily with His people.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 7*

We all need the Holy Spirit. Our ministers need it. Our medical and

educational institutions and our churches need it. We need a thorough, living experience in the work of the Lord.^{23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 8}

We thank the Lord that here at this meeting there has been seen some of the moving of the Spirit of God, and that some of these young people and children have been given a desire to obtain an experience in religious things. I was glad, as I saw them coming forward the other day, that they were not living in wicked cities such as San Francisco and Oakland, but that they are here in the country, where they may be kept free from evil associations, and many of the temptations that come with life in the cities.^{23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 9}

“It shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” [*Acts 2:21.*] This is a comforting promise. Can we grasp it by faith? Shall we not by our actions show that we appreciate the rich provisions of the Word of God?^{23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 10}

Peter continues, “Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.” [*Verses 22, 23.*]^{23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 11}

It took courage to bear this straight testimony. This courage and boldness in speaking the truth had come in answer to the united prayer of the disciples, while they had been together in the upper chamber.^{23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 12}

Peter then speaks of the resurrection of Jesus: “Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning Him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face; for He is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope; because Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.” [*Verses*

24-27.]*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 13*

Thank God, we all have a hope that reaches to the grave. When we die, we do not go immediately to heaven. But if the Lord calls us to die, and we have been faithful in His service, we may lie down with the expectation that when Christ comes to raise the dead, we shall hear His voice, and be brought out of our graves. Our flesh may rest in hope. When the righteous shall come forth from their graves, what a rejoicing there will be!*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 14*

“This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit Thou on My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 15*

“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” [*Verses 32-39.*]*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 16*

These promises are for our children as well as for us. We can bring them to Christ. It will require great watchfulness on the part of parents; but if they are faithful, they may keep their children from being spoiled by the vanity and the corruptions that are in the world.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 17*

“And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.” [*Verse 40.*]*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 18*

This exhortation has a special application to us. We are living in the generation, concerning which it is said, “As the days of Noe were,

so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they are eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage.” [Matthew 24:37, 38.] If any of us are to be among the overcomers, we must be diligent to keep ourselves free from the corruptions of the age.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 19*

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” [Acts 2:41, 42.]*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 20*

The Holy Spirit has not been diminished since the days of Pentecost. It will be given today to every soul that will seek for it. The Lord is willing to send His Holy Spirit into all our institutions. We want a spirit of prayer. Let us take hold of God by living faith. Let us believe that He will do all that He says He will do, and let us prepare our hearts to receive what He has promised for us.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 21*

In many places we have established our educational institutions. Our schools and our sanitariums are to reach a high standard. The Bible is to be made the great educational book. It is the Book of books, that gives us a knowledge of Him whom to know aright is life eternal. It is to be made the foundation of all true education.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 22*

We are not to aim for a lower standard than that which Christ has laid out for His people. But there are many things included in what is commonly called a higher education that we do not need. John the Baptist received a training for his life work, not in the schools of the rabbis, but in the wilderness, alone with God and His Word. As he prayed, the Scriptures were opened before him in a wonderful manner. And today God is just as willing to instruct those who will humbly seek for that wisdom which cometh from above.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 23*

We need experienced workers in the cause of God. It is not necessary that they all know several languages, but they do all need an experience in the things of God. Some who go to foreign countries will need to learn a language, but all need not spend time

in learning languages that they will never use. We have not time to spend years in studying subjects that will be of no practical value. We are not to think that we must climb to the highest rounds of knowledge on every science. Time is short, and we must labor earnestly to save souls. If we will take the Word of God, and study it diligently and prayerfully, we will find the light and the knowledge that we need.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 24*

In our sanitariums, we advocate the use of simple remedies. We discourage the use of drugs, for they poison the current of the blood. In these institutions sensible instruction should be given, how to eat, how to drink, how to dress, and how to live so that the health may be preserved.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 25*

Before there were any sanitariums amongst us, my husband and I began work in medical missionary lines. We would bring to our house cases that had been given up by the physicians to die. When we knew not what to do for them, we would pray to God most earnestly, and He always sent His blessing. He is the mighty Healer, and He worked with us. We never had time or opportunity to take a medical course, but we had success as we moved out in the fear of God and sought Him for wisdom at every step. This gave us courage in the Lord.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 26*

Thus we combined prayer and labor. We used the simple water treatments, and then tried to fasten the eyes of the patients on to the great Healer. We told them what He could do for them. If we can inspire the patients with hope, this is greatly to their advantage. We want all that have any part to act in our sanitariums to have a firm grasp on the power of the Infinite. We believe in Him and in the power of His Word. When we do our best for the recovery of the sick, we may then look for Him to be with us, that we may see of His salvation. We put too little confidence in the power of the hand that rules the world.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 27*

The Lord instructed us that we should have a place where the sick might come and be treated in a rational way. In harmony with this instruction the sanitarium at Battle Creek was built. Now we have many of these medical institutions, and the Lord is blessing their work.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 28*

We believe in the living God, and in the simplicity of true godliness. It is important that those who are treating the sick shall have a living connection with the source of all life and healing.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 29*

Somehow, we often seem to carry on our meetings in a tame, lifeless way. We need a revival of the Spirit of God. Every one is to work out his own salvation with fear and trembling. If you will all plant your feet upon the living Word of God, believing it, and acting in harmony with it, confessing your sins in all humility, and following Christ, we shall see among us more of the working of His mighty power.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 30*

Let us prepare for that life which measures with the life of God. We have not before us the prospect of lying in our graves. Some of us may be translated without tasting of death. Who will not deny themselves, in order that they may help to send the truth where it will be received? We have now but a very little time in which we can work, so let us deny ourselves in every way possible, that we may give the light of truth to all that can be reached. Every penny that we will invest in this work will be returned to us with large interest.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 31*

Let us take hold in faith. Let us pray. Let us believe. Let us act, and the Lord will encourage and strengthen us in the way. I want to see the salvation of God revealed in this meeting. He has power to give us. There is no lack of power on His part, but there is a lack of faith and of humility on the part of His people. Many of us would not know how to use that power if we were to receive it. Let us learn of the great Teacher, what it means to walk in humility, as Christ walked in humility.*23LtMs, Ms 49, 1908, par. 32*

Ms 51, 1908

An Appeal to Ministers

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The Lord has instructed me to say to His people that He demands a deeper consecration on the part of His people, in every conference, in every church, and in every household. Said the messenger: Speak to the leading men, saying, You should give to the people an example of what may be done by the human agent in holy living by coming into close relation to God. Do all in your power to send home the messages of warning that have been given. Wake up the watchmen; for their unbelief has paralyzed the efforts of many who would become workers. *23LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 1*

“As it was in the days of Noe, 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 Noe 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.” “Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken and the other left. Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.” [*Matthew 25:37-42.*]*23LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 2*

“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.” [*Matthew 24:43-46.*]*23LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 3*

“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?” [*Verse*

45.] I repeat this. Many among professedly Christian teachers and pious men are not such at heart. They have not been purifying their souls by obeying the truth. And because the religious experience of many has been only a profession, meat has not been given in due season, and God has been greatly displeased. Blessed is that servant, the Lord declares, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find faithful. "Verily I say unto you, He shall make him ruler over all his goods." [Verse 47.]*23LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 4*

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming, and shall begin to smite his fellowservant, 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 48-51.]*23LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 5*

This lesson is being fulfilled all around us and right in our midst. In the indifference and boasting of men and women today, the words of the evil servant are being repeated, "My Lord delayeth His coming." [Verse 48.] In our large cities every kind of wickedness imaginable is being revealed, and yet among the masses, yes, even among the scoffers, there are some who are listening for the trumpet to give the signal of alarm. But they listen in vain. The appropriate warnings have not been given. Is it not high time that the messengers should awake and give the warning message that is to prepare the world for the judgments that are right upon us?*23LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 6*

Let there be an awakening and heartfelt confessions of sin. Let there be a seeking after God. Let the shepherds throw off the lethargy that is upon them. Wake up, brethren, for Christ's sake wake up. Let earnest, organized efforts be made, that light may go forth to those in darkness who are eating and drinking with those who are befogged with skepticism.*23LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 7*

Our sinful condition of lukewarmness has been coming in for years, and we are far behind in following the instructions given to enter the cities and erect memorials for the cause of present truth. For many years the instruction has been repeated to us, regarding the work to

be done in the cities; yet there seems to be a deathlike slumber upon many ministers and people. There are a few who have been doing all in their power, but the burden of this work has not been borne upon the hearts of our people; they are not urged to cooperate and to set in order the things that remain that are ready to die.²³*LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 8*

At our meetings held in the cities, and at our camp-meetings, we do not ask for great demonstrations, but we ask that the men who come before the people to present the truth shall be in earnest and reveal that God is with them. There must be a special seeking after God, that the work of the meeting may be carried on under the deep movings of the Holy Spirit. There must be no mingling of the wrong with right. In the past we have had abundant evidence that God will work through those who place themselves wholly on His side; and this evidence will again be given. We must have at our camp-meeting Christians of the class of whom it was 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.*] Those who seek the Lord in humility of heart will be uplifted and refreshed.²³*LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 9*

Avoid Errors of the Past

Those who take hold of the work at this time are not to repeat the mistakes that have been made in the past, when men have sought to control and rule their fellow workers. God forbids that this spirit shall come into His work. Another message than this is to be borne. Those who have felt a burden to place yokes on the necks of their brethren, who desired to labor, are called upon to repent and be converted. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near." [*Isaiah 55:6.*] The message of the third angel is to go forth with a loud voice. Wake up the watchmen; leave them not to settle back in their deathlike slumber.²³*LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 10*

By words and works some have declared, "My Lord delayeth His coming" [*Matthew 24:48*], and the thief is preparing to steal in and destroy their goods. O that our brethren would awake to the situation! Every presentation possible may be made to them; but

unless the plowshare of truth shall plow up the fallow ground of the heart, there will be no thorough work done. Hearts that are hard will not be broken until there is deep and sincere repentance. Unless there is a thorough reconversion, some will fall back into the same ways that have been followed for the past eight years.*23LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 11*

A Word to the Wavering

Of those who are constantly working to undermine faith in the messages God is sending to His people, I am instructed to say, Come out from among them and be ye separate. Come into the light, brethren, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Those who in faith accept the leadings of the Spirit of God will see where their dangers lie and will make decided moves in the right direction.*23LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 12*

There are some who have not accepted the messages God has sent, and these have sown the seeds of unbelief until tares have sprung up and multiplied. Those who themselves have a tottering faith are constantly working to weaken the faith of those who come within the reach of their influence. Those who have stood directly in the way of the work of God for the past fifteen years are not to be sustained or given influence.*23LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 13*

Now, brethren and sisters, is your time to obtain an experience that will be invaluable to you in the future. But there can be no compromise. Those who desire to be accepted as workers in the future of this cause must advance step by step heavenward. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen." [*Hebrews 11:1.*]*23LtMs, Ms 51, 1908, par. 14*

Ms 53, 1908

Our Publications

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The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand. I am bidden to say to our publishing houses, Lift up the standard; lift it up higher. Proclaim the third angel's message, that it may be heard by all the world. Let it be seen that "here are they that keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." [See *Revelation 14:12; 12:17*.] Let our literature give the divine message as a witness to all the world.*23LtMs, Ms 53, 1908, par. 1*

Our workers should now be encouraged to give their first attention to books that deal with the evidences of our faith, which teach the doctrines of the Bible, and will prepare a people to stand in the trying times before us. Having brought a people to the enlightenment of the truth by prayerful labor in Bible instruction, and through a wise use of our publications, we are to teach them to become laborers in word and doctrine. We are to encourage them to scatter the books that deal with Bible subjects, and whose teachings will prepare a people to stand, having their loins girded with truth and their lamps burning.*23LtMs, Ms 53, 1908, par. 2*

We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the Word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the isle of Patmos. Let every human intelligence who professes the name of Christ testify, The end of all things is at hand; prepare to meet thy God.*23LtMs, Ms 53, 1908, par. 3*

Our publications should go everywhere. Let them be issued in many languages. The third angel's message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher. You who believe the truth for this time, wake up. It is our duty now to bring in all the means possible to help those who understand the truth to proclaim it. Part of the money that comes in from the sale of our publications should be used to increase our facilities for the production of more literature that will open blind eyes and break up the fallow ground of the heart.*23LtMs, Ms 53, 1908, par. 4*

There is danger of our brethren entering into commercialism and becoming so engrossed in worldly business, that the truths of the Word of God in their purity and power are not brought into the life. The love of trade and gain is becoming more and more prevalent. My brethren, let your souls be truly converted. If ever there was a time when we needed to understand our responsibilities, it is now, when truth is fallen in the streets and equity cannot enter. Satan has come down with great power, to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; and everything that can be shaken will be shaken, and those things that cannot be shaken will remain. The Lord is coming very soon, and we are entering into scenes of calamity. Satanic agencies, though unseen, are working to destroy human life. But if our life is hid with Christ in God, we shall see of His grace and salvation. Christ is coming to establish His kingdom on the earth. Let our tongues be sanctified and used to glorify Him. Let us work now as we have never worked before. We are exhorted to "be instant in season, out of season." [2 *Timothy 4:2.*] We are to make openings for the presentation of the truth. We are to improve every opportunity of drawing souls to Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 53, 1908, par. 5*

As a people we are to be reconverted, our lives sanctified to declare the truth as it is in Jesus. In the work of scattering our publications, we can speak of a Saviour's love from a warm and throbbing heart. God alone has the power to forgive sins; if we do not speak this message to the unconverted, our neglect may prove their ruin. Blessed, soul-saving Bible truths are published in our papers. There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals. The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls. Satan is at work to deceive the very elect, and now is our time to work with

vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people; the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. Shall we not arouse to our duties?²³*LtMs, Ms 53, 1908, par. 6*

If we are making the life and teachings of Christ our study, every passing event will furnish a text for an impressive discourse. It was thus the Saviour preached the gospel in the highways and byways; and as He spoke, the little group that listened to Him swelled to a great company. Present-day evangelists are to be workers together with Christ. These, just as verily as the first disciples, have the assurance, "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.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 53, 1908, par. 7*

The work to be carried on by the people of God is declared in the words of inspiration: "Behold, I send My messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." [*Mark 1:2, 3.*] "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 unto 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." [*Isaiah 42:1-4.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 53, 1908, par. 8*

God invites all men to the fullest investigation of the claims of His law. His Word is sacred and infinite. The cause of truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. Earnest study of the Word of God will reveal the truth. Sin and wrong will not be sustained, but the law of God will be vindicated. "Thus saith 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 to 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 will 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.” [Verses 5-7.] Christians are to seek their light from the Word of God, and then in faith go forth to give that light to those who sit in darkness.²³*LtMs, Ms 53, 1908, par. 9*

Ms 55, 1908

The Temperance *Watchman*

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God bids His people blend harmoniously in their service for Him, that they may work in Christ's lines. This last message of warning must be brought to the world; and there are continual calls for those who will go forth and carry the message to the missionary fields that are calling for help. There are some who cannot themselves go to these fields, but they can help with their means in the support of the work.²³*LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 1*

Many can engage in the work of selling our periodicals. Thus they can earn means for the work in foreign fields while sowing seeds of truth in the byways and hedges in the home field. Such labor will be blessed of God, and it will not be done in vain.²³*LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 2*

Wherever you are, let your light shine forth. Hand our papers and pamphlets to those with whom you associate, when you are riding on the cars, visiting, conversing with your neighbors; and improve every opportunity to speak a word in season. The Holy Spirit will make the seed productive in some hearts.²³*LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 3*

As a people we should cultivate kindness and courtesy in our association with those whom we meet. Let us avoid any abruptness of manner and strive always to present the truth in an easy way. This truth means life, eternal life to the receiver. Study therefore to pass easily and courteously from subjects of a temporal nature to the spiritual and eternal. A most courteous manner characterized the work of the Saviour. Seek in the most gentle way to introduce your mission. While walking by the way, or seated by the wayside, you may drop into some heart the seed of truth.²³*LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 4*

I have words of encouragement to speak in regard to the special number of the *Watchman*, which the Southern Publishing House is soon to bring out. I shall rejoice to see our conferences help in this work by taking a large number of this issue for circulation. Let there be no forbiddings placed upon the effort, but let all take hold to give this temperance number a wide circulation. *23LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 5*

There could not be a better time than now for a movement of this kind, when the temperance question is creating such widespread interest. Let our people everywhere take hold decidedly to let it be seen where we stand on the temperance question. Let everything possible be done to circulate strong, stirring appeals for the closing of the saloon. Let this paper be made a power for good. Our work for temperance is to be more spirited, more decided. *23LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 6*

Precious light will be given in the publications you scatter through the towns and cities. Your humble prayers, your unselfish activity, will be blessed by God; and the truth as it is in Jesus will come to those who need it. The words that Christ spoke to men, while He was in the world, He will speak again through His humble, faithful followers. Through them He will give to men the bread of life and the waters of salvation. Brethren, take up this work in humility of heart. The simplicity of true godliness will cause you to be respected and will lead men and women to seek the source of your power. Believe, and you will receive the things you ask for. *23LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 7*

The Women's Christian Temperance Union is an organization with whose efforts for the spread of temperance principles we can heartily unite. The light has been given me that we are not to stand aloof from them; but, while there is to be no sacrifice of principle on our part, as far as possible we are to unite with them in laboring for temperance reforms. My husband and I in our labors united with these temperance workers, and we had the joy of seeing several unite with us in the observance of the true Sabbath. Among them there is a strong prejudice against us, but we will not remove this prejudice by standing aloof. God is testing us. We are to work with them when we can; and we can assuredly do this on the question of

utterly closing the saloon.²³*LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 8*

As the human agent submits his will to the will of God, the Holy Spirit will make the impression upon the hearts of those to whom he ministers. I have been shown that we are not to shun the Women's Christian Temperance Union workers. By uniting with them in behalf of total abstinence, we do not change our position regarding the observance of the seventh day; and we can show our appreciation of their position, regarding the subject of temperance. By opening the door and inviting them to unite with us on the temperance question, we secure their help along temperance lines; and they, by uniting with us, will hear new truths which the Holy Spirit is waiting to impress upon hearts.²³*LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 9*

My brethren, be workers together with Christ. Make every possible effort, in season and out of season, to spread the light of present truth. The Lord has taught us how safe is the cable that anchors us to the living Rock. Here is an opportunity to labor for those who have truth on some points, but who on other points are not safely anchored. Keep in touch with the people wherever you can. "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.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 10*

"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." [*James 4:8.*]
"Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, and waiting at the posts of my doors." [*Proverbs 8:34.*] "He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and shall not faint." [*Isaiah 40:29-31.*] "In the day that I called He answered me, and strengthened me with strength in my soul." [*Psalms 138:3.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 11*

I entreat every soul to seek for true conversion of heart, and then labor for the salvation of precious souls.²³*LtMs, Ms 55, 1908, par. 12*

Ms 57, 1908

An Appeal for the Madison School

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I am acquainted with the necessities of the work being done by Brethren Magan and Sutherland and their co-laborers at Madison, Tenn., for the Lord has presented this matter clearly before me.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 1*

Light had been given that a great work was to be done in and around Nashville. When these brethren were looking for a location for their school, they found the farm where the school is now established. The price was moderate, and the advantages were many. I was shown that the property should be secured for the school, and advised them to look no further.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 2*

The Character of the Work

The school at Madison not only educates in a knowledge of the Scriptures, but it gives a practical training that fits the student to go forth as a self-supporting missionary to the field to which he is called. In their work at Madison, Brethren Sutherland and Magan and their associates have borne trial nobly. The students have been taught to raise their own crops, to build their own horses, and to care wisely for cattle and poultry. They have been learning to become self-supporting, and a training more important than this they could not receive. Thus they have obtained a valuable education for usefulness in missionary fields.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 3*

To this is added the knowledge of how to treat the sick and to care for the injured. This training for medical missionary work is one of the grandest objects for which any school can be established.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 4*

The Need for a Sanitarium

There are many suffering from disease and injury, who, when relieved of pain, will be prepared to listen to the truth. Our Saviour was a mighty Healer. In His name there may be many miracles wrought in the South and in other fields, through the instrumentality of the trained medical missionary.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 5*

It is essential that there shall be a sanitarium connected with the Madison school. The educational work at the school and the sanitarium can go forward hand in hand. The instruction given at the school will benefit the patients, and the instruction given to the sanitarium patients will be a blessing to the school.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 6*

The Value of an All-round Education

The class of education given at the Madison school is such as will be accounted a treasure of great value by those who take up missionary work in foreign fields. If many more in other schools were receiving a similar training, we as a people would be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. The message would be quickly carried to every country, and souls now in darkness would be brought to the light.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 7*

It would have been pleasing to God if, while the Madison school has been doing its work, other such schools had been established in different parts of the Southern field. There is plenty of land lying waste in the South that might have been improved as the land about the Madison school has been improved. The time is soon coming when God's people, because of persecution, will be scattered in many countries. Those who have received an all-round education will have a great advantage wherever they are. The Lord reveals divine wisdom in thus leading His people to train all their faculties and capabilities for the work of disseminating truth.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 8*

A Call to Self-denial

Every possible means should be devised to establish schools of the

Madison order in various parts of the South; and those who lend their means and their influence to help this work are aiding the cause of God. I am instructed to say to those who have means to spare: Help the work at Madison. You have no time to lose. Satan will soon rise up to create hindrances; let the work go forward while it may.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 9*

Let us strengthen this company of educators to continue the good work in which they are engaged, and labor to encourage others to do a similar work. Then the light of truth will be carried in a simple and effective way, and a great work will be accomplished for the Master in a short time.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 10*

When the Lord favors any of His servants with worldly advantages, it is that they may use those advantages for the benefit of others. We are to learn to be content with simple food and clothing, that we may save much means to invest in the work of the gospel.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 11*

Our lack of self-denial, our refusal to see the necessities of the cause for this time, and to respond to them, call for repentance and humiliation before God. It is a sin for one who knows the truth of God to fold his hands and leave his work for another to do. The gospel of Christ calls for entire consecration. Let our church members now arise to their responsibilities and privileges. Let them spend less on self-indulgence and needless adorning. The money thus expended is the Lord's and is needed to do a sacred work in His cause. Educate the children to do missionary work and to bring their offerings to God. Let us awake to the spiritual character of the work in which we are engaged. This is no time for weakness to be woven into our experience.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 12*

The Work at Madison Not to be Hindered

The workers at Madison have devised and planned and sacrificed in order to carry the school there on right lines, but the work has been greatly delayed. The Lord guided in the selection of the farm at Madison, and He desires it to be managed on right lines, that others, learning from the workers there, may take up a similar work and conduct it in a like manner.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 13*

In the work being done at the training-school for home and foreign missionary teachers in Madison, Tenn., and in the small schools established by the teachers who have gone forth from Madison, we have an illustration of one way in which the message should be carried in many, many places.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 14*

Brethren Sutherland and Magan should be encouraged to solicit means for the support of their work. It is the privilege of these brethren to receive gifts from any of the people whom the Lord impresses to help. They should have means—God’s means—with which to work. The Madison enterprise has been crippled in the past, but now it must go forward. If this work had been regarded in the right light, and had been given the help it needed, we should long ere this have had a prosperous work at Madison. Our people are to be encouraged to give of their means to this work which is preparing students in a sensible and creditable way to go forth into neglected fields to proclaim the soon coming of Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 15*

Now a modest sanitarium is being erected, and a more commodious school-building. These are necessary to carry on aright the work of education. In the past, Brethren Sutherland and Magan have used their tact and ability in raising means for the good of the cause as a whole. Now the time has come when these faithful workers should receive from their brethren, the Lord’s stewards, the means that they need to carry on successfully the work of the Madison school and the little Madison sanitarium.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 16*

I appeal to our brethren to whom the Lord has entrusted the talent of means: Will you not help the workers at Madison, who have been instrumental in raising means for many enterprises? As the Lord’s messenger, I ask you to help the Madison school now. This is its time of need. The money which you possess is the Lord’s entrusted capital. It should be held in readiness to answer the calls in places where the Lord has need of it.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 17*

The necessities of the Madison school call for immediate help. Brethren, work while the day lasts; for the night cometh, when no man can work.*23LtMs, Ms 57, 1908, par. 18*

Ms 59, 1908

The New England Sanitarium

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1908

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A Review of the Providences Connected with the Establishment of the Sanitarium at Melrose, Massachusetts, near Boston.²³*LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 1*

Removal to Melrose

The Lord in His providence has opened the way for His workers to take an advance step in New England—a field where much special work should be done. The brethren there have been enabled to arrange to change the location of the sanitarium from South Lancaster to Melrose, a place much nearer Boston, and yet far enough removed from the busy city so that the patients may have the most favorable conditions for recovery of health. The transfer of the New England Sanitarium to a place so convenient to the city of Boston is in God's providence. When the Lord sets His hand to prepare the way before us, God forbid that any should stand back, questioning the wisdom of going forward, or refusing to give encouragement and help.²³*LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 2*

The removal of the New England Sanitarium from South Lancaster to Melrose has been presented to me as being directed by the Lord.²³*LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 3*

Let all who are connected with this sanitarium labor to make it a model institution, where the living principles of righteousness shall prevail. Our institutions for the care of the sick and suffering are to stand upon the elevated platform of truth. They are to carry out the eternal principles of equity and righteousness. Those who are working in them are to weigh their actions in the scales of justice and practice strict equity. God desires every man and every woman in His service to stand before Him in purity and truth, obedient to all

His commandments. Cleanness of spirit must be preserved wherever the light of truth is to shine forth. All the workers in our sanitariums should ever remember that they are laboring in institutions dedicated to the Lord.^{23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 4}

October 24, 1902

Description of the Property

(Portion of an article printed in the *Review and Herald*, September 29, 1904.)^{23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 5}

Ever since the removal of the New England Sanitarium to Melrose, I have had a desire to see the new location, and to tell those connected with the institution of the important influence which its work may exert to benefit the people of Boston.^{23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 6}

The Beautiful Surroundings

I have now been at the Melrose Sanitarium for a week, and find it one of the most favorably located sanitariums that I have ever seen. The spacious lawns, the noble trees, the beauty of the scenery all around answer to the representations given me of what our sanitariums ought to be. The quietude is delightful. The surroundings are attractive to the eye and refreshing to the mind. Here I see the very pictures that I have been shown in vision—patients amid beautiful surroundings, lying out in the sunshine in wheelchairs and on cots. I see before me the sights that the Lord has helped me to present before our people in print.^{23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 7}

Our sanitariums should be attractive places, and the surroundings of this sanitarium correspond more closely to the representations that have been given me by the Lord than anything else I have seen up to the present time. This place and several other places were presented to me some time ago. This place was pointed out as a most desirable site for the sanitarium work that should be carried on

near Boston. It has the attractiveness that will bring to it wealthy people from Boston. It has been reserved for us, that we may reach the people of that city. I have been instructed that it is in the providence of God that the New England Sanitarium is here; and we should appreciate the advantages thus placed within our reach.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 8*

Since coming to this sanitarium, I have had opportunity to see a great deal of its surroundings. The forty acres of land, with the large buildings located on the property, are in the midst of the Middlesex Fells, a state reservation of three thousand five hundred acres. We have driven slowly through the park in every direction, looking with delight at the trees and the lakes, and inhaling the health-giving fragrance of the pines. It is delightful to ride through the forest. There are many beautiful drives and much fine scenery. I enjoy looking at the many different kinds of trees, but most of all I enjoy looking at the noble pines. There are medicinal properties in the fragrance of these trees. "Life, life," my husband used to say when riding among the pines. "Breathe deep, Ellen; fill your lungs with the fragrant, life-giving atmosphere."*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 9*

It is impossible to find words to describe the beauty of this place. Just in front of the sanitarium buildings there is a beautiful lake called Spot Pond. This lake supplies the city of Boston with water, and it is most carefully guarded from contamination. No bathing or boating are allowed in it.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 10*

The Buildings

Then sanitarium buildings are fairly well adapted to their present use. They were originally used as a hotel, but have been easily adapted to sanitarium purposes, though, of course, some changes had to be made. The buildings, with the forty acres of land, were purchased for thirty-nine thousand dollars. There was about six thousand dollars worth of furniture in the buildings, and for this no additional charge was made.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 11*

I have been instructed that it was in the providence of God that our people obtained possession of this place. I have also been instructed that proper facilities should be provided for the increasing

number of patients. Many from Boston and other places will come to this institution, to be away from the din and bustle of the city. Additional buildings will have to be put up. Rooms must be provided for the rich as well as for the poor. The money of the rich is needed: it will be a great help to the institution. ...*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 12*

At the time that the sanitarium work was moved from South Lancaster to Melrose, I bore testimony to the wisdom of the change, and I now say again, The providence of God has been revealed in the transfer. The Melrose Sanitarium is a place that will be well patronized; and great good will be accomplished by the institution if it is rightly conducted. ...*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 13*

There should be accommodations for those who desire and are willing to pay for rooms with a private bathroom. People come here who say that they are willing to pay whatever is asked for rooms which are just what they want. But they see nothing that satisfies them, and they go away. Accommodations must be provided for people of this class. We are to labor in the highways as well as in the byways.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 14*

I am instructed that Boston must be worked; and I know that the possession of this sanitarium site is one of the greatest blessings that could come to our work in the Eastern States. A hundred or more might be cared for here were there suitable accommodations. Therefore we advise that the work on the new building be begun soon, so that patients of the wealthy class may be cared for. This class must hear the message. Let those in charge counsel together, and make arrangements to put up a building that will provide the necessary accommodations. The doors, windows, and other material brought from South Lancaster, and now lying idle in the barn, can be utilized. Remember, this material was a gift.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 15*

We rejoice that the Lord in His providence has guided us to this place. No buildings can be put up near the sanitarium by other parties. There is here nothing to offend the sense of sight or the sense of smell, and care must be taken that there shall be nothing of the kind. I am instructed that close inspection is being made by

those who are not supposed to be inspectors. Everything about the buildings will be investigated. Note will be taken of the care given to the barns and stables; therefore there must be no laxness or looseness in the care of the premises. Let everything be such that it will bear favorable testimony to the institution.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 16*

Those who are acting a prominent part in connection with this sanitarium should be encouraged by what the Lord has done in behalf of the institution. ... Let all who are connected with the sanitarium move forward unitedly, inquiring at every crisis, What would Christ do were He in my place? ... Come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Satanic agencies are constantly seeking to discourage and destroy those who will listen to the counsel of the enemy. Keep close to the Word of God; for it is spirit and life. Then the Lord will be able to say of you, Ye "are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*]*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 17*

Sanitarium, California

January 17, 1905

Dear Brother _____:

I have recently learned of 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 had 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.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 18*

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 many souls?*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 19*

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.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 20*

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.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 21*

Why Conduct Sanitariums?

In letters received from our brethren, the questions are asked: "Why do we spend so much effort in establishing sanitariums? Why do we not pray for the healing of the sick, instead of having sanitariums?"*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 22*

These is more to these questions than is at first apparent. 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?*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 23*

When the light came that we should begin sanitarium work, the reasons were plainly given. There were many who needed to be educated in regard to healthful living. As the work developed, we were instructed that suitable places were to be provided, to which we could bring the sick and suffering, who knew nothing of our

people and scarcely anything of the Bible, and there teach them how to regain health by rational methods of treatment without having recourse to poisonous drugs, and at the same time surround them with uplifting spiritual influences. As a part of the treatment, lectures were to be given on right habits of eating and drinking and dressing. Instruction was to be given regarding the choice and the preparation of food, showing that food may be prepared so as to be wholesome and nourishing, and at the same time appetizing and palatable.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 24*

In all our medical institutions, patients should be systematically and carefully instructed how to prevent disease by a wise course of action. Through lectures, and the consistent practice of the principles of healthful living on the part of consecrated physicians and nurses, the blinded understanding of many will be opened, and truths never before thought of will be fastened on the mind. Many of the patients will be led to keep the body in the most healthy condition possible, because it is the Lord's purchased possession. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [*1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.*]*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 25*

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.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 26*

It is to save the souls, as well as to cure the bodies of men and women, that at much expense our sanitariums are established. God designs that by means of these agencies of His own planting, the rich and the poor, the high and the low, shall find the bread of heaven and the water of life. He designs that they shall be educated in right habits of living, spiritual and physical. The salvation of many souls is at stake. In the providence of God, many of the sick are to be given the opportunity of separating for a time from harmful associations and surroundings, and placing themselves in institutions where they may receive health-restoring treatments and wise instruction from Christian nurses and physicians. The establishment of sanitariums is a providential arrangement, whereby people from all churches are to be reached and made

acquainted with the truth for this time.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 27*

Sanitarium, California

May 14, 1906

To the Medical Superintendent of the Melrose Sanitarium

Dear Brother: I was very much pleased to receive a letter from you regarding the sanitarium at Melrose. I have not been situated so that I could respond sooner. Early in April we were called upon to attend the dedicatory exercises of two of our Southern California sanitariums—at Loma Linda, near Redlands, and at Paradise Valley, near San Diego. ...*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 28*

Like Melrose, one of the chief advantages of the situation at Loma Linda is the pleasing variety of charming scenery. We believe that both places have come into our possession to be used to the very best advantage possible for sanitarium purposes.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 29*

But more important than magnificent scenery and beautiful buildings and spacious grounds is the close proximity of these institutions to densely populated districts, and the opportunity thus afforded of communicating to many, many people a knowledge of the third angel's message. We are to have clear spiritual discernment, else we shall fail of understanding the opening providences of God that are preparing the way for us to enlighten the world. The great crisis is just before us. Now is the time for us to sound the warning message by the agencies that God has given us for this purpose. Let us remember that one most important agency is our medical missionary work. Never are we to lose sight of the great object for which our sanitariums are established—the advancement of God's closing work in the earth.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 30*

Loma Linda is in the midst of a very rich district, including three important cities—Redlands, Riverside, and San Bernardino. This

field must be worked from Loma Linda, as Boston must be worked from Melrose.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 31*

When the New England Sanitarium was removed from South Lancaster to Melrose, the Lord instructed me that this was in the order of His opening providence. The buildings and grounds at Melrose are of a character to recommend our medical missionary work, which is to be carried forward not only in Boston, but in many other unworked cities in New England. The Melrose property is such that conveniences can be provided that will draw to that sanitarium persons not of our faith. The aristocratic, as well as the common people, will visit that institution to avail themselves of the advantages offered for restoration of health.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 32*

Boston has been pointed out to me repeatedly as a place that must be faithfully worked. The light must shine in the outskirts and in the inmost parts. The Melrose Sanitarium is one of the greatest agencies that can be employed to reach Boston with the truth. The city and its suburbs must hear the last message of mercy to be given to our world. Tent-meetings must be held in many places. The workers must put to the very best use the abilities God has given them. The gifts of grace will increase by wise use. But there must be no self-exaltation. No precise lines are to be laid down. Let the Holy Spirit direct the workers. They are to keep looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith. The work for this great city will be signalized by the revelation of the Holy Spirit, if all will walk humbly with God. ...*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 33*

We hope that those in charge of the work in New England will cooperate with the Melrose Sanitarium managers in taking aggressive steps to do the work that should be done in Boston. A hundred workers could be laboring to advantage in different portions of the city, in varied lines of service.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 34*

The terrible disasters that are befalling great cities ought to arouse us to intense activity in giving the warning message to the people in these congested centers of population, while we still have an opportunity. The most favorable time for the presentation of our message in the cities has passed by. Sin and wickedness are

rapidly increasing; and now we shall have to redeem the time by laboring all the more earnestly.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 35*

The medical missionary work is a door through which the truth is to find entrance to many homes in the cities. In every city will be found those who will appreciate the truths of the third angel's message. The judgments of God are impending. Why do we not awaken to the peril threatening the men and women living in the great cities of America? Our people do not realize as keenly as they should the responsibility resting upon them to proclaim the truth to the millions dwelling in these unwarned cities.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 36*

There are many souls to be saved. Our own souls are to be firmly grounded in a knowledge of the truth, that we may win others from error to the truth. We need now to search the Scriptures diligently; and as we become acquainted with unbelievers, we are to hold up Christ as the anointed, the crucified, the risen Saviour, witnessed to by prophets, testified of by believers, and through whose name we receive the forgiveness of our sins.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 37*

We need now a firm belief in the truth. Let us understand what is truth. Time is very short. Whole cities are being swept away. Are we doing our part to give the message that will prepare a people for the coming of their Lord? May God help us to improve the opportunities that are ours.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 38*

Sanitarium, California

May 15, 1906

To the Medical Superintendent of the Melrose Sanitarium

Dear Brother: It was a wonderful providence that brought us into possession of the Melrose Sanitarium property. Let us work out by faith God's purpose for this institution. It is to be an important outpost-center, from which to work the city of Boston. You, my brother, understand the instruction that the Lord has given regarding this matter.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 39*

Never in any way should the Melrose Sanitarium be placed under the influence of any man or set of men at Battle Creek. Not one of our sanitariums should be swayed by plans of human devising. The Lord is to manage our sanitariums, and He positively forbids that the sanitarium at Melrose shall in any respect be under the guidance of those who have resisted the counsel of the Lord regarding the proper union of the evangelical and medical work. Were men outside of New England to have a controlling voice in your organization and plans, great perplexity would attend your work.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 40*

I now say to you, in the name of the Lord, Cut loose from Battle Creek. Sever every connection. The course recently taken by some to hinder the Melrose Sanitarium from forming a perfect organic union with the conferences, from which its support and patronage come, is exactly the course that God has warned us would be taken. When listening to the men who have taken this course, you are under an influence the character of which you do not realize. The spiritual understanding of some men whom we have greatly respected in past years is not now to be depended upon. ...*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 41*

My brother, the Lord will lead you, but never, never through a human agency that is under the influence of the enemy of our souls. The Lord has given you a most favorable place in which to care for the sick, and to labor in His service, and He will bless you and your wife so long as you look to Him for guidance. But if you lean upon human help, you will find that your dependence is as a broken reed. I am bidden to say to you and your wife, Guard yourselves against every deceptive influence. As you do this, God will tenderly lead and guide you and bless you in your position of responsibility.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 42*

In past years, you have taken a special interest in the upbuilding of the Melrose Sanitarium, and the Lord has blessed your efforts. He will still help you, if you will to do His will. Do not, I beseech of you, break away from Melrose now, when you have before you so many wonderful opportunities for service. The Lord has a special work for you to do in Boston. The standard of present truth is to be exalted in that great city; and, in God's providence, you and your co-laborers

are situated where you can co-operate with others in doing a noble and far-reaching work in that important center of influence.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 43*

Brother _____, I wish to express my great thankfulness to God that you have the privilege of engaging in so good a work. This is the very work you ought to do in connection with the medical missionary work. Your position as a physician of experience and your wife's position give you influence. It has been very plainly presented to me by the Lord that you and your wife have been placed where you have many opportunities for accomplishing much good. A second physician—one who is competent to assist you, and who, withal, is sound in the faith—should be connected with you; and reliable help should also be provided for your wife. This would give both of you more freedom.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 44*

It is the will of the Lord, Brother _____, that you and your associates shall blend your talents in carrying forward the work of the Melrose Sanitarium. He desires that our people shall conduct this institution in harmony with the light that He has given. God established this sanitarium to be a means in His hands of accomplishing great good. ...*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 45*

God's judgments are in the land. Whole cities and villages will be blotted out. Boston is to be warned now, and we are to allow nothing to divert our minds from the responsibility of fulfilling God's purpose in establishing the Melrose Sanitarium, which purpose He desires to work out through us.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 46*

As physicians and ministers, let us labor in unity. The Lord will work with power, as we strive to do our part faithfully. He will cause Boston to hear the message of present truth. Co-operate with Him in bringing this about, my brother, my sister, and He will help you, strengthen you, and encourage your hearts through the salvation of many precious souls.*23LtMs, Ms 59, 1908, par. 47*

Ms 61, 1908

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Instruction to Sanitarium Workers

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I am very anxious that all those connected with our sanitariums shall be men whose lives are wholly devoted to God, free from all evil works. There are some who seem to have lost all sense of the sacred character of our institutions and the purpose for which they were established. A great dread has been upon my mind as to what the results will be of this lack of spirituality and clear discernment. There is great need of loyalty to principle. The Lord calls for young men to work in our sanitariums who will not yield to temptation. The lives of the young people connected with our sanitariums should be such as to exert a convicting and converting power upon those who have not received the message for this time.*23LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 1*

Our sanitariums are to be conducted in such a way that God will be honored and glorified. They are not to become a snare. But unless the human instrumentalities are under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the enemy will use them to carry out his devisings for the hindrance of God's cause and for the destruction of their own souls. Many have already lost their first love for the great, grand Bible truths concerning Christ's second coming.*23LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 2*

It is only the Lord's working, believing people who are full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, who will honor the truth they profess to believe. Their faith speaks out through their earnest belief of the truth. They render loyal obedience to their Leader. They rest upon the efficacy of His sacrifice for the race, knowing that it speaketh better things than the blood of Abel. They believe that to those who look for Him He will appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*23LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 3*

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.²³*LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 4*

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 methods 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 to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20.*] 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 them 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.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 5*

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 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.*23LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 6*

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.*]*23LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 7*

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 that we have been with Christ, and that truth may seem more desirable to them than error.*23LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, 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 the 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.*23LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 9*

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 characters for eternity.*23LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 10*

The influence of the sanitarium family should be a united influence, each member seeking to become a power for good in that department in which he labors. If this result is obtained, there must first be a weeding out of every lame principle; then the workers can hope to succeed in perfecting themselves as Christian workers. It is only as they place themselves under the discipline of God, conforming their daily lives to the pattern that they have in the Saviour's earthly life, that they can become partakers of the divine nature, and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. As long as we are here in this world, we are on test and trial. We will be held accountable, not only for the working out of our own

salvation, but for the influence for good or evil that we exert on other souls.*23LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 11*

He who is meek in spirit, 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. 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. His influence will be a positive force in favor of the religion of Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 12*

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 to Him against that day." [*2 Timothy 1:12.*] The Lord is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think. Our cold, faithless hearts may be quickened into sensibility and life, until we can say in faith, "The life that 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.*]*23LtMs, Ms 63, 1908, par. 13*

Ms 65, 1908

Labor to be Given to Lakeport and the Surrounding Settlements

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While I was in Lakeport I was deeply impressed with the fact that here was a place where a faithful work should be done in giving the message of truth to the people. In this mountain region are many souls who need the truths of the third angel's message. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit we are to proclaim the truth for this time among these settlements in the mountains and valleys. Its solemn warnings are to be echoed and re-echoed. And the message must come to the people quickly; it must be given line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. Without delay, wise and intelligent men and women should engage in the work of sowing the gospel seed.²³*LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 1*

The Lord is calling His people to go forth into the highways and byways and call men and women to come to the gospel feast. If His servants will put their hearts into the work of proclaiming the truth to those who know it not, they may be assured that angels who minister unto those who shall be heirs of salvation will give them grace and power and efficiency for their labors, and that the Spirit of God will go before them to impress hearts to respond to their efforts. The Lord will work through those who will open the Scriptures to the people who have made their homes in these retired places of the country. I appeal to my brethren and sisters to unite in doing this good work and carry it to completion.²³*LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 2*

Lakeport and the settlements in the surrounding valleys and hills should sometime have the privileges of a camp-meeting. Here are

people in need of the light of truth. They should have wise and patient labor put forth in their behalf. We could find a beautiful place to hold a camp-meeting amidst the restful scenes of nature to be found in these mountain regions, and this would be one of our best means of reaching the people settled there. Curiosity would call out many to the meetings. And the interest aroused by the camp-meeting should be followed by the distribution of our literature, by house-to-house visiting, and the giving of Bible readings in the homes.*23LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 3*

The people who live in the country place are often more easily reached than are those who dwell in the thickly populated cities. Here among the scenes of nature, Christian character is more easily formed than amid the wickedness of city life. When the truth takes hold of the hearts of the simple-hearted, and the Spirit of God works upon their minds, leading them to respond to the proclamation of the Word, there will be some raised up to help support the cause of God both by their means and their labors.*23LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 4*

There is urgent call for means to sustain the workers who are entering new fields in all parts of the world. Our church members should be instructed to cherish a spirit of self-sacrifice. In every home lessons of self-denial should be taught. Our children should be encouraged to keep their self-denial boxes always in sight. And where it is possible, the boys and girls should have a piece of land where they can raise something for market, and thus earn means that they can devote to missionary purposes.*23LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 5*

Christ was the King of glory, the honored of heavenly beings; yet He laid off His royal robe and crown and for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich in the possession of heavenly treasure. He taught that His disciples should follow out in their lives the principles of the gospel, being willing to deny self, willing to follow His example in truth and righteousness, willing to suffer for the truth's sake, that they may be partakers in His glory when He comes in His kingdom.*23LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 6*

As a people we are called to reach a much higher standard of attainment. Our camp-meetings should be regarded as sacred, solemn seasons, when we may expect much from God. Every camp-meeting held should be an object lesson of order and neatness and economy. The food prepared for the campers should be wholesome and appetizing, and free from all flesh foods, and from tea and coffee and other harmful drinks. The family tents should be neat and orderly; and in all our movements we should show the results of good organization. The Lord demands also that cleanliness prevail throughout the camp. The Leader of Israel gave special instruction to Israel in this respect. The regulations observed in the Hebrew encampment are to be a lesson to us.*23LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 7*

Let the camp-ground be regarded as a sacred place. Let the people assembled remember that they have not come to visit and to chat about trifling interests, but to gain a better knowledge of how to serve and glorify God. Let all feel that they need not only to study the Word, but to practice it, that they may take the benefits of the meetings with them to their homes. It is time that we became more intelligent in regard to the Scriptures, and that we learn how to work wisely for others. We are soon to be severely tested and tried, and we need to learn to have trust and confidence in God. At the camp-meeting we have the privilege of devoting much time to the acquiring of spiritual strength for the duties that lie before us in the future.*23LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 8*

From the camp-meeting we may take with us a better understanding of our home duties. There are lessons to be learned here regarding the work the Lord would have our sisters do in their homes. They are to learn to cultivate politeness of speech when speaking to husband and children. They are to study how they may help to bring every member of the family under discipline to God. Let fathers and mothers realize that they are under obligation to make home pleasant and attractive, and that obedience is not to be obtained by scolding and threats. Many parents have yet to learn that no good is accomplished by outbursts of scolding. Many do not consider the need of speaking kindly to the children. They do not remember that these little ones are bought with a price, and are the purchased possession of the Lord Jesus.*23LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par.*

The Lord has given to the Marthas and the Marys their individual work. We all need to bear in mind that if we would do a good work for Christ, we must first learn the precious and all-important lesson of meekness. We must not only bear the name of Christ, but day by day we are to watch unto prayer. We are to walk even as Christ walked, and possess His spirit, purifying our lives daily from those things that would cause spiritual weakness to ourselves and that would bring dishonor to God. The life of every believer of truth is to bring honor to the cause of truth by a well-ordered life and a godly conversation. Then the power and grace of Christ will be revealed through His people. In our labors at the camp-meetings, more attention should be given to the work of teaching the principles of health and temperance reform; these questions are to take an important place in our efforts at this time. My message is: Educate, educate on the question of temperance. In our schools let only those teachers be employed who will exert a reformatory influence in matters of eating and drinking and dressing. Encourage the spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice. In all our sanitarium and school work, let matters pertaining to health reform take a leading part. The Lord desires to make our sanitariums an educating force in every place. Whether they are large or small institutions, their responsibility remains the same. The Saviour's commission to us is, "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.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 10*

The reason why I call your attention to Lakeport and its surrounding settlements is that these places have not yet received a right impression regarding the truth for this time. It may be that among our people there are those who will consent to use their means for the opening of missionary fields. To such I would say, For the Master's sake, do what you can to help. We have not yet investigated fully how large a field for labor lies here, but Lakeport is one of the places presented to me as in need of our attention.²³*LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 11*

I have much to say in regard to these settlements in the mountains. There are like settlements near Washington, where a similar work

should be done. Will not our people work more faithfully in the highways and hedges? Commercial enterprises have so long absorbed the interests and capabilities of so many Seventh-day Adventists, that they are largely unfitted to do the work of bringing the light of present truth before those who are ignorant of it. We should not be content to permit such a condition to continue.²³*LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 12*

There are many of our people who, if they would go out of the cities, and begin the labor in these byways, <and also highways,> would recover physical health. I urge our brethren to go out as missionaries, two and two, to these country places. Go in humility. Christ has given an example, and the Lord will certainly bless the efforts of those who will move out in the fear of God, bearing the message the Saviour gave to the first disciples, "The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." [*Luke 10:9.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 65, 1908, par. 13*

Ms 67, 1908

Morning Reflections

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The question is asked, "When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith in the earth?" [*Luke 18:8*.] Can you say this morning, I believe in the Lord Jesus; I live by the faith of the Son of God, by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God?²³*LtMs, Ms 67, 1908, par. 1*

The Saviour is calling souls to come to Him. The bells of heaven are ringing out the blessed invitation, "Come." The Spirit of God is pleading, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." [*John 7:37*.] These are precious words of encouragement and hope.²³*LtMs, Ms 67, 1908, par. 2*

It is the privilege and duty of every church member to consecrate heart and soul to God. At your baptism you pledged yourselves to believe in God, to obey His Word, to receive His grace. You pledged yourselves to live the principles of the gospel, and to labor together with Christ with all the ability God has given you. None are excused for living idle lives. None can refuse to represent Him in word and deed and be guiltless.²³*LtMs, Ms 67, 1908, par. 3*

The presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three highest powers in the universe, and those in whose name the believer is baptized, is pledged to be with every striving soul. They will impart grace and strength to all who will watch unto prayer, to all who will purify the soul by obedience to the truth. And they will make the believer instrumental in leading other souls to accept Christ by faith.²³*LtMs, Ms 67, 1908, par. 4*

The duty to reflect light rests upon every church member. "Ye are the light of the world," Christ declared to His followers. "A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ... Let your light so shine before men,

that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” [Matthew 5:14, 16.] If the believer fails of drawing light from the Sun of righteousness, he cannot reflect light.²³*LtMs, Ms 67, 1908, par. 5*

“He that is not with Me,” Christ said, “is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad.” [Matthew 12:30.] Those who do not cast their influence on the side of Christ, Satan imbues with his spirit to act in unison with the enemy of good. We cannot afford to do this, and thus violate the pledge we made at our baptism. When we give to the cause of evil the influence and ability which belong to the cause of the truth, angels are disappointed, and Christ is dishonored. Those who are true to their baptismal pledge cannot be indifferent to the work of saving souls. To those who by their influence gather with Christ, angels will give ability to labor successfully for Him.²³*LtMs, Ms 67, 1908, par. 6*

How precious to every soul should be the thought that his name upon the church books is the pledge that he is engaged in the service of Christ! The servant of God is to be learning constantly how he may reflect light to the world. By his earnest devotion to the cause of the coming King, he is to be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. He has become dead to worldly inducements, and lives unto God; and the words of his mouth, the modest dress, the humble spirit, unflinchingly testify that he is a laborer together with God.²³*LtMs, Ms 67, 1908, par. 7*

Spiritual indolence brings discouragement to the church. The example of one indolent soul may do much harm, for it will be copied by others just according to the possibilities of its influence. The Lord calls upon all who profess His name to exalt His character before men, by words and works revealing their faith in Him. In response to our desire to labor for Christ, heavenly angels will place opportunities before us by which we may make known the salvation of God.²³*LtMs, Ms 67, 1908, par. 8*

Ms 69, 1908

Teacher, Know Thyself

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To know oneself is great knowledge. True self-knowledge will lead to a humility that will allow the Lord to train the mind and mold and discipline the character. The grace of humility is greatly needed by the workers for Christ in this period of the world's history. No teacher can do acceptable work who does not bear in mind his own deficiencies, and who does not drop out from his reckoning all plans that will weaken his spiritual life. When teachers are willing to drop out from their work everything that is unessential for the life eternal, then they can be said indeed to be working out their salvation with fear and trembling, and to be building wisely for eternity.²³*LtMs, Ms 69, 1908, par. 1*

I am instructed to say that some of our teachers are far behind in an understanding of the kind of education needed for this period of earth's history. This is not a time for students to be gathering up a mass of knowledge that they cannot take with them to the school above. Let us carefully weed out from our course of study all that can be spared, that we may have room in the minds of the students in which to plant the seeds of righteousness. This instruction will bear fruit unto eternal life.²³*LtMs, Ms 69, 1908, par. 2*

Every teacher should be a daily learner in the school of Christ, lest he lose the sense of what constitutes true physical, mental, and moral excellence. No one should place himself as a teacher of others who is not constantly working out his own salvation by receiving and imparting an all-round education. The true teacher will educate himself in moral excellence, that by precept and example he may lead souls to understand the lessons of the great Teacher. No one should be encouraged to do the work of teaching who will be satisfied with a low standard. No one is fitted to teach the grand mysteries of godliness till Christ is formed within, the hope of

glory.*23LtMs, Ms 69, 1908, par. 3*

Every teacher needs to receive the truth in the love of its sacred principles; then he cannot fail of exerting an influence that is purifying and uplifting. The teacher whose soul the truth cleanses, refines, and ennobles, whose heart is stayed upon Christ, will speak and act like a Christian. Such an one will not be satisfied until the truth cleanses his life from every unessential thing. He will not be satisfied unless his mind is day by day being molded by the holy influences of the Spirit of God. Then Christ can speak to the heart, and His voice, saying, "This is the way; walk ye in it," will be heard and obeyed. [*Isaiah 30:21.*]*23LtMs, Ms 69, 1908, par. 4*

The teacher who has a right understanding of the work of true education will not think it sufficient now and then to make casual reference to Christ. With his own heart warm with the love of God, he will constantly uplift the man of Calvary. His own soul imbued with the Spirit of God, he will seek to fasten the attention of the students upon the pattern Christ Jesus, the chiefest among ten thousand, the One altogether lovely.*23LtMs, Ms 69, 1908, par. 5*

The Holy Spirit is greatly needed in our schools. This divine agency comes to the world as Christ's representative. It is not only the faithful and true witness to the Word of God, but it is the searcher of the thoughts and purposes of the heart. It is the source to which we must look for efficiency in the restoration of the moral image of God in man. The Holy Spirit was eagerly sought for in the schools of the prophets; its transforming influence was to bring even the thoughts into harmony with the will of God and establish a living connection between earth and heaven.*23LtMs, Ms 69, 1908, par. 6*

Teachers, if you will open your hearts to the indwelling of the Spirit of God, if you will welcome the heavenly guest, God will make you laborers together with Him. In co-operation with the Master Teacher, the spirit of selfishness will be expelled, and wonderful transformations will take place.*23LtMs, Ms 69, 1908, par. 7*

In the night season these words were spoken to me: "Charge the teachers in our schools to prepare the students for what is coming

upon the world.” The Lord has been waiting long for our teachers to walk in the light he has sent them. There is need of a humbling of self, that Christ may restore the moral image of God in man. The character of the education given must be greatly changed before it can give the right mold to our institutions. It is only when intellectual and moral powers are combined for the attainment of education, that the standard of the Word of God is reached.²³*LtMs, Ms 69, 1908, par. 8*

These words were clearly and forcibly spoken: “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. Press together; press together, and love as brethren. Pray together.” [See *James 5:16; 1 Peter 3:8.*] The Lord has paid the price of his own blood for the salvation of the world. He suffered every indignity that men could devise and Satan could invent, in order to carry out the plan of salvation. Let not the teacher seek to exalt self, but let him see the necessity of learning of Christ daily, and making him the pattern. For teachers and students our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ should be the only example.²³*LtMs, Ms 69, 1908, par. 9*

Bear in mind that the Lord will accept as teachers only those who will be gospel teachers. A great responsibility rests upon those who attempt to teach the last gospel message. They are to be laborers together with God in the training of human minds. The teacher who fails to keep the Bible standard always before him, misses an opportunity of being a laborer together with God in giving to the mind the mold that is essential for a place in the heavenly courts.²³*LtMs, Ms 69, 1908, par. 10*

Ms 71, 1908

To Workers in Washington

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I am instructed to say to our brethren and sisters who are acting a part in various lines of work in Washington, The word of the Lord to you is, Come into line; come into line. The light that has been given on the subject of health reform is just as essential in 1908 as it was in the days when we first received it. Let the believers in Washington bring into their lives the principles of true temperance, and thus set a right example to our people in other places.²³*LtMs, Ms 71, 1908, par. 1*

If those who hold positions of responsibility are lax in following the principles of health reform, and depart from the plain light that God has given us upon this subject, it would be better for them to be in some other place than in this important center. If they choose to disregard the clear light that God has sent for the last forty years, they ought not to stand in a place where their backslidings exert so wide an influence.²³*LtMs, Ms 71, 1908, par. 2*

There are some professed believers who accept certain portions of the testimonies as the message of God, while they reject those portions which condemn their favorite indulgences. Such persons are working contrary to their own welfare, and the welfare of the church. It is essential that we walk in the light while we have the light. Those who claim to believe in health reform, and yet work counter to its principles in their life practice, are hurting their own souls and leave wrong impressions upon the minds of believers and unbelievers.²³*LtMs, Ms 71, 1908, par. 3*

It is for their own good that the Lord counsels the remnant church to discard the use of flesh meats, tea, and coffee, and other harmful foods. There are plenty of other things on which we can subsist that are wholesome and good.²³*LtMs, Ms 71, 1908, par. 4*

Ms 73, 1908

Counsels Repeated

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Again representations have been made to me that all who have the care of the sick, in our sanitariums, should bear in mind that these institutions are established for a special work, and are to be conducted in a way that will bring honor to God.²³*LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 1*

Our sanitariums should be established in retired places, that are free from all noise and confusion, such as the rumbling of carriages and streetcars.²³*LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 2*

The Lord has taught us that great efficacy for healing lies in a proper use of water. These treatments should be given skilfully. We have been instructed that in our treatment of the sick we should discard the use of drugs. There are simple herbs that can be used for the recovery of the sick, whose effect upon the system is very different from that of those drugs that poison the blood and endanger life.²³*LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 3*

The number of our lady physicians should be increased. Care should be taken that lady nurses have the care of lady patients, and gentleman nurses of gentleman patients.²³*LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 4*

I would say to our physicians, Never allow your patients to think that in the human being is power to heal the sick. You are to depend much more than you have done on the co-operation of the great Physician in the work of healing disease. Your faith is to lay hold upon the efficacy of Christ to make effectual the effort put forth for the recovery of the sick.²³*LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 5*

There are some in our institutions who claim to believe the

principles of health reform, and yet who indulge in the use of flesh meats and other foods which they know to be injurious to health. I say to such in the name of the Lord, Do not exert your influence against the principles of health reform. Do not accept positions in our institutions while you refuse to live the principles for which our institutions stand; for by doing this you make doubly hard the work of teachers and leaders who are striving to carry the work on right lines. Clear the King's highway. Cease to block the way of the messages He sends.*23LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 6*

I have been shown that the principles that were given us in the early days of the message are to be regarded as just as important by our people today as they were then. There are some who have never followed the light given us on the question of diet. It is time now to take the light from under the bushel, and let it shine forth in clear, bright rays.*23LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 7*

Some who are not willing to receive the light, but who prefer to walk in ways of their own choosing, will search the testimonies to find something in them to encourage the spirit of unbelief and disobedience. Thus a spirit of disunion will be brought in; for the spirit which leads them to criticize the testimonies will also lead them to watch their brethren to find in them something to condemn.*23LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 8*

Satan's rebellion shut him out from the courts of heaven; and all who engaged with him in warfare against Christ were cast out with him. The exercise of Satan's seductive arts against the government of heaven did not cease with his expulsion from the presence of God. Year by year they have grown more deceptive, more subtle, more determined. Every additional evidence rejected increases his power to resist the government of God and of Christ. And every ray of hope resisted helps to create for him and for his followers a hopeless future.*23LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 9*

Satan has turned men from the worship of the true Sabbath which at the creation of the world God sanctified and blessed, and which on Mt. Sinai He repeated amid terrible majesty to His people. All who reject the sacred message, regarding the requirements of the law of God, reject truth. God's obedient people are to hold fast to

truth in every line. This is the only hope of the soul, when Satan seeks to take control of heart and mind.²³*LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 10*

The resistance of truth leaves men captive to the will of Satan. Those who today hold fast to erroneous ideas, and feel satisfied with popular errors, rejecting a plain "Thus saith the Lord," reveal that had they lived in the days of Christ, they would have helped to swell the cry of the murderous mob, "Crucify Him, crucify Him." [*Luke 23:21.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 11*

God requires continual advancement from His people. They need to learn that indulged appetite is the greatest hindrance to mental improvement and soul sanctification. As a people, with all our profession of health reform, we eat too much. Indulgence of appetite is the greatest cause of physical and mental debility and lies largely at the foundation of feebleness and premature death. Intemperance begins at our tables when we use an unwise combination of foods. Let the individual who is seeking to possess purity of spirit bear in mind that in Christ there is power to control the appetite.²³*LtMs, Ms 73, 1908, par. 12*

Ms 75, 1908

Words to Students

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I desire to say to the students in our schools, We cannot keep the heart sweet and pure without a constant renewal of divine grace. A daily conversion of mind and heart, a daily purification of the thoughts and the affections, is essential to the life of the Christian. Let every student say at the beginning of each day, I place myself on the Lord's side this day to represent the grace and meekness of Christ.²³*LtMs, Ms 75, 1908, par. 1*

It was in the early morning hours that Christ communed with His Father, and in this communion He found strength for the duties and trials that awaited Him. If we would dedicate ourselves to God in the early hours of each day, we would receive strength to resist temptation, and we would be kept by His power.²³*LtMs, Ms 75, 1908, par. 2*

As a people we are to be health reformers. We are to practice self-denial. Christ is our pattern in this respect. Lay hold of His divine strength for power to live a life of holiness and self-surrender. Let the purity of His Word sanctify the life. The Lord has graciously imparted light, showing how we may have physical health and clear, clean thoughts. Should we not be ready to follow His directions?²³*LtMs, Ms 75, 1908, par. 3*

Christ declared to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [*Matthew 5:14-16.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 75, 1908, par. 4*

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am

not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." [Verses 17-19.]*23LtMs, Ms 75, 1908, par. 5*

"He shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven." [Verse 19.] Some may argue from these words that the transgressors of the law will be in the kingdom of heaven. But this is not so. Those who transgress the commands of God will have no part there. They will be accounted the least in the estimation of those who inherit the kingdom.*23LtMs, Ms 75, 1908, par. 6*

Let us seek God while He may be found. He has a heaven full of blessings awaiting our demand; and He is the only source of our power. When we realize how great is His power to help, how tender is His protecting care, our hearts should be filled with praise and gratitude to Him. Let us encourage a spirit of thankfulness and praise. Let us watch unto prayer. We shall thus obtain a rich experience.*23LtMs, Ms 75, 1908, par. 7*

The student has a special work to do in the school. Right in the school room and in the school home, there are missionary fields awaiting his labors. Here a variety of minds are gathered, many different characters and dispositions. By proving himself a help and blessing to his fellows, the student has the privilege of proving the genuineness of his love for Christ, and his willingness to improve the opportunities for service that come to him. Students, by helpful words and kindly deeds seek to impart to your associates the grace of God bestowed upon you.*23LtMs, Ms 75, 1908, par. 8*

Ms 77, 1908

Lamps Without Oil

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The necessities of the times demand that most earnest efforts be put forth for the advancement of the third angel's message. Evil angels are endeavoring by every ingenious method to counterwork the work of God. Heavenly agencies are laboring to make effective the message of light and truth. Yet at such a time a lack of consecration and faith is manifest among God's people that is grieving the Holy Spirit. Many of our workers seem to be sleeping. *23LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 1*

To many the Bible is as a lamp without oil, because the knowledge of the Word is turned into channels of speculation that bring misunderstanding and confusion to minds. This has been done by some to such a degree as to give occasion for those who are watching us to make of none effect the message of truth. I am instructed to ask our leading men and ministers, Are you laborers together with God, or do you place your own interpretation upon the Word? It is the duty of every worker to ask himself the question, Whom am I serving? Beware, brethren, lest self be interwoven with your exposition of the Word. Beware lest you lead any soul to a misunderstanding of the Word. The Lord now calls for the truth to be presented in its simplicity, that all, even the most ignorant, may understand its requirements. *23LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 2*

The psalmist writes: "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in His ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep Thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all Thy commandments. I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned Thy righteous judgments. I will

keep Thy statutes, O forsake me not utterly.²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 3*

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word. With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways. I will delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy word.” [*Psalm 119:1-16.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 4*

Let the young men and women study these words, and encourage a spirit that will desire to heed the way of the Lord.²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 5*

David continues, “Deal bountifully with Thy servant, that I may live and keep Thy word. Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. ... Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I will keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law; yea, I will observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy way. Stablish Thy word unto Thy servant, who is devoted to Thy fear. Turn away my reproach which I fear; for Thy judgments are good. Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts: quicken me in Thy righteousness.” [*Verses 17, 18, 33-40.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 6*

Such prayers as this the Lord’s servants should be continually offering to Him. This prayer reveals a consecration to God of heart and mind; it is the consecration that God is asking us to make.²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 7*

The Word of God brings plainly to view two classes of people, the wise and the foolish. Let those who profess to know the truth for these last days take heed that they be not found among the foolish, whose lamps are going out because they have failed to supply

themselves with the holy oil, the Spirit and grace of Christ. Through the agency of the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth, provision has been made that every soul may be abundantly supplied.²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 8*

Unless there is a connection with heavenly agencies, the strong, pure influence which should be exerted by every worker in the field will be lacking. They will be no more prepared to do the work which the Lord expects them to do than were the foolish virgins prepared to answer the call, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him." [*Matthew 25:6.*] The Holy Spirit will not be represented in their labors. They have the form of the truth; they have the lamp, but they have no oil in their vessels. The power of a godly example is lacking. There is no living experience to give power to the truth presented.²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 9*

If the influence of heavenly agencies is not combined with human effort, the word of truth presented will be ineffective. Great zeal may be manifested; but if the daily example is not a living, powerful influence for good, the zeal will be worthless. Unless the Spirit of God accompanies the worker to correct every unsanctified way, his work will be superficial and weak.²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 10*

Spiritual things, the apostle Paul declares, are spiritually discerned. "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost; in whom the god of this world hath blinded the eyes of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord: and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." [*2 Corinthians 4:1-7.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 11*

I am instructed to say to many professed believers, Unless you look upon your religious experience in an altogether different light than you have, you are going to meet with keen disappointment. The righteousness of Christ is revealed from faith to faith, that is, from your present faith to an increased understanding of that faith which works by love and purifies the soul. Those who endure trial for the truth's sake, who make sacrifices to help those in need, do so because of the presence of the love of God in the soul. When men and women give themselves unreservedly to the exercise of unselfish works, it is because the grace of Christ is in the heart, molding the life to His example. But if the heart is destitute of the Spirit of God, if it does not possess the rich grace of God, there is no oil in the vessel with the lamp, there is no treasure in the earthen vessel.²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 12*

Those who are genuinely converted will not act like the worldling, but their experience will answer to the words of the apostle Paul, when he declared, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, The just shall live by faith." [*Romans 1:16, 17.*] When Christ imparts to any the blessings of His grace, He lays the recipients under special obligations to place their capabilities and powers at the service of God. They are called so to relate themselves to the work of the Master, that they will reveal in all their actions that they are converted. In their reverence and homage for the grace of Christ, they will reproduce that character in their own, thus testifying to the attributes of the Father.²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 13*

There is need that we study carefully the evidence we give in our own lives that we are Christians. On the part of some, evidence has been given of an unchristian spirit. They have revealed that they need a reconversion if they would not be disappointed in the great day of final award.²³*LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 14*

There are troublous times before us, when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. For this conflict with the powers of evil, we are bidden to arm ourselves with all the armor of God, "above all," the apostle exhorts, "taking the shield of faith, whereby 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 6:16, 17.*]23LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 15

We have reason for great thankfulness that we have the perfect example of the life of Christ. As He did, so day by day we are to obey the Word of the Lord. Let us cultivate a grateful spirit. Let us make sure work for eternity. The humility and benevolence of Christ’s life revealed in ours is the testimony we give to the world that we are His disciples. Through a life of obedience and self-sacrifice we are to reveal the love of God for fallen man.23LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 16

Those who would have the life that measures with the life of God must be workers in this life. They must watch unto prayer. They must not fail nor be discouraged. By faith they must work out their own salvation. By faith and complete submission to the will of God, they must become partakers of God’s love and doers of His will.23LtMs, Ms 77, 1908, par. 17

Ms 79, 1908

Build on a Sure Foundation

St. Helena, California

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The story of a crucified and risen Saviour is the great central theme of the Word of God. In the psalms, in the prophecies, in the gospels, and in the epistles, God has by revelation made prominent the vital truths concerning the agreement between the Father and the Son in providing for the salvation of a lost race.²³*LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 1*

Christ was crucified to save the world. For His enemies, for a race in rebellion against God, our Saviour suffered the most excruciating agonies that human flesh could endure. He has made ample provision for sinners, that they need not perish. In the light of His death-agony on the cross, we may know that whosoever will truly repent and receive Him as a personal Saviour will receive everlasting life.²³*LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 2*

Our highest privilege is to honor Jesus Christ. We need now, in this year 1908, a continual spirit of submission to the will and requirements of God. His word is plain. If we will seek for a personal experience in submitting to its requirements, we may appropriate the promise, "The meek will He guide in judgment; and the meek will He teach His way." [*Psalm 25:9*.] As we study the Word prayerfully, with an obedient heart, the Holy Spirit will be with us to make upon our minds the correct application. This is a privilege that the world cannot receive or understand; for they have not the "Spirit of truth, whom," Christ declared, "the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him." But to His disciples He says, "'Ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.' Ye 'have the mind of Christ.'" [*John 14:17; 1 Corinthians 2:16*.]²³*LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 3*

In the parable of the marriage of the king's son, Jesus relates how

after earnest efforts “the wedding was furnished with guests.” [Matthew 22:10.] He continues: *23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 4*

“When the king came in to see the guests, He saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he said unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.” [Verses 11-14.] *23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 5*

It has been repeatedly revealed to me that many professing Christians will, in the time of final test, be greatly disappointed. Many, many will fail to provide themselves with that righteousness of Christ represented in the parable by the wedding garment. They have trusted in their own righteousness and have not manifested the humility of Jesus Christ. They may be seated at the supper table with others, but Christ will recognize them, and will say to them, “How camest thou in hither not having on a wedding garment?” [Verse 12.] *23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 6*

Unless those who profess to be Christians become sanctified through the truth and learn to reveal the likeness of Christ in words, in deeds, in spirituality, in their relation to their fellow men, the great day of test and trial will find them unprepared to enter through the golden gates into the city of God. And unless they can now be made to feel their great need, they will not have a spirit to seek for the essential righteousness of Christ. *23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 7*

When called before king Belshazzar to explain the mysterious writing on the wall, Daniel reminded the king of matters with which he was familiar, but which had not taught him the lesson of humility that might have saved him. “O thou king,” said the prophet, “the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor: and for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew, and whom he would he kept alive, and whom he would he set up, and whom he would he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne and they took his glory from

him: and he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that He appointeth over it whomsoever He will.” [Daniel 5:18-21.]*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 8*

Then the enormity of Belshazzar’s guilt was thus emphasized: “And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: then was the part of the hand sent from Him; and this writing was written.”*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 9*

“And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL UPHARSIN. This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.” [Verses 22-28.]*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 10*

The Lord does not suffer wicked practices to go on without sending reproof and warning. There are men in high places who know of the reproofs of warnings of judgment sent, who know the example of God’s dealings with others who have been disobedient, yet who have not sought to correct their ways before God. They have endeavored rather to make of none effect the messages that God has sent. They have continued to make of none effect the messages God has sent. They have continued to exalt themselves, and to carry out their own ways in defiance of the words of God. They have not been ignorant of the right way, but they have allowed their eyes to be blinded. In pronouncing judgment upon these, God will say, “Though thou knewest all this,’ thou hast not humbled thy heart.” [Verse 22.]*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 11*

Many have continued in a wicked course of action, until the Lord

Jesus cannot accept their service, unless there is a genuine conversion. His people today have no excuse for turning away from the counsels of His Spirit. In His Word, He has given us examples that should be warnings to us, yet although we have known all this, many of God's people have not taken heed to the warnings of God.²³*LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 12*

“Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.²³*LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 13*

“Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.²³*LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 14*

“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.” [1 *Corinthians 10:1-12.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 15*

Among the many discordant elements, some have been unable to discern the voice of God in the messages of warning and reproof that have been sent for the guidance of the church. Men who have refused to walk in the plain counsel of the Lord are not the ones who should be entrusted with the care of His sheep and lambs. Those who, while professing to believe the truth, resist the Holy Spirit, making light of the messages from heaven, will surely be punished for their transgressions. They will not in the future have greater evidence of the truth of these messages than has been

given in the past. The Lord forbids that they should be entrusted with the responsibilities that they might have borne, had they heeded the messages that the Lord in mercy sent them.*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 16*

The angel of the Lord instructed me: “Go, stand before My people, and speak to them the words that I will give you for church members and for unbelievers. I will give you tongue and utterance. You have been called from the needy field in Australia to bear a living testimony that, if heeded, will be the salvation of many souls. New agents must occupy the field you have left. I have a work for you among a people, many of whom have followed their own evil course and refuse to come to the light.”*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 17*

Christ was the greatest missionary this world has ever known the Word has been made flesh and dwelt among us as a minister of healing to both soul and body is work is to be carried forward in the earth today. The only work worthy of our attention in this world is the advancement of the kingdom of God. To those who will unite as agents of Christ in the carrying forward of His work in the earth, the promise is sure that they shall receive souls for their hire.*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 18*

The salvation of fallen and sinful humanity is a grand co-operative work, in which every being from the loftiest angel to the lowliest saint has his appointed place. The innumerable company of angels are united with us, in co-operation with God and Jesus Christ, in the work of saving souls. Think of this, you who feel no burden to be united with Christ, that His church may be revealed as a body of laborers together with God.*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 19*

Let all draw in unity, their dependence placed upon Christ Jesus. “Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.” [*1 Corinthians 12:27.*] The truth is a sanctifying, unifying power. We are baptized into one body, and united through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. In carrying forward the work of the lord, there will not be one indifferent member. If one member suffers, all the others will suffer with him. If one member receives a rich blessing, all the members will rejoice with him.*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 20*

The Lord of heaven and earth is the strength of His people. He is the light and life of every truly converted soul. His Spirit, working with its quickening power, will be recognized by its inspiration and its abiding influence. Christ our Lord identifies Himself with the members of His church. It is this union of the human and the divine that convicts the world. Through the blessed union of those who are sanctified, body, soul, and spirit, the truth is magnified. All are to blend in keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 21*

To the principalities and powers in heavenly places is made known by the church the manifold wisdom of God. Were all who profess to be church members truly converted, what a power for truth and holiness would be manifested. They would be laborers together with God in leading souls to Christ. There can be no repining when Christ is formed within, the hope of glory.*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 22*

The message I have to bear is that a much higher standard must be reached by God's people. I entreat all to heed this warning. I dare not cease to "cry aloud," and "spare not," and show God's people "their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." [*Isaiah 58:1.*] It is time that we all understood our true position, and that we give, in righteous characters, the evidence that we possess the truth.*23LtMs, Ms 79, 1908, par. 23*

Ms 81, 1908

Words of Exhortation and Warning

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This message has been given me for our teachers gathered in institutes, and for the young men and women who shall assemble at our colleges and training schools: *23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 1*

You need to understand the significance of the teachings of the apostle Peter as recorded in the *first chapter of his first epistle*: “Peter an apostle of Jesus Christ to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Christ: Grace unto you, and peace be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” *23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 2*

“Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.” [*Verses 1-9.*] Why should we not study this chapter frequently? Here are presented to us, through the inspiration of the Spirit of God, most precious promises, the foundation for large expectations, if we will act upon the instruction

given.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 3*

If we would escape from the sickly experience we now have, we must begin in earnest to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. There are many who give no decided evidence that they are true to their baptismal vows. Their zeal is chilled by formality, worldly ambition, pride, and love of self. Occasionally their feelings are stirred, but they do not fall on the Rock Christ Jesus. They do not come to God with hearts that are broken in repentance and confession. Those who experience the work of true conversion in their hearts will reveal the fruits of the Spirit in their lives. O that those who have so little spiritual life would realize that eternal life can be granted only to those who become partakers of the divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 4*

The Lord foresaw the unbelief that would prevail in our world at the present time, and through His servants He sent messages of comfort and assurance that would confirm the faith of His children who should live in the end of time.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 5*

When the disciple John was banished from those he loved in the faith to the lonely isle of Patmos, the Lord met with His faithful witness and there revealed to him the future of His church as He had not revealed it through any other. We read the opening words of that wonderful book: "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him, to show 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.*]*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 6*

There are weighty reasons why we should study the revelation that God gave to John. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand." [*Verse 3.*] With such testimony as this, and seeing as we do the fulfilment of this prophecy, we are without excuse if we remain in ignorance of those things which must "shortly come to pass." [*Verse 1.*]*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 7*

A solemn responsibility rests upon those who know the truth, that

their works shall correspond with their faith, and that their characters shall be refined and sanctified, and they prepared for the work that must rapidly be done in these closing days of the message. The words should come to us now with impelling earnestness, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." [Acts 3:19.] There are many among us who are deficient in spirituality, and who, unless they are converted, will certainly be lost.²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 8*

A Message to Parents

Let our ministers and teachers bear this message to parents: We need religion in the home. Fathers and mothers, are you satisfied with the advancement you are making in the divine life? Do you testify in words and acts that you have experienced the new birth? Do you earnestly ask yourselves the question, Can I in my present condition be called an overcomer? Begin, O begin now, to make a change. Throw off the lethargy that is upon you.²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 9*

Pride and weakness of faith are depriving many of the rich blessings of God. There are many who unless they humble their hearts before the Lord, and arouse to their solemn responsibilities, will be surprised and disappointed when the cry is heard, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh! They have the theory of the truth, but they have no oil in their vessels with their lamps. Our faith at this time must not stop with belief in the theory of the third angel's message. We must have the oil of the grace of Christ that will feed the lamp and cause the light of life to shine forth, showing the way to those who are in darkness.²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 10*

Missionary Activity

Urge every Seventh-day Adventist family to awaken and to become the Lord's missionaries. Consider the books that the Lord has placed in your possession for the relief of our schools and sanitariums. Many opportunities have been given you to show that you appreciate the truths revealed in these books. If these precious volumes are appreciated as they should be, self-denying efforts will

be made to bring them to the notice of the people. Let brethren and sisters encourage one another to become acquainted with their neighbors. Tell them the story of the gift of these books for the support of our institutions, and tell of your own interest in seeking to place them in the hands of acquaintances and friends. Tell the story to the wealthy. Men, women, and children can engage in this work. We have yet to learn of persons who after reading the books have expressed unfavorable opinions regarding them.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 11*

Golden opportunities for missionary labor are offered to those who will take hold of this work, and rich blessings will come to the people who purchase the books and study their teachings.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 12*

The sale of the book *Ministry of Healing* will bring in means for the help of our health institutions, and for the aid of those sick ones who could not unaided get the benefits of sanitarium treatments. Now let those of our people who wish to help our schools and sanitariums unite in the work of circulating these books as far and as fast as possible. As the Lord's missionaries, we may take a special interest in this work and help to get the precious light before the people.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 13*

Those who engage in this work should first give themselves unreservedly to God. They should place themselves where they can learn of Christ and follow His example. Angels are commissioned to go forth with those who take up this work in true humility.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 14*

Beware of Ambition and Self-Exaltation

Satan is the leader of every species of rebellion today as he was the originator of rebellion in the courts of heaven. Standing next to Christ in power and honor, yet he coveted the glory that belonged to the Son. He desired to be equal with God. To carry out his purpose, he concealed his true designs from the angels and worked deceptively to secure their allegiance and honor to himself. By sly insinuations, by which he made it appear that Christ had assumed the place that belonged to himself, Lucifer sowed the seeds of

doubt in the minds of many of the angels; and when he had won their support, he carried the matter before God, declaring that it was the sentiment of many of the heavenly beings that he should have the preference to Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 15*

We will not at this time follow the immediate results of Satan's rebellion and his expulsion from heaven, but let us consider how his deceptive work is being continued today among those who profess to be the loyal people of God. In the hearts of many church members, there is being carried on today the same work of rebellion and disaffection; and the result is injury and weakness to the church. They are Sabbath-keepers who have been counted true and loyal, who are giving loose rein to their ambitions and desires, and are uniting with the work of the archdeceiver, and imperiling the prosperity of the cause of God. The artful foe has found a place in many hearts that should have no room for the selfish, ambitious principles that are being promulgated.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 16*

Satan is Christ's personal enemy. He is the originator of every contention that is manifesting itself in Battle Creek, and he is seeking to imbue with his spirit every church in our ranks. He knows that the time is short, and he seeks to gain every victory possible. Long has he deceived mankind, and great is his power over the human family; and his rage against the people of God increases as he finds that the knowledge of God's requirements is extending to all parts of the world, and that the light of present truth is shining to those who have long sat in darkness.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 17*

There are those among us who claim to believe the truth, yet who refuse to be sanctified through the truth. When reprov'd for a wrong course, self immediately rises up, and they stubbornly follow the devisings of the enemy. Through their long opposition to the testimonies of the Spirit of God, they are working out a species of the rebellion that has hindered the advancement of the kingdom of God in the earth throughout the ages. There are those who are ever seeking to have their own way, and to follow the leadings of their own disposition. The result of all this is weakness and confusion, evil surmisings and evil devisings. Those who continually work on Satan's side of the question will carry out the plans of the deceiver until they find themselves wholly departed from the faith.*23LtMs, Ms*

81, 1908, par. 18

We receive many letters from our brethren and sisters, asking for advice on a great variety of subjects. If they would study the published testimonies for themselves, they would find the enlightenment they need. Let us urge our people to study these books and circulate them. Let their teachings strengthen our faith.²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 19*

Let us study more diligently the Word of God. The Bible is so plain and clear that all who will may understand. Let us thank the Lord for His precious Word, and for the messages of His Spirit that give so much light. I am instructed that the more we study the Old and New Testaments, the more we shall have impressed on our mind the fact that each sustains a very close relation to the other, and the more evidence we shall receive of their divine inspiration. We shall see clearly that they have but one Author. The study of these precious volumes will teach us how to form characters that will reveal the attributes of Christ.²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 20*

It is fully time that every responsible worker should take his stand firmly on the Word of God. This Word is to be our defense when Satan works with such lying wonders that if it were possible he would deceive the very elect. It is then that those who have not stood firmly for the truth will unite with the unbelieving who love and make a lie. When these wonders are performed, when the sick are healed and other marvels are wrought, they will be deceived. Are we prepared for the perilous times that are right upon us? or are we standing where we will fall an easy prey to the wiles of the devil?²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 21*

I am instructed to speak plainly concerning these deceptions that are arising. The Word of God points out our peril: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter days some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." [1 *Timothy 4:1, 2.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 22*

"They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while

some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 23*

“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 24*

“I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Jesus Christ, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which in His times He shall show who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 25*

“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and gain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: which some professing have erred from the faith.” [1 *Timothy 6:9-21.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 26*

“If ye then be risen with Christ,” the apostle exhorts, “seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, and 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.²³*LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 27*

“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry; for which things’ sake the

wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: in which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them. But now ye therefore put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 28*

“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.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 29*

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; 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.*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 30*

“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.” [*Colossians 3:1-17.*]*23LtMs, Ms 81, 1908, par. 31*

Ms 83, 1908

Schools in Connection with Sanitariums

St. Helena, California

June 25, 1908

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I wish to make some statements regarding our sanitariums which I hope will not be misunderstood. The light given me is that where a sanitarium is established, there should also be a school. This can be placed near enough to the sanitarium so that the medical teachers can meet often with the students, yet it should not be so near that there will be danger of the students disturbing the patients, or of patrons of the health institutions being a means of hindrance to the students.*23LtMs, Ms 83, 1908, par. 1*

Education includes the important work of voice culture. The students are to be taught to give their readings and recitations such expression as will make their work interesting to the hearers. They are to be taught how to use the abdominal muscles in speaking, and this study will prove to be a remedy for many voice and chest difficulties, and the means of prolonging life.*23LtMs, Ms 83, 1908, par. 2*

Let the same lessons be given to the patients. The physician should teach the patient how to breathe deeply, and this in many cases will be found to be a means of healing.*23LtMs, Ms 83, 1908, par. 3*

Those who desire to become missionaries are to hear instruction from competent physicians, who will teach them how to care for the sick without the use of drugs. Such lessons will be of highest value to those who go out to labor in foreign countries. And the simple remedies used will save many lives.*23LtMs, Ms 83, 1908, par. 4*

Many places have been presented to me which I have been instructed ought to come into our possession for sanitarium work. We should ever bear in mind, when choosing a sanitarium site, that it should have pleasant surroundings and, as far as possible,

should be among beautiful scenes of nature, for these will be a constant object lesson to the patients.*23LtMs, Ms 83, 1908, par. 5*

The word “out of the cities” has come to us again and again. Health resorts can be secured away from the cities, for the Lord knows our needs; and He will prepare places for us away from the congested centers of population. This has been proved to us as we have established our sanitariums at St. Helena, at Loma Linda, which is most remarkable for its advantages, and at Paradise Valley.*23LtMs, Ms 83, 1908, par. 6*

The Lord has opened the way for the establishment of our medical work in many places; and if these institutions will stand in the fear of God, they will accomplish a good work. To my knowledge many apparently hopeless cases have recovered under their wise treatment.*23LtMs, Ms 83, 1908, par. 7*

We say to those who desire to secure sanitarium sites, Secure places that are the most pleasant, and where the ground is tillable, thus enabling you to supply physical exercise to those who need it. This is a great health restorer. Every muscle of the body should have exercise.*23LtMs, Ms 83, 1908, par. 8*

The cities are not the places in which to establish sanitariums. The shut-in rooms, the noise of carriages, the air polluted by the fumes of tobacco and liquor and many poisonous gases, create conditions that are not inviting to the sick and are not conducive to health. Therefore I urge the advantages of the country places for our health institutions.*23LtMs, Ms 83, 1908, par. 9*

Ms 85, 1908

Co-operation Between Schools and Sanitariums

St. Helena, California

June 30, 1908

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In company with Dr. Rand, Elder Knox, Bro. George Manuel, and W. C. White, I have just visited a place that is for sale about two miles from our home. The road to this place is rough and will need to be improved if a school is established there.*23LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 1*

The question has been asked if it would be well to establish our college so near to the St. Helena Sanitarium. Recently I have written much regarding the advantages of our schools being established close to our health institutions, that the older students may have the benefits of the united instruction in the work of ministry and the care of the sick. Our schools should be near our sanitariums, but not so close as to interfere with their work. If the instruction that has been given regarding this matter is followed, the students will reap great advantages.*23LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 2*

The students in our schools should have the advantage of learning how to care for the sick, for many of them will be called to engage in just this kind of work as they take up missionary labor in the fields to which they shall go. Then, too, for their own welfare, the students should have wise instruction regarding the principles of healthful living. This should be considered an important part of their education, even though they never expect to go out as missionaries.*23LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 3*

In the primary schools the children should be taught to form habits that will keep them in health. All should have an intelligent knowledge of how to preserve health, for thus much suffering may be avoided. These are some of the reasons why our schools should be located in easy access of our sanitariums. Students are to be taught how to keep in health, and free from the ills that are

prevalent, but which, by the exercise of care and wisdom, may be avoided.*23LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 4*

Some of the meetings held in the sanitariums for the instruction of the patients may be made occasions of valuable instruction to the students. Many benefits will accrue by our sanitariums and schools being closely related. Both should blend, each helping the other as far as it is possible.*23LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 5*

I have written in regard to the Madison school, that this should be the plan of the work there, the educational work to blend with the medical. The interest of each institution in the other will prove a great blessing to each, a blessing which it is not possible to define clearly.*23LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 6*

The time has come when every advantage to be gained for the furtherance of the work should be recognized; for we need all the strength we can obtain. Christ is soon coming, and Satan knows that his time is short. As we draw near to the close of time, the cities will become more and more corrupt, and more and more objectionable as places for establishing centers of our work. The dangers of travel will increase, confusion and drunkenness will abound; and if there can be found places in retired mountain regions, where it would be difficult for the evils of the cities to enter, let our people secure such places for our sanitariums and advanced schools. The two institutions may be far enough apart so that there need be no confusion.*23LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 7*

Let parents understand that the training of their children is an important work in the saving of souls. In country places abundant, useful exercise will be found in doing those things that need to be done, and which will give physical health by developing nerve and muscle. "Out of the cities" is my message for the education of our children.*23LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 8*

God gave to our first parents the means of true education when He instructed them to till the soil and care for their garden home. After sin came in, through disobedience to the Lord's requirements, the work to be done in cultivating the ground was greatly multiplied; for the earth, because of the curse, brought forth weeds and thistles. But the employment itself was not given because of sin. The great

Master Himself blessed the work of tilling the soil.²³*LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 9*

It is Satan's purpose to attract men and women to the cities, and to gain his object he invents every kind of novelty and amusement, every kind of excitement. And the cities of the earth today are becoming as were the cities before the flood.²³*LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 10*

We should carry a continual burden as we see the fulfilment of the words of Christ, "As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." [*Matthew 24:37.*] In the days before the flood, every kind of amusement was invented to lead men and women to forgetfulness and sin. Today, in 1908, Satan is working with intensity, that the same conditions of evil shall prevail. And the earth is becoming corrupt. Religious liberty will be little respected by professing Christians, for many of them have no understanding of spiritual things.²³*LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 11*

We cannot fail to see that the end of the world is soon to come. Satan is working upon the minds of men and women, and many seem filled with a desire for amusement and excitement. As it was in the days of Noah, every kind of evil is on the increase. Divorce and marriage is the order of the time. At such a time as this, the people who are seeking to keep the commandments of God should look for retired places away from the cities. Some must remain in the cities to give the last note of warning, but this will become more and more dangerous to do. Yet the truth for today must come to the world—truth as spoken by the lips of Him who understood the end from the beginning; "Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able." [*Luke 13:24.*] "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat; because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." [*Matthew 7:13, 14.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 12*

As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when the Son of man be revealed. In the days of Noah the majority of the people were opposed to truth, because truth restricted their licentiousness and their violence and crime. The majority were opposed to

righteousness and to the observance of the law of God. Truth found no place in mind or heart or works.*23Lts, Ms 85, 1908, par. 13*

Christ is coming. We are charged with this message: Christ is coming to judge the world for her iniquity; and the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. Then the great multitude will be without God and without hope in the world.*23Lts, Ms 85, 1908, par. 14*

One of the marked features of Noah's day was the intense worldliness that prevailed. Eating and drinking and dressing, buying and selling, marrying and giving in marriage marked all classes, high and low. It is not sinful to supply the necessities of life. This is a duty. But when eating and drinking and dressing are made the supreme objects of life, then they become sin. God has provided food with which to supply hunger; but when eating and drinking are carried to excess, they become gluttony and drunkenness, and this is sin. That which was primarily a duty is in our day carried to excess; and the results of gluttony and drunkenness are theft, murder, lust, and the gratification of every base passion, and indulgence in every kind of satanic cruelty. Many even of those who have their names in church books are a great dishonor to the One whose name they profess. The Son of God gave His precious life, that He might redeem all who would be converted and forsake their unrighteous ways.*23Lts, Ms 85, 1908, par. 15*

Who will be warned? We say again, Out of the cities. Do not consider it a great deprivation, that you must go into the hills and mountains, but seek for that retirement where you can be alone with God, to learn His will and way.*23Lts, Ms 85, 1908, par. 16*

In the movement of 1844, when we believed the coming of Christ was at hand, night after night, when bidding goodnight to those of like faith, we would grasp their hands, feeling that we might not clasp them again until we should meet in the kingdom of glory. Thus it will be again as we draw near to the close of time. I urge our people to make it their life work to seek for spirituality. Christ is at the door. This is why I say to our people, Do not consider it a privation when you are called to leave the cities and move out into country places. Here there await rich blessings for those who will

grasp them. By beholding the scenes of nature, the works of the Creator, by studying God's handiwork, imperceptibly you will be changed into the same image.*23LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 17*

I have been given a decided message to bear regarding this matter. I am bidden to say to our people. Prepare to meet thy God. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [*John 3:16.*] Will you take hold of the hope set before you in the gospel? Will you humble your proud hearts before the Lord, and become one with Christ?*23LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 18*

The Lord gave to Jacob, the lonely traveler wandering in a dreary wilderness, a wonderful dream. Jacob lay down to rest at night with a stone for his pillow; and there the Lord gave to him a glorious vision. He saw a ladder, the base of which rested firmly on the earth, and its top reaching to the very heavens. It was a ladder of shining brightness, for God stood at the top, and His glory streamed from heaven to earth. This was a symbol of the ladder which all who love God will ascend, round after round, heavenward. That night Jacob, the petted son of his mother, experienced the new birth and became a child of God. In his discouraged state the light that came to him was regarded as most precious, and the hard stone on which his head rested the most desirable on which his head had ever rested.*23LtMs, Ms 85, 1908, par. 19*

Ms 87, 1908

Our Camp-Meetings an Object Lesson in Health Reform

St. Helena, California

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Light has been given me in regard to the foods provided at our camp-meetings. Foods are sometimes brought on to the campground, which are not in keeping with the principles of health reform. *23LtMs, Ms 87, 1908, par. 1*

If we are to walk in the light God has given us, we must educate our people, old and young, to dispense with those foods that are eaten merely for the indulgence of appetite. Our children should be taught to deny themselves of such unnecessary things as candies, gum, ice cream, and other nicknacks, that they may put the money saved by their self-denial into the self-denial box, of which there should be one in every home. By this means large and small sums would be saved for the cause of God. *23LtMs, Ms 87, 1908, par. 2*

Not a few of our people need instruction in regard to the principles of health reform. There are various confections that have been invented by manufacturers of health foods, and recommended as perfectly harmless; but I have a different testimony to bear concerning them. They are not truly healthful, and their use should not be encouraged. We need to keep more strictly to a simple diet of fruits, nuts, and grains, and vegetables. *23LtMs, Ms 87, 1908, par. 3*

Let not foods or confectionery be brought upon our campground that will counterwork the light given our people on health reform. Let us not glow over the temptation to indulge appetite by saying that the money received from the sale of such things is to be used to meet the expense of a good work. Where is your discernment? All such temptation to self-indulgence should be firmly resisted. Let us not persuade ourselves to do that which is unprofitable to the individual under the pretext that good will come of it. Let us

individually learn what it means to be self-denying, yet healthful, active missionaries.*23LtMs, Ms 87, 1908, par. 4*

In *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, there is much instruction regarding our camp-meeting. See *pages 31 to 125*. On *page 112* you will find the following:*23LtMs, Ms 87, 1908, par. 5*

“The large gatherings of our people afford an excellent opportunity for illustrating the principles of health reform. Some years ago at these gatherings much was said in regard to health reform and the benefits of a vegetarian diet; but at the same time flesh meats were furnished at the tables in the dining tent, and various unhealthful articles of food were sold at the provision stand. Faith without works is dead; and the instruction upon health reform, denied by practice, did not make the deepest impression. At later camp-meetings, those in charge have educated by practice as well as by precept. No meat has been furnished at the dining tent, but fruits, grains, and vegetables have been supplied in abundance. As visitors ask questions in regard to the absence of meat, the reason is plainly stated that flesh is not the best healthful food.*23LtMs, Ms 87, 1908, par. 6*

“As we near the close of time, we must rise higher and still higher on the question of health reform and Christian temperance, presenting it in a more positive and decided manner. We must strive continually to educate the people, not only by our words, but by our practice. Precept and practice combined have a telling influence.”*23LtMs, Ms 87, 1908, par. 7*

Ms 89, 1908

Co-operation Between Our Schools and Sanitariums

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Extract from *Ms 125, 1907*, entitled, "Lessons for Sanitarium Workers."

I have been shown that there are decided advantages to be gained by having our schools located near our sanitariums, that the students may receive the benefits of the instruction given to the nurses, and may witness the results of faithful work done for those who need help and counsel. The benefits of hearty co-operation 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 patient 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.²³*LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 1*

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 life blood 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.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 2*

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 One who can make their work a success.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 3*

In Ms 6, 1905, entitled "The Nebraska Sanitarium," and written September 6, 1904, is the following:

During the council at College View, we were well cared for at the Nebraska Sanitarium.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 4*

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. ...*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 5*

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. ... 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.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 6*

In *Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 8, pp. 14, 15* is the following regarding the school and the

sanitarium located at Takoma Park, D.C.:

The sanitarium at Takoma Park is to be a source of strength to the school already established. The school and the sanitarium may be a help one to the other. The students of the school may assist in the erection of the sanitarium buildings. *23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 7*

On *page 22* of the same leaflet (Series B, No. 8), is the following, written especially in connection with the training school at Huntsville, Alabama:

As our example, Christ linked closely together the work of healing and teaching, and in this our day they should not be separated. In our schools and sanitariums, nurses should be trained to go out as medical missionary evangelists. They should unite the teaching of the gospel of Christ with the work of healing. *23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 8*

The Lord has instructed us that with our training 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 part of the regular instruction. Huntsville has been especially pointed out as a school in connection with which there should be facilities for thoroughly training consecrated colored youth who desire to become competent nurses and hygienic cooks. Let us rejoice that the managers of our Huntsville school are now planning to carry out this instruction without further delay. Let us help them to make Huntsville a strong training center for medical missionary workers. *23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 9*

Extract from *Lt 52, 1908*, dated January 6, 1908:

The school at Madison not only educates in a knowledge of the Scriptures, but it gives a practical training that fits the student to go forth as a self-supporting missionary to the field to which he is called. In his student days he is taught how to build simply and

substantially, how to cultivate the land and care for the stock. To this is added the knowledge of being able to treat the sick and care for the injured. This training for medical missionary work is one of the grandest objects for which any school can be established. There are many suffering from disease and injury, who, when relieved of pain, will be prepared to listen to the truth. Our Saviour was a mighty Healer. In His name there may be many miracles wrought in the South and in other fields through the instrumentality of the trained medical missionary. Therefore it is essential that there shall be a sanitarium connected with the Madison School. The educational work at the school, and at the sanitarium, can go forward hand in hand. The instruction given at the school will benefit the patients, and the instruction given to the sanitarium patients will be a blessing to the school.²³*LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 10*

Extract from *Lt 82, 1908*, dated February 20, 1908:

Clear light has been given that our educational institutions should be connected with our sanitariums wherever this is possible. The work of the two institutions is to blend. I am thankful that we have a school at Loma Linda. The educational talent of competent physicians is a necessity to the schools where medical missionary evangelists are to be trained for service. The students in the school are to be taught to be strict health reformers. The instruction given in regard to disease and its causes, and how to prevent disease, and the training given in the treatment of the sick, will prove an invaluable education, and one that the students in all our schools should have.²³*LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 11*

The blending of our schools and sanitariums will prove an advantage in many ways. Through the instruction given by the sanitarium, students will learn how to avoid forming careless, intemperate habits in eating.²³*LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 12*

Extract from *Lt 90, 1908*, dated March 24, 1908:

I feel a deep interest that careful study shall be given to the needs of our institutions at Loma Linda, and that the right moves may be made. In the carrying forward of the work at this place, men of talent and of decided spirituality are needed.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 13*

We may, in the work of educating our nurses, reach a high standard in the knowledge of the true science of healing. That which is of the utmost importance is that the students be taught how to truly represent the principles of health reform. Teach the students to pursue this line of study faithfully, combined with other essential lines of education. The grace of Jesus Christ will give wisdom to all who will follow the Lord's plan of true education.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 14*

Let the students follow closely the example of the One who purchased the human race with the costly price of His own life. Let them appeal to the Saviour, and depend upon Him as the One who heals all manner of diseases. The Lord would have the workers make special efforts to point the sick and suffering to the great Physician who made the human body. He would have all become obedient children to the faith, that they may come with confidence and ask for bodily restoration. Many who come to our sanitariums will be blessed as they learn the truth concerning the Word of God—many who would never learn it through any other medium.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 15*

It is well that our training schools for Christian workers should be established near to our health institutions, that the students may be educated in the principles of healthful living. Institutions that send forth workers who are able to give a reason for their faith, and who have that faith that works by love and purifies the soul, are of great value.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 16*

I have clear instruction that wherever it is possible, schools should be established near to our sanitariums, that each institution may be a help to the other.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 17*

The following extract is from *Series B, No. 11 of "Special Testimonies," pp. 11-16*

Early in the history of the Madison School, it was suggested that a sanitarium might be established on a portion of the property purchased for the school farm. In letters written to those in charge of medical missionary work in the southern states, I pointed out the advantages that are gained by establishing a training school and a sanitarium in close proximity. These letters were written in the fall of 1904, and a year later the principles set forth in this correspondence were incorporated in an article and sent to the brethren assembled in a Medical Missionary Convention at College View, Neb., Nov. 21-26, 1905.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 18*

The article is as follows:*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 19*

Co-operation Between Schools and Sanitariums

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 when 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 co-operation between the two institutions, and yet separated sufficiently to prevent one from interfering with the work of the other, let them be located so as to carry on their work in conjunction. One institution will give influence and strength to the other; and, too, money can be saved by both institutions, because each can share the advantages of the other.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 20*

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 a 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.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 21*

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 pray with the students. In these schools, students should learn to be true medical missionaries, firmly bound up with the gospel ministry.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 22*

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.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 23*

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 the managers establish perfect co-operation 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 for field service the students who are desirous of becoming medical missionaries. 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.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 24*

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 men be associated in His service, in order that the varied talents of many minds may 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.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 25*

In all these efforts, there will come many opportunities for manifesting gentlemanly courtesy. The Christian is always courteous. And by 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 to yield his personal opinions on matters of minor importance, in order that, with all brotherly kindness, he may co-operate 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.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 26*

The benefits of hearty co-operation 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 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 life that they have lived, and the life 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.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 27*

The words and actions of the workers in the sanitarium and in the school 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 life-work of each one is investigated, and each one receives a reward proportionate to his efforts.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 28*

That the best results may be secured by the establishment of a sanitarium near a school, there needs to be perfect harmony between the workers in both institutions. This is sometimes difficult to secure, especially when teachers and physicians are inclined to be self-centered, each considering as of 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.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 29*

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, and spirit, to God, to be used by His 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.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 30*

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 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.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 31*

Wherever there is a favorable opportunity, let our sanitariums and our schools plan to be a help and a 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 with God, trusting wholly in Him as the only One who can make their work a success.*23LtMs, Ms 89, 1908, par. 32*

Ms 91, 1908

A Revival Needed

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A message has been given me for our responsible men throughout the field, and I dare not remain silent. Words were spoken to me in the night season that brought a heavy burden on my soul. The messenger said, Arouse the watchmen to set at work many laborers who will diligently strive for the salvation of souls. Let the light shine forth to every place. It is not so much expensive facilities that are most needed now, but humble, faithful men and women who have the fear of God before them and the spirit of revival in their hearts.²³*LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 1*

We are in the last days of this earth's history. Our work is reformatory. Those who take a part in it have no excuse for indolence or ignorance. We are to work according to the directions given in the Word of God, and in harmony with the light He is sending through the agency of His Holy Spirit. How earnestly we should strive to come up to all our high privileges, and to meet the standard set for us in Christ Jesus. The only hope of producing a harvest of souls for the courts of God is in unselfish labor. We must open the truths of the Bible to the people, that they may be warned of their dangers and be sanctified through the truth. The life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit must come into every soul.²³*LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 2*

Whenever an interest has been created by our general meetings, our labors should be continued for the sowing of the seeds of truth. Satan and his army are zealous for the sowing of the seeds of evil; and if God's servants would defeat his purposes, their hearts must

be converted and sanctified, and their lives must be devoted to the upbuilding of the cause of truth in the dark places of the earth. Warnings and appeals must be given in clear and forcible language. The arbitrary dictation and forbiddings that have sometimes restricted and hindered the work and confused the senses of the Lord's messengers, so that some have not dared to move forward in a work that is essential to be done, must cease. The truth will magnify itself when it is presented by lips that are sanctified.*23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 3*

It is one of Satan's boldest schemes to hold the minds and harden the hearts of those who give themselves to the work. Now in order that they may understand what has been done to hinder the outworking of infinite love, there will need to be on the part of some a thorough work of self-examination, for their own religious interest, and a discarding of the experiences of the past from our present and future work. Let our ministers be wide-awake; let them consecrate mind and heart in simplicity and meekness to the work of undoing every wrong that in the past they have allowed to exist, to the injury of many souls, "redeeming the time because the days are evil." [*Ephesians 5:16.*]*23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 4*

Heavenly angels are looking in pity on our unwarned cities. They look with wonder upon those who profess to be working for the upbuilding of the kingdom of Christ in the earth. Can they say "Well done, good and faithful servant," to those who are not earnest and faithful? [*Matthew 25:23.*] My brethren, let us consider the needs of the cities. Let us lay off our needless adornments, our unnecessary indulgences, that through our self-sacrifice souls may be won to Christ. Let us begin the work without delay, that those who have long been left in ignorance of the truth for this time may speedily hear the message of warning, the last the world will receive.*23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 5*

The Influence of Godly Women

Wonderful is the mission of the wives and mothers and the younger women workers. If they will, they can exert an influence for good to all around them. By modesty in dress and circumspect deportment, they may bear witness to the truth in its simplicity. They may let

their light so shine before all, that others will see their good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven. A truly converted woman will exert a powerful transforming influence for good. Connected with her husband, she may aid him in his work and become the means of encouragement and blessing to him. When the will and way are brought into subjection to the Spirit of God, there is no limit to the good that can be accomplished.*23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 6*

The apostle writes, making mention of certain women who labored with him: "My brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. And I entreat thee also, true yoke fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow-laborers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 7*

"Finally, my brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, or if there be any praise, think on these things." [*Philippians 4:1-8.*]*23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 8*

An Inspired Picture of Our Mission

The mission of the people of God in this age is outlined in the words of inspiration that describe the work of the Messiah: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord; and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn, to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of

righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.”
[*Isaiah 61:1-3.*]23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 9

“And they shall build up the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.” [*Verse 4.*]23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 10

The Neglected Cities Must Be Worked

There is an extensive work to be done in imparting a knowledge of the gospel message in all our cities of America, and especially in the southern states in America; and not only in America, but in all parts of the world. Many of them are lying in darkness. As we see the increase of iniquity in the earth, we know that there was never greater need of the exercise of Christlike virtue and compassion, never greater need of humble, faithful labor for those who are perishing in ignorance and sin. The knowledge of Christ, the Word and wisdom of God, the essence of truth was never more greatly needed. Never was there greater need that the truth should go forth as a lamp that burneth.23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 11

We are far behind in doing for our cities the work that God has given us to do. Souls who should now have the light of truth are still in ignorance of it. The Word of God is represented as a light. His servants are declared to be light-bearers. “A city that is set on a hill,” the Saviour said, “cannot be hid. ... Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” The light is to be set on high, not hidden under a bushel. It is to be placed where it can give light to all who are in the house. [*Matthew 5:14-16.*]23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 12

But before the precious light can shine to all that are in the house, there is needed a spirit of reconversion in many of our people. For years the Lord has been dishonored, the glory due to Him has been withheld, because of the way in which the needs of the cities have been disregarded and neglected. Cities have been left unworked that should have been given faithful and wise labor, and souls who might have been converted are still in ignorance of the saving message.23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 13

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.” [*Isaiah 60:1-3.*]*23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 14*

Wake up, brethren, wake up and answer: “For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.” [*Isaiah 62:1.*]*23LtMs, Ms 91, 1908, par. 15*

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Talk/Lessons From the *Fifteenth Chapter of John*

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“I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.” [*John 15:1, 2.*]*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 2*

When trials and difficulties come, and we feel that we are having a hard time, let us remember these words. The eye of God is upon us. The trials we are called upon to pass through leave us in a more favorable position than they found us. And why?—Because the Lord is leading us into a position where we may sustain a right relationship toward Him, with minds centered on the great privileges we have through Christ Jesus our Lord.*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 3*

When assailed by trials, let us be careful not to take the position of complainers, because by means of trials God is working to perfect in us a Christian character, that we may be qualified and fitted through the righteousness of Jesus Christ to enjoy His presence in the heavenly kingdom after our work here on the earth shall have been ended.*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 4*

If we study and heed the instruction that Christ has given us in His Word, we shall certainly be fruitful branches of the True Vine, for the Saviour has said:*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 5*

“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing." *Vs. 3-5.23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 6*

In time of perplexing trial, we need to open our heart to the Saviour and seek Him earnestly. By faith we are to lay hold on the precious promises He has given us and appropriate them to our own individual cases in our necessities. Then how important it is that we do not allow our minds in any way to become careless and frivolous. It is important that we fix them upon the One who is able and willing and ready to assist us in every trying perplexity, and to give us the very impressions of His Holy Spirit that we need to sustain us under the trials we must meet.*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par.*

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"If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." [*Verses 6, 7.*] Precious promise! Grasp it by faith.*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 8*

When abiding in Christ and learning of Him, you will not want anything that is inconsistent with the will of God.*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 9*

"Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue ye in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." *Vs. 8-11.23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 10*

In these Scriptures we have presented before us every encouragement to take all our trials and perplexities to the Lord in prayer, instead of running to some neighbor or other human being. As we go direct to the Lord Jesus and tell Him all about our troubles, relief will come to our hearts, and there will be left on the mind an impression that is healthful and saving to our souls.*23LtMs,*

Ms 92, 1908, par. 11

When we learn of Jesus the lessons He desires to teach us, we shall know what He means when He speaks of our bearing fruit to His glory. We shall then be looking about for some one whom we can help and bless. When abiding in Christ, we have something to say to those who are not abiding in Him. We have a work to do, and that work is to draw with Christ, constantly working to His name's glory.²³*LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 12*

Let us guard against allowing anything to escape our lips that is offensive to spirituality and that drives people away from us. There are too many who are ready to speak unadvisedly with their lips. If everything does not agree with their ideas, they speak hastily. At such times silence is eloquence. Let us not allow the lips to speak things that are objectionable and that will cause others trial and annoyance, or leave an impression that is not helpful. Every one of us is in this world to receive the counsel of Christ and to help every other one; and if we have experienced the life of Christ in the soul, and we are brought under affliction, and know not which way to turn, let us not seek to lay our burden of affliction upon some other human heart. Christ has told us to bring all our afflictions to Him. Go apart by yourself, and pray in simplicity, saying, "Here I am, Lord. I do not know what to do. I am Thy child. I have been bought with a price. I desire to glorify God, and not dishonor Him. And now I ask Thee to give me special grace and help, that I may keep my lips silent, so that I shall not utter one expression that would cast a shadow on another's mind." If we do this, we shall become laborers together with God. And that is a wonderful position to be in.²³*LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 13*

We know not how long our lives may be spared. We know not what difficulties are lying in our pathway. But if we are seeking in humility and meekness of mind to represent Christ Jesus in character, we are laborers together with God. Wherever we may be, whether with believers or unbelievers, we are to live so that Christ will be revealed through us, and so that others will take knowledge of us, that we have been with Jesus, and learned of Him.²³*LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 14*

There is one verse in this chapter that I read without comment; but it is so wonderful that we must not pass it by without further study: "As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love." [*Verse 9.*]*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 15*

Has not our Saviour given evidence of His love for us? Did He not lay off His royal robe and kingly crown, and come to our world to wrestle, like every human being that lives, under the temptations of the enemy? Tempted, indeed, He was, in all points like as we are, yet without sin. Thus He has conquered the foe with whom we have to deal. Through faith in His Father's power, He overcame every trial and was victorious even to the close of His earthly ministry. In taking upon Himself the nature of a man, and in subjecting Himself to all the temptations wherewith we are tempted, Christ demonstrated His love for the human race and gave us an example of what we may do through the grace that God is ever ready to impart.*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 16*

And so, when trials come, we can understand that there is One who has passed through similar trials, and has gained complete victory; and through the power He grants, we may also be victorious.*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 17*

All through the ages ever since the fall, Satan has sought to thwart the purposes of God and to set up on this earth a rebellious kingdom; and when Christ appeared on earth as a divine-human being, He was pitilessly assailed by the prince of darkness. As we contemplate the terrible severity of the temptations that were brought upon the Son of God, we begin to comprehend something of the meaning of the words: "As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love." "These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." [*Verses 9, 11.*]*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 18*

If we desire to have a living connection with heaven, if we desire to have the wisdom that Christ is willing to bestow upon us, we are privileged to pray in our weakness, wherever we may be, and we shall be heard. Then let us learn to take all our trials to Jesus. When we take them to our friends and neighbors, we weaken our own experience and receive no real benefit.*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908,*

par. 19

My brother, my sister, when tempted to unburden your heart before another human being, keep silent. Go before the Lord as a little child, and pray: “Let Thy Holy Spirit come upon me. I need Thee, O Christ, I need Thee.” As you prayer and believe, you become a partaker of the divine nature and have gained a wonderful victory. You are advancing from light to greater light. You are bearing responsibilities, and the light of heaven is resting upon you. Heaven is full of blessings, and the angels are all around us.²³*LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 20*

“These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” [*Verse 11.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 21*

Jesus wants you to carry your troubles to Him—the One who left the royal courts and came down to our world to meet and overcome the oppression of Satan. He stood forth as God’s representative in the world, to show that man in his humanity may take hold of divinity, and through that divine nature have power to escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust.²³*LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 22*

“This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” [*Verse 12.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 23*

Think of it! “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [*John 3:16.*] This was the only hope for the race; therefore Christ accepted the terms. For our sakes He bore the temptations of Satan on every point. He would never listen to Satan’s reasoning.²³*LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 24*

Here is one point I want you to bear in mind: Christ had hungered and thirsted; and after He had been without food for forty days and forty nights, the devil thought there was a good chance for him. So he came and said, “If”—remember that “if.” What if Christ had accepted that “if”? God does not wants us to accept any “ifs.” When we have a work to do for the Master, we are to take the affirmative and keep to it. “If Thou be the Son of God, command this stone (it

was just the shape of a loaf of bread) that it be made bread.” [Luke 4:3.]*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 25*

What did Christ answer? “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”—always on the affirmative, showing the power of His grace in humanity. [Matthew 4:4.] As He revealed that power in His humanity, so we are to reveal it in our humanity, and thus make effectual His death for us. We are to see, in the lessons of Christ, how we can fulfil the Word.*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 26*

In one of his temptations, Satan took Christ and set Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said, “Cast Thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee: and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone.” [Verse 6.]*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 27*

Then what did Jesus answer?—“It is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” [Verse 7.]*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 28*

But Satan left out something from the saying he attempted to quote. What was it?—“To keep Thee in all Thy ways;” that is, in the ways laid out for His feet. [Psalm 91:11.] And Jesus will keep us if we follow in the way He has planned for us to go, according to the light given us through His holy Word.*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 29*

Then Satan took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, saying, “All this power will I give Thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me, and to whomsoever I will I give it. If Thou therefore will worship me, all shall be Thine.” [Luke 4:6, 7.]*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 30*

Then it was that the divinity of Christ came to the aid of His humanity. With divine authority He commanded, “Get thee behind Me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.” [Verse 8.]*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 31*

Satan was baffled by the constant affirmative of the Word. He could not say anything and left the field of temptation defeated.*23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 32*

Many, when they are called to meet an opponent, have little success because they spend too much time in answering objections. This virtually takes them over on to Satan's ground; it is the very thing that Satan wants them to do. Instead of trying to answer every objection, keep to the affirmative; strengthen your soul by quoting the promises; present the light and the salvation that Christ has given in the Word; for there is reason in faith, there is light, there is power.^{23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 33}

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.” [*John 15:13-15.*]^{23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 34}

Here is a work we all need to do—to connect ourselves with Christ in that close relationship of friends. But we fail to do this. We shall be tempted, but we need not yield to temptation. Our work is to represent the character of Christ to those around us, to speak words of hope and faith to sinners. Thus we shall bear fruit to the glory of God.^{23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 35}

“Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.” [*Psalms 97:11.*]^{23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 36}

Let us encourage ourselves by reading and studying the Word. It is full of blessed promises, and the Lord Jesus will give us grace and strength and the light of His countenance.^{23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 37}

There is a heaven to win, a hell to shun; and Satan is using every act and power conceivable to obtain the victory over human minds. God help us that we may resist the enemy, and that the glory of God may be revealed. May we be in a position to manifest the Light of the world to those that are around us, because the Christ-life abides in us and shines forth in good works.^{23LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 38}

A heaven to win! a heaven to win! Keep saying it, and let the light of heaven shine into the chambers of the mind, into the soul-temple.

Then you will be prepared to give light to others in good works. And they are all written in the book. You will meet the record by and by. You will want to find good deeds written there; and you will want the crown of life. Yes, a crown of life will be given to every overcomer. Christ laid off His crown and His glory and came into this world as a man, to wrestle with the problems of Satan's devising and to overcome him. Through faith man may lay hold of His strength and obtain the victory.²³*LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 39*

What a song that will be when the ransomed of the Lord meet at the gate of the holy city, which is thrown back on its glittering hinges, and the nations that have kept His word—His commandments—enter <into the city, the crown of the overcomer is placed upon their heads,> and the golden harps are placed in their hands! All heaven is filled with rich music, and with songs of praise to the Lamb. Saved, everlastingly saved, in the kingdom of glory! To have a life that measures with the life of God—that is the reward. Just think of it! “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.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 92, 1908, par. 40*

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Sermon/The Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment

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“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 seven day, and sanctified it, because that in it He had rested from all His work which God had created and made.” [*Genesis 2:1-3.*] *23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 2*

In the book of Exodus we have given the commandment of God regarding the keeping of the seventh day. We have to see why the seventh-day Sabbath has been cast aside and the first day placed in its stead. The first day has been given the honor that belongs alone to the day on which God placed His rest and blessing. *23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 3*

“And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.” [*Exodus 19:3-5.*] *23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 4*

“And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him.

And all the people answered together and said, All that the Lord hath spoken, we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee forever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord.” [Verses 7-9.] There the children of Israel denominated themselves for God as a nation that would obey Him. *23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 5*

“And the Lord said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them today, and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready against the third day; for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people on Mt. Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death. There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live; when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.” [Verses 10-13.] *23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 6*

“And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought the people forth from the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.” [Verses 16-18.] *23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 7*

There was every evidence before Israel that God was in the mount, the God who would not bear iniquity. “And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by voice. And the Lord came down upon Mt. Sinai, on the top of the Mount; and the Lord called Moses to the top of the Mount; and Moses went up. *23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 8*

“And the Lord said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the Lord, to gaze, and many of them

perish. And let the priests also, which come near unto the Lord, sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break forth upon them. And Moses said unto the Lord, The people cannot come up to Mt. Sinai; for Thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. And the Lord said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee; but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the Lord, lest He break forth upon them. So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.” [Verses 19-25.]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 9*

The people had been delivered from Egyptian slavery, that they might be given such a knowledge of God as they had never before had. In coming down upon Mt. Sinai, the Lord gave them evidence that He was God.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 10*

“And the Lord spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.” [*Exodus 20:1-3.*]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 11*

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above; or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 12*

“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 13*

“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 the stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.” [*Verses 4-11.*]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 14*

When did the Lord remove His blessing from the day He hallowed? "In six days the Lord made heaven and earth." [Verse 11.] On the seventh He rested, and He sanctified the day on which He rested. Let us teach these things to our children, that they may honor God and learn to serve Him.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 15*

"Honor thy Father and thy mother: that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." [Verse 12.]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 16*

Parents need to charge themselves with their responsibilities, that their children may have a knowledge of God. When they learn to honor and obey God, they will honor father and mother. Let not parents interpose between their children and God, by failing to give an example of obedience themselves; for when they do this, they place upon themselves the responsibility of the sins of their children. God is in earnest with us, He wants every soul to come into right relation to Him.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 17*

In the home the children are to be taught to respect the requirements of father and mother. Parents are called upon to understand their obligations to their children to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Let all come into right relation to God, that they may receive the blessing that He pronounces on all who obey His requirements.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 18*

When children have placed before them in their parents an example of unswerving obedience, they will dread to disobey. They should never hear cross words from their parents. Parents are to learn to discipline and govern their own dispositions. Let them not pursue a course that will create a lack of confidence in their children. The youth need every day the example before them of those who fear God and keep His commandments. We need to recognize constantly the requirements of God, that we may not be led into paths that will cause us to dishonor Him, and thus lead our children astray.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 19*

"Thou shalt not kill."*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 20*

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 21*

“Thou shalt not steal.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 22*

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 23*

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor’s.” [*Verses 13-17.*]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 24*

These commandments are before us, and there is no excuse for disobedience.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 25*

“And all the people saw the thunderings and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not, for God is come to prove you, and that His fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness, where God was.” [*Verses 18-21.*]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 26*

We should fear to sin, fear to place ourselves where He cannot approve our course of action.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 27*

“And the Lord said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. Ye shall not make with Me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.” [*Verses 22, 23.*]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 28*

Are not very many today doing these very things? They are gathering together the gold and the silver, and hiding it. And the community is allowing them to do this, while these very means are needed in order that men and women may have the light of truth.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 29*

The Lord continues: “An altar of earth thou shalt make unto Me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep and thine oxen: in all places where I record My name I

will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.” [Verse 24.]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 30*

Let us turn now to the *23rd chapter of this book of Exodus*. We read, beginning with the 20th verse: “Behold I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of Him, and obey His voice, provoke Him not; for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him. But if thou shalt indeed obey His voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. For Mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee unto the Amorites and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off. Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and He shall bless thy bread and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.” [Verses 20-25.]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 31*

In the *twenty-fourth chapter* we have the record of Israel’s promised obedience: “And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said, we will do. And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.” [Verses 3, 4.]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 32*

“Then went up Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: and they saw the God of Israel: and there was under His feet as it were the paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in its clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel He laid not His hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.”*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 33*

“And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to Me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up

into the mount of God. And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matter to do, let him come unto them. And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. And the glory of the Lord abode upon Mr. Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day He called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went up into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.” [Verses 9-18.]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 34*

The glory of God was revealed before the eyes of Israel, and they could reason from cause to effect.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 35*

“Now therefore, hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.” [Deuteronomy 4:1, 2.]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 36*

We need to ask ourselves constantly, What word hath God spoken? Has He said that we shall observe Sunday? There is no such requirement given in His Word. Not the first day, but the seventh is the day that He bids us observe. How can He regard those who claim that Sunday is the Sabbath of the Lord, and who oppress the people of God who obey His specified law? They take the minds of the people from the very day that He has blessed and present the first day of the week as the day that they must honor. But God declares, “Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.” [Deuteronomy 5:13, 14.]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 37*

“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 everyone of you this day.*23LtMs, Ms 93,*

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“Behold, I have taught your statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous, as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thine heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons and thy sons’ sons; specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather Me the people together, and I will make them hear thy words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.²³LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 39

“And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire; ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. And He declared unto you His covenant, which He commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and He wrote them upon two tables of stone.” [Deuteronomy 4:3-13.] They were never to be effaced or changed.²³LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 40

Every soul will one day meet those commandments which were written on the tables of stone by God, and then every soul will understand their meaning.²³LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 41

“And the Lord commanded me at that time,” Moses continues, “to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it. Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude in the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire.” [Verses

14, 15.]²³LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 42

Why did not God leave them a similitude?—"Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air. The likeness of anything that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: and lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. But the Lord hath taken you, and hath brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto Him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day."²³LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 43

"Furthermore the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance: But I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land." [*Verses 16-22.*]²³LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 44

The Lord had followed Israel in their journeyings in the desert. When they had thirsted, He had commanded Moses to smite the rock, and waters had gushed out. When they changed their place of abode, He still supplied them. At Meribah, when Israel cried for water, the Lord said to Moses, "Speak unto the rock, and it shall give forth water." [*Numbers 20:8.*] But Moses was provoked with Israel's unbelief and rebellion, and he lost sight of the glory of God. He forgot the words of God, "Speak to the rock," and he smote it twice with his rod.²³LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 45

The Lord showed Moses that by this act of disobedience, he had given evidence to Israel of his lack of faith in Him. Therefore God said, "Ye shall not enter into the promised land. You have not obeyed My words; you have dishonored Me. Had you spoken to the rock as I commanded, the waters would have gushed forth." This was Moses' first recorded failure as leader of Israel, yet God refused him the privilege of entering the promised land that all Israel

might be convinced that there must be no departure from His commandments in spirit or in word.²³*LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 46*

“Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which He made with 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.²³*LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 47*

“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 shalt 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 be utterly 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.²³*LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 48*

“And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. 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 are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn unto 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 sware unto them.” [*Deuteronomy 4:23-31.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 49*

Read the *fifth chapter of Deuteronomy*. “These are the commandments, the statutes and the judgments, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it. That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son’s son, all the days of thy life.” [*Deuteronomy 6:1, 2.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 50*

“These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and

shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.” [Verses 6-8.] These commandments were to be kept constantly before them; they were to be as frontlets between their eyes, that they might be kept from every false way.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 51*

“And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thine house, and on thy gates. And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which He sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildest not, and houses full of good things, which thou fillest not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, and vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 52*

“Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve Him, and swear by His name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you. (For the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth. Ye shall not tempt the Lord thy God, as ye tempted Him in Massah. Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and His testimonies, and His statutes, which He hath commanded you.” [Verses 9-17.]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 53*

I will not read any more at this time, but I want you to study the Bible. Those who entertain the idea that Sunday is the Sabbath to be observed, let me say to you, There is no sanctity in Sunday. People professing to be Christians are keeping the first day of the week, but there is no sanctity in this day.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 54*

I have not had a night's rest since I have been at Glendale. The message has come to me again and again, Speak to the people about the Sabbath. Tell them that Sunday, the first day of the week, is not the Sabbath of the Lord. Take these Scriptures and put them

into print, and scatter them everywhere, that those who are professedly serving the Lord may know the truth in regard to the Sabbath God has given for a thousand generations. Has that one thousand generations ended? Make the people understand the requirements of God, that they may not deny Him in any respect.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 55*

If you will search the Scriptures, you will see the light for yourself. I want you to search the Word. I do not want you to accept the sayings or opinions of others for the observance of the day of rest. I want you to have an entrance into the city of God. Keep the day that He has sanctified and blessed, and you will find a blessing come to you that you have not found in the observance of Sunday. Carry these words with you. I shall print them in a pamphlet, as I have been instructed.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 56*

This is perhaps the last testimony I shall bear to this church. Last night I could not sleep. All night the Lord was presenting the truth of the Sabbath before me, "On the seventh day God ended all the works 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 2:2, 3.*]*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 57*

I wish the meeting might be extended, and I could present before you the wickedness that is in the world. "As it was in the days of Noah," the Saviour declared, "so shall it also be in the days of the coming of the Son of man." [*Luke 17:26.*] At that day the people were doing everything they should not do, until the day that the flood came and took them all away. Christ is calling His people at this time to come out of the world and obey His requirements in regard to the day that He has made holy.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 58*

There are the women workers of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. God will work in power with these women if they will heed the light of His Word. When my husband was living, we always endeavored to work in co-operation with these people. They were often present at our meetings, and we labored side by side. They would give up their desk for us to occupy, and we would

Speak on the Sabbath of the Lord.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 59*

On one occasion a man came to me and said, Do you know what your talk did for my wife? You said, "Open the windows, and let in the light of heaven." My wife is a changed woman. She has been an invalid for ten or fifteen years. You do not know what reformations are taking place because of the light you are giving to others.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 60*

The old soldier who labored by my side now sleeps in Jesus. We laid him to rest in the grave until the Lifegiver shall come. A few weeks before he died, he said that if either of us should be called to die, he wished it might be himself. At his deathbed I held his hand, and said to him, "If you wish me to continue my work and become a missionary in foreign fields, press my hand." He did so, and since that time I have continued the work that he was compelled to lay down. I shall soon be eighty-one years old. I want you to help me bear this message.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 61*

In the night season I was talking with a company of people as I have talked with you today. I want to unite with the Women's Christian Temperance Union workers, but we cannot unite with them in a work of exalting a false Sabbath. We cannot work in lines that would mean the transgression of the law of God, but we say to them, "Come on to the right platform."*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 62*

My friends, let us follow all the light God has given in His Word. God is in earnest with us in this matter. It means everything to us to obey the Lord and to sanctify Him in our hearts. What a missionary work we might do in this world! God invites you to come into line. He wants me to invite you to plant your feet on the eternal rock. Let us stand on God's platform and bring all our powers to labor for the souls who need to be converted. I invite you today to come into line with God in keeping the Sabbath holy that He has given us.*23LtMs, Ms 93, 1908, par. 63*

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“Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered Him. And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him. And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.^{23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 1}

“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.^{23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 2}

“Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down; for it is written, He shall, give His angels charge concerning Thee, and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone.” [*Matthew 3:13-17; 4:1-6.*]^{23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 3}

Satan knows the Scriptures well; but when he quoted this Scripture to the Saviour, he did not quote it all. He left out the words, "In all Thy ways," meaning, in all the ways that God had appointed. [*Psalm 91:11.*]23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 4

Christ was not appointed to come into connection with Satan to oppose him by controversy. It was His work to take the affirmative of the Word of God. He said to the tempter, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." [*Matthew 4:7.*]23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 5

"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. Then Jesus saith unto him, Get thee behind Me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 6

"Then the devil leaveth Him, and behold angels came, and ministered unto Him." [*Verses 8-11.*] Christ was fainting under the pressure of temptation; but when it would seem that He was dying on the field of battle, angels came to His aid to strengthen Him. Thus Christ was sustained in the sufferings He endured.23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 7

"Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, He departed into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: that it might be fulfilled that was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people that sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." [*Verses 12-16.*]23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 8

At the time of Christ's first advent, the world was in a terrible condition. Men were being controlled by satanic agencies. The Majesty of heaven looked in pity on the human race. He saw that Satan was gaining the control of the bodies and minds of men and knew that He alone could break his power. It was because of this that He laid off His kingly crown and royal robe, and clothing His

divinity with humanity, came to our world to meet the powers of darkness and to hold in check the forces of Satan. This was His work. A counterworking influence, coming from the highest authority, was to hold the enemy in check and resist his power.²³*LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 9*

“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee, 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.” [*Verses 17-20.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 10*

Here were some whose minds were under the influence of Christ. At His call they came right to His side. “And going on from thence, He saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.” [*Verses 21, 22.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 11*

Just such a work as this is to be carried on in our time. Those who will work in harmony with Christ, God will use to accomplish a good work. If those who claim to be children of God will make an entire consecration of themselves to Christ, the mighty influence of the power of God will be with them.²³*LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 12*

The Saviour saw a great work to be accomplished, and He clothed His divinity with humanity, that He might impart His healing power to mankind. He was the great Physician. As those who have consecrated themselves to the work of God go into foreign countries to labor, they will meet the sick and suffering. Know that the best way to reach the hearts of such is to come close to them, kneel down and pray with them and for them. The time has come when we must carry in our lives the influence that the Saviour carried in His life. We are to instruct and educate the suffering ones how to resist disease, by teaching them how to eat and drink and live healthfully, and how to love and fear God. By reading and studying the Word of God, those who in their hearts desire to serve

God will learn to discard those habits that are ruining the health of body and soul.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 13*

The light has come that there are to be sanitariums provided for the sick, and we have been trying to provide these institutions for the carrying on of the work of God. As a result of our sanitarium work we have seen wonderful conversions. The salvation of God has been revealed. Through this instrumentality souls have become intelligent in regard to the faith, and many have been converted to the present truth. The work is extending, and we have had to establish sanitariums in many places.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 14*

Our schools and sanitariums should be in close co-operation, that our youth may be educated in a knowledge of the truth and at the same time be enlightened in regard to the care of the sick. Wherever there is a school, there, if possible, should be a sanitarium. The students are to be educated in right habits of living. It means a great deal to establish a school and conduct it in such a way that it will meet with God's approval.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 15*

We are to understand the importance of this work and to reason from cause to effect. We are to work as Christ worked. We are to learn to talk to the people intelligently and with power. Then they will call upon Christ, recognizing in Him the One who came to our world to do the work of healing for soul and body. Those who are suffering with disease will be aroused to take hold of the light of health reform. They will leave off their wrong habits and will stand in a position where they can reach others.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 16*

The disciples who were called from their nets to follow Christ did not have a college education. Christ did not have it. He lived his life in simplicity, living and preaching the truth. The light of the gospel was shining upon the pathway of those who heard Him. We are to teach our children and youth the importance of simplicity. The straining that is often done to reach a wonderful height of learning—let it not be encouraged. I have seen many a youth destroyed before his education was completed because of this desire for knowledge.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 17*

If we would keep well, we must let reason guide us in our manner of living. If we will place ourselves in right relation to God, our beings will respond to His instruction. God would have us connected at all times with the great Physician; then His salvation will be revealed to us, and we shall know that there is a God in Israel.^{23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 18}

Temptations are growing stronger and stronger to divorce the mind from God. The power of disease in the world is growing more and more afflicting and discouraging, but we must seek to combat the evil at every possible point. We tried to do this in our labors in Australia. We were there in a time of great financial depression. The banks had failed, and poverty and distress were on every hand. We found those who were hungry; we searched out the sick and afflicted, and this work gave us the confidence of the people. By and by the truth found a place in their hearts. We would go to places where no one had been with the message and preach the truth to the people. And God gave us victory at every point.^{23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 19}

We were very thankful when we could establish our sanitarium at Paradise Valley near San Diego. For fifteen years that building had been waiting for us. Our first patient came before we had any accommodation for patients. We did not wish to take her in under such circumstances, and told her that if she stayed it would be at great inconvenience to herself. She replied, "I like it here, and I am going to stay." That woman left the sanitarium a grateful woman, with her affliction removed. She embraced the third angel's message. "O," she said, "how thankful I am that you did not send me away. I know my duty now, and I shall tell my family and my neighbors of the things I have learned."^{23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 20}

We have a living Healer today. We do not depend upon drugs, but upon the great Physician. If every sanitarium in our land were in living connection with God, the truth would go forth from our institutions as a lamp that burneth. They would carry mercy and light and compassion to the people, until men and women would realize that this is the religion of Christ and that it reaches to suffering humanity.^{23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 21}

It is time that we were putting on the armor of light. It is time that we were comprehending our duty to the world at this stage of its history. O such wickedness exists in our cities, and yet many of the people are asleep. Professing Christians are asleep. They do not understand that there is a work for them to do. They need to put on the gospel armor.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 22*

The Saviour's work of ministering to suffering <humanity> was always combined with His ministry of the Word. He preached the gospel and He healed infirmities both by the same mighty power. He will do the same today; but we must do our part by bringing the sick in touch with the mighty Healer. The Saviour left the courts of glory and came to our world to bear temptation and resist evil, that man might have power to take hold of His strength. The soul that comes to Christ by living faith receives His power and is healed of his disease.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 23*

Today we are combining the work of ministry and of healing as we have never done before. We are working to educate our people how to treat the body in sickness, how to regain health, and how to keep well when health is restored. Do we not know that the liquor sold in the saloons of our land is drugged with the most poisonous substances? We read of one and another who has taken life while under the influence of liquor—liquor that has robbed them of their reason. The temperance cause needs to be revived as it has not yet been. We need to preach the gospel, that men and women may understand how to obey the Word of God. It is the Word of the living God that will bring men and women into right relation to Him; it will make impressions on heart and mind and character. Let everyone of us be aroused to do the work that is waiting to be done—the work that Christ did when He was in the world. By beholding the works of Christ, humanity will take hold upon divinity. There the appeal to souls is made, and He never turns one away. Whatever may be the position in life, whatever the past may have been, He will still receive.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 24*

Christ would not take a position in life where He could not associate closely with the people. During the days of His ministry all classes of people flocked about Him to hear His words. We read of one occasion when five thousand men, besides women and children,

formed the company about Him. The time came when the people should have something to eat, but where was food to supply so many? In reply to His question, "Where shall we obtain bread that these may eat?" One of the disciples replied, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" And Jesus said, "Make the men sit down." [*John 6:5, 9, 10.*] Then Christ imparted the food by His miraculous power to the hungry multitude.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 25*

When all had had sufficient, He commanded, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten." [*Verses 12, 13.*]*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 26*

We stop short of exercising faith. We need that simplicity of godliness that will take hold of the work and come right down to Christlike practices with a spirit willing to help where help is needed. The majesty of heaven, the King of glory came to our world to preach the gospel of salvation. He invites you to listen to His words. He was so filled with His mission to men that His own mother could not draw Him from His work. The sick and suffering were before Him, and He must labor for them.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 27*

This is the work we are trying to do. It has been hard work sometimes, but the need of this kind of labor has been presented to me in clear lines, and we are determined to do this wherever it is possible. We have sought to labor in every place where we could preach the Word of God.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 28*

Wherever we have a school, there we should also have a sanitarium. We must work the works of God in these institutions. The youth are to be instructed regarding what God requires of them in the work of leading souls to the light. The blessing of God will come upon every true worker.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 29*

Letters come to us from many parts of the world, telling what the truth is doing in other lands. I am so thankful that we can have a part in this work, that we can be laborers together with Christ in the upbuilding of the kingdom of God in the earth. I am so thankful that the light of truth is shining. The light is to continue to shine. Do not

let it go out. Do not shut it up, but let it shine to all that are in the house.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 30*

Study how you can speak the truth to those with whom you are brought in contact. Take hold of God by living faith. Do your duty simply day by day, and you will constantly advance until you are qualified to hold a position of trust in the work. We need to carry pure religion into our lives. Let us show an interest in the sick. Christ gave His life for these souls. It is our privilege to bring them to Him and teach them how to take hold of His divine nature. Then the afflictions with which Satan has beset them will be overcome.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 31*

We need helpers. Workers should be coming in to take the places made vacant by those who are sent to labor in foreign fields. They are going all the time, and the blessing of God is coming upon His people. Some are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits, but let us not weaken our efforts. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, let us lay hold of divine power. God will work with us mightily if we will do this.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 32*

My brethren and sisters, we need the truth as it is in Jesus. We need to teach the people how they may become partakers of the divine nature, that they may escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust. We need the manifestation of true godliness in every line of service.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 33*

I feel that I ought to stop here, and yet I have but just begun. Let us follow all the light. Let us resist temptation as Christ resisted it. In the day when every case will be forever decided, there will be many who will wish that they had studied their Bibles more, and more fully met its requirements. Will you not lay aside the story magazines and study the Word of God. At such times angels of heaven are right around you to strengthen your understanding. We need to have God come into our families; we want our children to be saved. Our schools that are established should be giving an education in the things of God. The students should be learning how to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 34*

Victory is before the faithful worker. I cannot lay down the armor. I

shall go to Nashville and take part in the meetings that are held there. One says to me, You are not going, are you? Yes; they have waited for me for years, and I am going. I trust in the Lord to be my strength.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 35*

My brethren and sisters, I want you to reach up to God by living faith. Christ wants you to be living workers, communicating light to the souls that are perishing around you. Keep your eyes on God until you reach the kingdom of heaven. Then the pearly gates will be thrown open for you, and you will receive the welcome given to those who have been laborers together with God.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 36*

I want to see Jesus. I want you to see Him. I want to see the One who endured temptation in my behalf and who wore the crown of thorns for sinners. Then He will be crowned with glory, and we shall see Him as He is. We will fall at His feet in worship. He will place the harp in our hands, and our voices will be raised in such music as we have never heard on earth.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 37*

I am so thankful for the privilege of saying these words to you. I invite each one of you to take hold by living faith of the divinity of Christ. This is the gift that Christ came to the world to bestow. In Him humanity may take hold of divinity and share in the joy of the Lord.*23LtMs, Ms 95, 1908, par. 38*

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In answer to the questions that have recently come to me in regard to putting on a new style of dress, called the reform dress, I would say that those who are agitating this subject have not been inspired by the Spirit of God. We are very near the great crisis. The Lord would have every action performed with an eye single to the glory of God. To create a new issue on the dress question would be the very thing that would please the enemy. There would be much talk, much burden for one another, because all do not dress exactly alike.²³*LtMs, Ms 97, 1908, par. 2*

The agitation on this subject is not demanded. Tests are not to be manufactured. We have a test for this time—the Sabbath of the fourth commandment—and nothing is to be brought in to draw the mind and heart from the great work of preparation for this time. The dress question is not to be our present truth.²³*LtMs, Ms 97, 1908, par. 3*

Should our sisters think that they must adopt a certain style of dress, controversy would arise, and minds which should be wholly given to the work of the third angel's message would spend their time making aggressive warfare on the outward dress. This zeal, which would be regarded by some as an evidence of piety, would only be an evidence of the want of true piety, of the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price.²³*LtMs, Ms 97, 1908, par. 4*

God's tests are now to stand out plain and unmistakable. There are

storms before us, conflicts of which few dream. There is no need now for any special alteration in our dress. The plain, simple style of dress now worn, made in the most healthful way, demanding no hoops and no long trails, is presentable anywhere. These things should not come in to divert our minds from the grand test which is to decide the eternal destiny of a world—the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.*23LtMs, Ms 97, 1908, par. 5*

We are nearing the close of this world's history. A plain, direct testimony is now needed, as given in the Word of God, in regard to plainness of dress. This should be our burden. But it is too late now to become enthusiastic in making a test of this matter.*23LtMs, Ms 97, 1908, par. 6*

The dress of our people should be made most simply. The skirt and sacque I have mentioned may be used—not that just that pattern and nothing else should be established; but a simple style, as was represented in that dress. Some have supposed that the very pattern given was the pattern that all were to adopt. This is not so. But something as simple as this would be the best we could adopt under the circumstances. No one precise style has been given me as the exact rule to guide all in their dress. But this I do know—the very same objections, only much stronger, exist today as when the short dress was discarded. The Lord has not indicated that it is the duty of our sisters to go back to the reform dress. Simple dresses should be worn. Try your talent, my sisters, in this essential reform.*23LtMs, Ms 97, 1908, par. 7*

Our sisters should clothe themselves with modest apparel. They should dress with simplicity. Your hats and dresses need not the extra trimmings that are put upon them. You are to be clothed with modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety. Give to the world a living illustration of the inward adorning of the grace of God. Let our sisters dress plainly, as many do, having the dress of good material, durable, modest, appropriate for this age, and let not the dress question fill the mind.*23LtMs, Ms 97, 1908, par. 8*

Satan would have minds diverted to any subject by which he can create a division of sentiment. There is a work to be done in the heart, lest it shall become a desecrated temple of selfishness, of

self-exaltation, of a Phariseeism, that will cheat the soul by mere illusions, by zealous activity in lines of work which God has not appointed to be done. Zeal in those things which God does not require leads to a neglect of the important works of righteousness, which men and women must do in order to be accepted as vessels unto honor, to work in any line where the Lord shall call them.²³*LtMs, Ms 97, 1908, par. 9*

There is a work which I call upon our sisters to take hold of earnestly, perseveringly, and with prayerful contrition of soul. Search the heart. Penetrate into the daily acts of life. Work earnestly to weed out from the character the defects that exist. Christ has died for you, and you are to live as unto God. Let your reasoning powers, refined, purified, sanctified, be brought to God. The Lord requires the sanctification of the whole being. The mind as well as the body is to be refined, elevated, ennobled. God has claims upon mind, soul, and body. "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.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 97, 1908, par. 10*

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The Buena Vista Property

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The Buena Vista Property as a Probable School Location

On Wednesday, [September] 2, in company with several members of the committee on a school location, I visited a large property near Sonoma, which had been considered as a possible location for the school formerly conducted at Healdsburg. We found a large tract of land on which was a large, beautiful building called the Castle. The building has three stories and basement, with twelve spacious rooms on each floor. The property is a mile or two from the town of Sonoma, and some distance from any house.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 1*

Why We Should Secure the Whole Tract, if Any

A proposal had been made to the brethren, offering the building with three hundred acres of land. At first we thought that this would be all the land we would care for; but during the following night light was given me that we would meet with difficulties if the remaining portion of the land were sold to other parties and settled by people not of our faith. I was in conversation with interested ones in regard to this matter. We weighed the matter well on every side, and we concluded that we must purchase either the whole or none. Then we could control to a large extent the settlement of the land. We would have the privilege of refusing to sell land to those whom we might regard as undesirable neighbors, and thus avoid disturbance and trouble to the school, which might otherwise arise.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 2*

Again, I was instructed that we are not to locate ourselves where

we will be forced into close relations with those who do not honor God. Concerning the sanctity of the seventh day, God has plainly taught us. "The heavens and the earth were finished," He declares, "and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended the work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all the work which God created and 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.*]23*LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 3*

"Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt 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, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle; nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day." [*Deuteronomy 5:12-15.*]23*LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 4*

"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: and the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: but because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.23*LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 5*

"Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations; and repayeth them that hate Him to their face, to destroy them: He will not be slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the

judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.”
[*Deuteronomy 7:6-11.*]23*LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 6*

“And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.” [*Deuteronomy 6:6-8.*]23*LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 7*

Here is God’s great test, and the sign of our loyalty to Him. We must either observe the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, or repudiate the Word and accept a day that He has not sanctified and set apart for our observance. In the day when every case is decided, these charges of the Word of God will be brought forth, and men will be judged by them. Those who have not searched the Scriptures to know what God has commanded, and who have observed a day that He has not blessed, will not be excused for their ignorance.23*LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 8*

A crisis is soon to come in regard to the observance of Sunday, and we are to understand that no authority has been given to any man for the observance of the first day of the week. Yet the Sunday party is strengthening itself in its false claims, and this will mean oppression to those who determine to keep the Sabbath of the Lord. We are to place ourselves where we can carry out the sabbath commandment in its fulness. “Six days shalt thou labor,” the Lord declares, “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.” [*Exodus 20:9, 10.*] And we are to be careful not to place ourselves where it will be hard for ourselves and our children to keep the Sabbath.23*LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 9*

If in the providence of God we can secure places away from the cities, the Lord would have us do this. There are troublous times before us, when Satan will make every effort to call in among us the unconverted, that they may prove stumbling blocks to souls and workers whom Satan can use to deceive. I am instructed to say to our people, Satan holds the minds of not a few of those who pass

among us as believers of the truth. There are among us even ministers and physicians who are held in a net of deception. Many there are whom we regard as friends of the truth who are working in direct opposition to the principles of truth that have made us what we are today. Through a spirit of self-sufficiency they have been led to act a part in counterworking the instruction that God has sent through His Word and through the testimonies of His Spirit.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 10*

I was shown that in no case should our children and youth, while obtaining their education, be associated with those who do not love and respect their parents. One sinner worketh much harm. Should we decide to purchase this place, our students could soon be accommodated with school facilities in a place where they would be away from the temptations of city life. Here they would have ample opportunity to exercise physical as well as mental powers, and brain and muscles would be equally taxed. And those parents who wish to have their children at home, and still share the advantages of the school, could secure a lot on which they could make a home, where they could train their family in Christian lines.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 11*

The Word of God is to be the guide book in our schools. Those who diligently and faithfully study the Word will secure the highest education. This alone will fit them for a place in the school above where Christ will walk and talk with His people, leading them to the tree of life and to fountains of living waters.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 12*

If we are able to purchase the property at Buena Vista, the sooner we do it, the better. And if we can obtain the whole of it, we will work to place students and teachers in a favorable position to receive the preparation they need for the accomplishment of their work. We will gather about us those parents who desire to educate their children in the love and fear of God, and who will strive with us to accomplish this work. We are to unite with Christ in the work He came to do for fallen humanity. We are to act a self-denying part as Christ has given us example. Let us keep self humble by learning of the One who gave Himself for us. To save souls was the great object of Christ's lifework. We are to draw in even lines with Him.

We have received His grace that we may impart it to others.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 13*

I have presented a few of the reasons why we could not purchase a part only of the Buena Vista property, leaving the other part to be occupied by those who do not profess to obey God or to live by the principles of His Word. I hope our people will be able to secure the land. In some respects this property may not be regarded as altogether desirable; but if we secure the property at all, we should come into possession of the whole. It is not desirable that we be closely linked up with those who are not Sabbathkeepers. And in this retired place we can ward off a large class of temptations which in a less favored place would be presented through manifold agencies. Satan seeks to deceive if possible the very elect, to sow his tares among the wheat. When danger is least suspected, he is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 14*

The Object of Our Educational Work

Our object must be to help the children and youth to come to Christ and to place themselves on vantage ground, that they may exert a saving influence in the school. In this place the youth could be more readily trained for the future immortal life, and be prepared to receive a welcome to the courts of God. There is a great work to be done. Let us watch and pray and believe. Parents and children have no time to lose. They are to learn to work for the souls for whom Christ has died. Let parents and children consecrate themselves to God, and seek to exert a positive influence for good. Those who bear the responsibilities of parenthood need to be converted daily. They need as devoted Christians to humble their souls before God, and to work with consecrated powers for Him. Let several families meet together to seek the Lord. God calls upon the heads of families to do with faithfulness their appointed work.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 15*

There has been in the experience of many professed Christians too much preaching and too little praying and believing and praising God. There are hundreds of men and women who are doing nothing to gather with Christ. Whole families are in need of

conversion. They need to seek the Lord with all their hearts, that they may find Him. Why are there so many who carry no burden for souls.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 16*

The Lord has presented before me the necessity of our workers coming into line. Begin now to take up your appointed work. If you will live humble, devoted, Christian lives, you may accomplish much good. By watchfulness and prayer in your own homes, by house-to-house labor for those who need the help that you can give them, you can do much for the conversion of your children and your neighbors. Will you not do this work?*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 17*

We need to work in the interests of temperance reform and to make this question one of living interest. This is one way in which we may become fishers of men. A good work is being done in the circulation of our literature. Form yourselves into companies for the prosecution of a vigilant work. Learn to speak in such a way that you will not give offense. Cultivate gentleness of speech. Let the grace of Christ dwell in you richly, speaking to one another encouraging words. I make an earnest appeal to all our people, Come into line, come into line. Magnify self no longer.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 18*

There are but two classes in our world. Satan is working through the children of darkness to deceive with his seducing wiles. And Jesus acts His part through His faithful followers. They are to understand that they are bought with a price. The life of the infinite Son of God was given for them. Those who claim to be His will strive to be Christlike.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 19*

“He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things?” [*Romans 8:32.*] When this priceless gift was bestowed, the heavenly universe was mightily stirred in an effort to understand God’s unfathomable love, stirred to awaken in human hearts a gratitude proportionate to the value of the gift. Shall we, for whom Christ has given His life, halt now between two opinions? Shall the human agencies return to God only a tittle of their capabilities and powers?*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 20*

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that

whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [John 3:16.] He who was commander in the heavenly courts laid aside His royal robes, laid off His kingly crown, and came as a little child to our world to experience all the ills that humanity is heir to. He broke the power of Satan over humanity. Uniting His divinity with humanity, He worked out the salvation for the race and made it possible for men and women to become partakers of the divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 21*

This is the mystery of godliness. Through Christ’s grace man may be an overcomer. All heaven is pledged to unite with him in his efforts, and thus carry forward God’s great plan for the redemption of a ruined world. Man has a work to do in representing Christ’s likeness of character. We all need all the help we can give each other in practicing the virtues of that perfect character.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 22*

We who profess to believe the Word are to be faithful watchmen. Speaking of His second coming, the Saviour said, “Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noe 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 Noe 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 24:36-39.] These words are being fulfilled. We should be preparing life and character to meet the demands of the times that are upon us. The Lord calls upon His people to prepare for the coming of the Son of man.*23LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 23*

Christ made every sacrifice that we might stand perfected before Him at last. He calls upon every believer in the Word to become His helping hand, working with unwearying earnestness to seek and to save the lost. All who accept Christ as their Saviour pledge themselves to unite with Him in bearing the cross. At their baptism they pledged themselves to become laborers together with God in winning souls to Christ. They are to be His witnesses, bound by their covenant of baptism to act a part in the great plan of redemption. The transforming power of God’s grace will mold and

fashion every soul who gives himself to Christ. “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ... And of His fulness have all we received and grace for grace.” [*John 1:14, 16.*] The hearts of His disciples, under the influence of the grace of Christ, may be so filled with His love, that their hearts will feel the burden He felt for the souls He purchased by His suffering and shame and reproach.²³*LtMs, Ms 99, 1908, par. 24*

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Sermon/Called to Glory and Virtue

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“Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” [2 *Peter 1:1-4*.]23*LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 1*

There is a possibility of the believer in Christ obtaining an experience that will be wholly sufficient to place him in right relation to God. Every promise that is in God’s book holds out to us the encouragement that we may be partakers of the divine nature. This is the possibility—to rely upon God, to believe His Word, to work His works, and this we can do when we lay hold of the divinity of Christ. This possibility is worth more to us than all the riches in the world. There is nothing on earth that can compare with it. As we lay hold of the power thus placed within our reach, we receive a hope so strong that we can rely wholly upon God’s promises; and laying hold of the possibilities there are in Christ, we become the sons and daughters of God.23*LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 2*

“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you,” the apostle says, “through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord; according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life

and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.” [*Verses 2, 3.*]23LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 3

We are to be partakers of knowledge. As I have seen pictures representing Satan coming to Christ in the wilderness of temptation in the form of a hideous monster, I have thought, How little such ones know of the Bible. Before his fall, Satan was next to Christ, the highest angel in heaven. How foolish then to suppose that he approached Christ in the wilderness in any such form as is given him in the illustration “The Game of Life.” Some here have seen that picture. After the Saviour had fasted forty days and forty nights, “He was afterward an hungered.” Then it was that Satan appeared to Him. He came as a beautiful angel from heaven, claiming that he had a commission from God to declare the Saviour’s fast at an end. “If Thou be the Son of God,” he said to Christ, “command that these stones be made bread.” But in Satan’s insinuation of distrust, Christ recognized the enemy whose power He had come to the earth to resist. He would not accept the challenge, nor be moved by the temptation. He stood firmly to the affirmative, “Man shall not live by bread alone,” He said, “but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” [*Matthew 4:2-4.*]23LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 4

Christ stood by every word of God, and He prevailed. If we would always take such a position as this when tempted, refusing to dally with temptation or argue with the enemy, the same experience would be ours. It is when we stop to reason with the devil that we are overcome. It is for us to know individually that we are right in the warfare, to take the affirmative in the sight of God, and there to stand. It is thus that we will obtain the divine power promised, through which we obtain, “all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.” [*2 Peter 1:3.*]23LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 5

There is such a thing as being partaker of the divine nature. We shall all be tempted in a variety of ways, but when we are tempted we need to remember that a provision has been made whereby we may overcome. “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 truly believes in Christ is made partaker of the divine nature and has power that he

can appropriate under every temptation. He will not fall under temptation or be left to defeat. In time of trial he will claim the promises and by these escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust.²³*LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 6*

We think it costs us something to stand in this position before the world; and so it does. But what has our salvation cost the heavenly universe? To make us partakers of the divine nature, heaven gave its most costly treasure. The Son of God laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown and came to our earth as a little child. He pledged Himself to live from infancy to manhood a perfect life. He engaged to stand in a fallen world as the representative of the Father. And He would die in behalf of a lost race. What a work was this! If He should fail, if He should be overcome by temptation, a world would be lost.²³*LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 7*

I hardly know how to present these points; they are so wonderful, wonderful. Behold Him in the cities, and traveling from place to place, the crowds pressing Him on every side. He gave comfort and power to all who came to Him. None were sent away unhelped. He had brought this power from heaven for these very souls. And Christ was overcoming by His very deeds in behalf of men. So absorbed was He in the carrying out of His mission, that His own family could not draw Him away from His work.²³*LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 8*

It was the work of Christ to rebuke the power of Satan. When He was taken by His enemies and hung upon the cross, there stood the priests and rulers taunting Him, and doing all in their power to afflict Him. Others were heaping reproach upon Him. But there hung by His side a tempted sinner, who, while his companion railed on the Son of God, turned to the Saviour, saying, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." And Christ replied, "Verily I say unto thee today, Thou shalt be with Me in paradise. Today while I hang upon the cross, the nails driven through My hands and feet, My body bruised, today, I say, Thou shalt be with Me in paradise." [*Luke 23:42, 43.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 9*

Satan heard the words of Christ, and as he heard, he knew that his case was a lost one. There was no longer hope that he would

obtain the victory over Christ. He had wrestled with the Son of God to cause Him to sin, and he had failed.²³*LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 10*

The priests and rulers heard Christ's words, and they did not then feel as they had when they declared, "Let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him." [*Matthew 27:42.*] What if Christ had come down from the cross! What if He had refused to drink the bitter cup that was given Him! They laid the body of the Saviour in Joseph's sepulcher and set a watch that none should steal Him away. Christ rested on the Sabbath day in the tomb. But on the morning of the third day, the Roman watch beholds a light stream from heaven and the angel of God descend. The mighty angel came to the tomb where the Son of God lay, and rolling away the stone, bade the Son of God to come forth. The Roman guard see Jesus come forth to life, and hear Him proclaim over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, "I am the resurrection and the life." [*John 11:25.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 11*

Christ suffered all this, that He might obtain your salvation and mine. By His life of sacrifice and death of shame, He has made it possible for us to take hold of His divinity and to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. There is a battle going on between the powers of darkness and the children of light—a battle that means humiliation of self at every step. Where are those who will stand? There are some who will. Where are those who understand what it means to be partakers of the divine nature and to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust? If you are partakers of the divine nature, you will day by day be obtaining a fitting for that life that measures with the life of God. Day by day you will purify your trust in Jesus and follow His example and grow into His likeness until you shall stand before Him perfected.²³*LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 12*

"Beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience." [*2 Peter 1:5, 6.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 13*

Here the importance of temperance is brought to our notice.

Consider how the evil of intemperance is at work in our cities. Men in judicial positions, though they know just what the liquor saloons are doing, continue to sustain them. They do not realize what they are doing. If every one who claims to believe the Bible were working out faithfully the sum of his salvation, every liquor saloon in our land would be closed. It is not the pure liquor that is sold in these places, but liquor that is drugged, and which makes men mad. We should have a knowledge of these things, that we may work intelligently to help others. We must not be indifferent to the welfare of souls.*23LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 14*

Here is a work opened before the young, the middle aged, and the aged. When the temperance pledge is presented to you, sign it. More than this, resolve to put your whole power against the evil of intemperance, and encourage those who are trying to do this work of reform in our world.*23LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 15*

There are some who will work with all their powers not only upon the point of intemperance in the use of liquor, but in the matter of eating, and of drinking those things that are nonintoxicants, but which work injury to the system. I refer to the tea and coffee that many place upon their tables. We cannot afford to use these things. We have a keen enemy who is determined to have the victory, if it is possible, and we must guard ourselves most carefully that we may be strong to meet his attacks.*23LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 16*

“And to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.”
[*Verses 6, 7.*]*23LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 17*

We need every one of the heavenly blood-bought virtues brought into our lives and characters; for then and then only will [we] be safe. “For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 8, 9.*] I am urged to say to young and old, You may have a hope that is immortal. Here is the invitation to you to take hold of the hope set before you in the gospel.*23LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 18*

“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye shall do these things ye shall never fall. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” [*Verses 10, 11.*] Here a life insurance policy is offered us which insures for us eternal life in the kingdom of God. I ask you to study these words of the apostle Peter. There is understanding and intelligence in every sentence. By taking hold upon the Lifegiver who gave His life for us, we receive eternal life. It is a wonderful offer. Shall we not strive to obtain it?*23LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 19*

There is a responsibility resting upon parents in this matter that is scarcely discerned by them. Christ gave His life for our children, and parents are to be overcomers that they may lead the children step by step up the ladder that leads heavenward. Make it your business to teach them the Word as it is. This is the knowledge the children and youth must have if they are to overcome as Christ overcame. They need the simplicity of true godliness. I rejoice that we have Loma Linda where we can educate our youth for missionary work for Christ. Here they can have opportunities to learn the simplicity of true godliness. They need not reach up for high attainments in worldly knowledge, but they can have the language of Christ by studying His teachings. This is the power of godliness to them that believe.*23LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 20*

My brethren and sisters, I urge you to bring up your children in simplicity. Don't scold them when they do wrong, but take them to the Lord, and tell Him all about it. When you kneel before God with your children, Christ is by your side, and angels of God are all around you. Teach them to ask God to forgive them for being cross and impatient. Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Let us be men and women of prayer. Let us take hold of the divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. Then we shall have the eternal life insurance policy, a life that measures with the life of God. Then when the ransomed are redeemed from the earth, the city of God will be opened to you, and you can present yourselves before the Lord, saying, Here am I and the children whom Thou hast given me. Then the harp will be placed in your hand, and your voice will be raised in songs of praise to God and to the Lamb by whose great sacrifice you are made

partakers of His nature and given an immortal inheritance in the kingdom of God.²³*LtMs, Ms 99a, 1908, par. 21*

Ms 101, 1908

Sermon/Parting Words of Instruction

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“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.” [*John 14:1*.] The words were spoken by Christ just before His crucifixion and were among His last to the disciples. He is not at this time thinking of the sufferings that lie before Him, but of His disciples. How will they stand when they have not His personal presence with them? He comforts them with the assurance of His return: “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.” [*Verse 2*.]23*LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 1*

Very simple are the words of the Saviour. They cannot be misunderstood or misinterpreted. “And if I go and prepare a place for you,” He continues, “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.” For three years Christ had been educating His disciples in that way; yet Thomas said to 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.” [*Verses 3-6*.]23*LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 2*

O that we all might understand these words for ourselves, and know that Christ is for us the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Only through the Son of God can any soul make his way to the Father.23*LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 3*

Only He can remedy the injury that was wrought for man by the fall. “If ye had known Me,” He declared, “ye would have known My

Father also: and from henceforth ye have known Him, and have seen Him.” [*Verse 7.*]23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 4

“Philip saith unto Him, Lord show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? the words that I speak unto you, I speak not of Myself; but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the very works’ sake.” [*Verses 8-11.*]23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 5

Christ came as the representative of the Father, and the works of the Father He was constantly doing. Had not the disciples for three years been beholding these works? Had they not seen the sick brought to Him to receive healing, and had He not restored them to health? The needy of all classes had flocked to Him in crowds, and He had ministered to all. They had seen Him feed a multitude with a few small loaves and fishes; and as the food was passed from hand to hand, they had watched it multiply until there was more than enough for all. After five thousand men besides women and children had been fed, the Saviour gave the command, “Gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost;” and they gathered up of that which was left twelve baskets full. [*John 6:12, 13.*]23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 6

This is an object lesson of the work that the Saviour desires to do through His followers. He wants us to take the blessed Word, to study it, and then to teach it in its simplicity. How simple Christ’s lessons were; even the children could understand them. The people of His own nation, those who professed to believe in God, were greatly incensed against Him; because by the simplicity of His daily teachings, He was removing the rubbish that was hiding the truth from the comprehension of the people. Even the most ignorant could take in the truths He taught, and be comforted and blessed thereby. Mothers, hearing and seeing His words and works, desired that their children might come to Him to be blessed. On one occasion one mother with her children left their home to find the Saviour. On the way they told others of their desire; and as they

pursued their journey, mother after mother with their little ones joined the company until, when they reached the place where the Saviour was, there was a little army of women and children who sought to reach His side. He was ministering the Word to the people, and healing the sick; and when the women made known their errand, the disciples told them that the Master must not be disturbed. But Christ had heard the petition of the mothers, and at once His heart responded to their desire. He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." [*Matthew 19:14.*]*23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 7*

I am so thankful that the message of salvation was brought in such simplicity to us. The Son of God laid aside His royal robe and crown and His high command, and came to earth to take His place among humanity as a little child, to bear the test of temptation and trial from childhood to manhood. Greater than that of any other were the sufferings and trials He endured. Satan and his host were determined that Christ should not carry out His plan of sacrifice. If they could discourage Christ and cause Him to sin, the world would perish in its iniquity, and the cause of righteousness be lost. But Christ was working out the salvation of the human race, and He would not fail on a single point. He would make it possible for humanity to lay hold upon His divinity, and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. Man does not need to be corrupted. May God help us to accept by faith the victory that has been won in our behalf and make it ours.*23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 8*

The Saviour continued, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do, shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father." [*John 14:12.*] It was a path of suffering and temptation by which the Saviour went to His Father, and we may rejoice that He consented to travel such a path. Had He not, how could the world have been saved? By this He made it possible for us to be accepted with God. When we are in doubt and perplexity and difficulty, let us consider what the Son of God passed through, that He might prepare for us a home in the kingdom of heaven. And today He stands by His Father's throne to minister help to every soul who seeks Him in sincerity for strength to overcome. He waits to bestow on all the power to do His will.*23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 9*

He will accept the little children, blessing them as He blessed the children in the days of His earthly ministry. Shall we not bring them to Him? These little ones are to learn the lessons of God's Word and be captivated by the simplicity of His truth. Let the labors of those who work for Christ's little ones be marked with the simplicity that was revealed in the words that fell from the Saviour's lips.*23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 10*

"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." [*Verses 15, 16.*] Here is the test of our love for God. Parents are to teach their children what these commandments are. We need missionary fervor in our homes, that we may bring the Word of life before the members of our families and lead them to seek a home in the kingdom of God. There will be no sickness there, no sorrow, no death. A life that measures with the life of God will be the reward of all who win that eternal home.*23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 11*

In view of all that lies before the believer, his piety should be "always abounding." [*1 Corinthians 15:58.*] He should labor for souls with all his intelligence and powers. Not for eloquence and honor is he to strive, but for simplicity of life and simplicity of speech. Christ had no need to explain any word that He made use of. All were simple, and all were understood by the most simple. We need to let our faith take hold of Christ, we need to listen to His words, to seek to do His works. We need to take hold of the hope of immortality that will give us life everlasting in the kingdom of glory. To us the promise is, "The works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father." [*John 14:12.*]*23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 12*

"I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." [*Verses 16, 17.*] To the worldling the truth is too simple; he deems it unworthy of his attention. He does not see Christ in it. But how thankful should the believer be for these promises. I am thankful for the faith I have in God's Word. I claim His promises,

saying, "You said it, Lord. You asked me to come to You. I come expecting You to help me and bless me." And He proves the truth and the preciousness of His words, "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. ... He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me; and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself unto him." [*Verses 18, 19, 21.*]23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 13

"If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him." [*Verse 23.*] Consider the familiar relation Christ here brings to view as existing between the Father and His children. His presence and guardianship is an abiding thing. While we trust in Christ's saving power, all the arts and wiles of the fallen host can do nothing to harm us. Heavenly angels are constantly with us, guiding and protecting. God has ordained that we shall have His saving power with us, to enable us to do all His will.23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 14

Let us grasp the promises and cherish them moment by moment. Let us believe that God means just what He says. If we will accept His Word with the simplicity of little children, believing that He has given His life that we might have everlasting life, we shall receive power to overcome.23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 15

"He that loveth Me not, keepeth not My sayings: and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me. ... Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved Me, ye would rejoice because I said, I go unto the Father; for My Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of the world cometh and hath nothing in Me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do." [*Verses 24, 27-31.*]23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 16

I am very thankful for the privilege of speaking these words to you. I was present at the establishment of this institution. At that time I spoke to the workers here, presenting before them the way in which they might carry their work intelligently. I spoke also to the patients, and I know that Jesus was present on these occasions. His blessing rested upon those assembled. I want to say to you today, There is a battle before each one of us, but as long as we hide self in Christ, we shall not be defeated. When you are provoked, and tempted to make a sharp reply, keep silent. At such times silence is eloquence. Remember that you are God's property. When circumstances arise that irritate and annoy, conquer your feelings. We need to look constantly to Jesus. If we will walk in the fear of God, He will not fail us.*23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 17*

If we will seek to teach the truth in its simplicity, the Lord will let His blessing rest upon us. He will impart His Spirit to us, giving us comfort and strength and hope. I appeal to you to do all you possibly can for the help and comfort of others. Show to men and women who is the Mighty Healer. He will bless the means you use. If you will do His work, you may expect His blessing. In your efforts for the sick, show them how they may improve their health by forming right habits.*23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 18*

I have said that if we seek to help and bless others, the Lord will let His blessing rest upon us, and I know that what I say is truth; for I have proved the Lord for many, many years. How long the Lord will permit me to speak and to labor for Him I cannot tell; but I have given my life to do His work, to study the blessed Word of God, and to pass it on to the people as the bread of life. It is possible that we shall never meet again on this earth; but let us remember that there is a grand meeting to take place ere long. Everlasting life is before us, and the city of God. Angels of God will be there, and Christ will be there. They will bid us welcome to the joys of heaven because we have kept the commandments of God. Then there will be no more death, no sorrow, no sin. Let us do all we can to help one another to gain the eternal joys that are awaiting the redeemed. May God's blessing rest upon His people in large measure, is my prayer.*23LtMs, Ms 101, 1908, par. 19*

Ms 103, 1908

Proclaiming the Truth Where There is Race Antagonism

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I am burdened, heavily burdened, for the work among the colored people. The gospel is to be presented to the downtrodden Negro race. But great caution will have to be shown in the efforts put forth for the uplifting of this people. Among the white people in many places, there exists a strong prejudice against the colored race. We may desire to ignore this prejudice, but we cannot do it. If we were to act as if this prejudice did not exist, we could not get the light before the white people. We must meet the situation as it is and deal with it wisely and intelligently.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 1*

For many years I have borne a heavy burden in behalf of the colored race. My heart has ached as I have seen the feeling against this race growing stronger and still stronger, and as I have seen that many Seventh-day Adventists are apparently unable to understand the necessity for an earnest work being done quickly. Years are passing into eternity with apparently little done to help those who were recently a race of slaves.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 2*

One of the difficulties attending the work is that many of the white people, living where the colored people are numerous, are not willing that special efforts should be put forth to uplift the colored race. When they see schools established for them, when they see them being taught to be self-supporting, to follow trades, to provide themselves with comfortable homes instead of continuing to live in hovels, they see the possibility that selfish plans will be interfered with—that they will no longer be able to hire the Negro for a mere pittance; and their enmity is aroused. They feel that they are injured and abused. Some act as if slavery had never been abolished. This spirit is growing stronger, as the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world; and in many places it is impossible now to do that work which could have been done for the colored people in past

years.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 3*

Much might have been accomplished by the people of America if adequate efforts in behalf of the freedmen had been put forth by the Government and by the Christian churches immediately after the emancipation of the slaves. Money should have been used freely to care for and educate them at the time they were so greatly in need of help. But the Government, after a little effort, left the Negro to struggle, unaided, with his burden of difficulties. Some of the strong Christian churches began a good work, but sadly failed to reach more than a comparatively few; and the Seventh-day Adventist church has failed to act its part. Some persevering efforts have been put forth by individuals and by societies to uplift the colored people, and a noble work has been done. But how few have had a part in this work which should have had the sympathy and help of all.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 4*

Noble efforts have been put forth by some Seventh-day Adventists to do the work that needed to be done for the colored people. Had those who were engaged in this work received the co-operation of all their ministering brethren, the result of their work would now be altogether different from what it is. But the great majority of our ministers did not co-operate, as they should have done, with the few who were struggling to carry forward a much needed work in a difficult field.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 5*

Avoidance of Unwise Moves

As time advances, and opposition strengthens, circumstances warn us that discretion is the better part of valor. If unwise moves have been made in the work done for the colored people, it is not because warnings have not been given. From Australia, across the broad waters of the Pacific, cautions were sent that every movement must be guarded, that the workers were to make no political speeches, and that the mingling of whites and blacks in social equality was by no means to be encouraged.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 6*

In a meeting held in 1895 at Armadale, a suburb of Melbourne, Victoria, I spoke of these matters, and urged the necessity of

caution. I said that perilous times were coming, and that the sentiments that could then be expressed in regard to what should be done along missionary lines for the colored people could not be expressed in the future without imperiling lives. I said plainly that the work done for the colored people would have to be carried on along lines different from those followed in some sections of the country in former years.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 7*

Let as little as possible be said about the color line, and let the colored people work chiefly for those of their own race. In regard to white people and colored people, worshiping in the same building, this cannot be followed as a general custom with profit to either party—especially in the South. The best thing will be to provide the colored people who accept the truth with places of worship of their own, in which they can carry on their services by themselves. This is particularly necessary in the South, in order that the work for the white people may be carried on without serious hindrance.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 8*

Let the colored believers be provided with neat, tasteful houses of worship. Let them be shown that this is done not to exclude them from worshiping with white people because they are black, but in order that the progress of the truth may be advanced. Let them understand that this plan is to be followed until the Lord shows us a better way.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 9*

The colored members of ability and experience should be encouraged to lead the services of their own people; and their voices are to be heard in the representative assemblies.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 10*

Among the colored believers there are many who can labor to advantage for their own people—workers to whom the Lord has given light and knowledge and who possess capabilities of no mean order. These are to labor perseveringly, and in every effective way. They are to use our literature, and hold tent-meetings, and meetings in halls. And sometimes (where it is permissible) white ministers should help them. Special efforts should be made to increase the force of colored workers. Colored men are to be thoroughly educated and trained to give Bible readings and hold

tent-meetings among their own people. There are many having capability, who should be prepared for this work.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 11*

We should be deeply interested in the establishment of schools for the colored people. And we must not overlook the importance of placing the present truth before the teachers and students in the large colleges for colored people that have been established by men of the world.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 12*

Schools and sanitariums for colored people should be established, and in these the colored youth should be taught and trained for service by the very best teachers that can be employed.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 13*

The colored ministers should make every effort possible to help their own people to understand the truth for this time. As time advances and race prejudices increase, it will become almost impossible, in many places, for white workers to labor for the colored people. Sometimes the white people who are not in sympathy with our work will unite with colored people to oppose it, claiming that our teaching is an effort to break up churches and bring in trouble over the Sabbath question. White ministers and colored ministers will make false statements, arousing in the minds of the people such a feeling of antagonism that they will be ready to destroy and to kill.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 14*

The powers of hell are working with all their ingenuity to prevent the proclamation of the last message of mercy among the colored people. Satan is working to make it most difficult for the gospel minister and teacher to ignore the prejudice that exists between the white and colored people.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 15*

Let us follow the course of wisdom. Let us do nothing that will unnecessarily arouse opposition—nothing that will hinder the proclamation of the gospel message. Where demanded by custom or where greater efficiency is to be gained, let the white believers and the colored believers assemble in separate places of worship. Let us cultivate the meekness of Christ. He was the Majesty of heaven, the only begotten Son of God. Yet “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in

Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [John 3:16.]*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 16*

If, to save a perishing world, God condescended to give up His Son to a painful, ignominious death, should not the Lord’s missionaries be willing to make every effort in their power to win and help those who are in the depths of sin, and to flash the light upon those who are in darkness as to what is truth? Christ clothed His divinity with humanity, that He might reach down and uplift fallen human beings. Shall not His followers, for His sake, be willing to submit to many things unjust and grievous to be borne, in order to help the very ones who need help? Let the work be done in a way that will not arouse prejudice which would close doors now open for the entrance of the truth.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 17*

The men of talent among the colored believers are to be laborers together with God for their own people. And yet, there will sometimes be opportunities for them to bear a testimony in tent-meetings and in large assemblies, which will reach many, many souls. These opportunities will appear as the southern field is worked, and the loud cry is given. When the Holy Spirit is poured out, there will be a triumph of humanity over prejudice in seeking the salvation of the souls of human beings. God will control minds. Human hearts will love as Christ loved. And the color line will be regarded by many very differently from the way in which it is now regarded. To love as Christ loves lifts the mind into a pure, heavenly, unselfish atmosphere.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 18*

He who is closely connected with Christ is lifted above the prejudice of color or caste. His faith takes hold of eternal realities. The divine Author of truth is to be uplifted. Our hearts are to be filled with the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. The work of the good Samaritan is the example that we are to follow.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 19*

But we are not to agitate the color-line question, and thus arouse prejudice, and bring about a crisis. The light of the third angel’s message is to be given to those who need light. We are to labor calmly, quietly, faithfully, trusting in our Elder Brother. We are not to be in haste to define the exact course to be pursued in the future

regarding the relation to be maintained between white and colored people. The truth for this time is to be proclaimed before the thousands of people in the southern states. The way is to be cleared, as far as possible, of all obstruction. Let the gospel message be given to the people. Let white and colored people be labored for in separate, distinct lines, and let the Lord take care of the rest. The truth must come before the white men and women of the southern states. Then there will be a work done in their families that will lead to the salvation of many souls.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 20*

Avoid Hindering the Work

While men are trying to settle the question of the color line, time rolls on, and souls go down into the grave unsaved. Let this condition of things continue no longer. Let men and women go to work, and let them labor as the Spirit of God shall impress their minds. We need the talent of the colored believers, every jot of it, in this work. Let colored workers labor for their own people, assisted by white workers as occasion demands. They will often need counsel and advice. Let the colored believers have their place of worship and the white believers their place of worship. Let each company be zealous to do genuine missionary work for its own people, and for the colored people wherever and whenever they can.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 21*

When the truth has been presented in a place, and as many white people as will hear and believe have accepted the truth, opportunities will sometimes appear for efforts to be made, in a quiet, unobtrusive manner, by white laborers for the colored people. Such opportunities should not be overlooked.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 22*

But we must not unnecessarily arouse prejudice that would close the way against the proclamation of the third angel's message to the white people. They need this message; for a time of trouble is before us, such as never was since there was a nation.*23LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 23*

Great care must be exercised that nothing be said or done to

inflame the feelings of the colored people against the whites. Let us not aggravate the difficulties that already exist. Let us clear the King's highway. Let God have a chance to work. Let men keep out of His way. He will plan and manage better than human beings possibly can. Let us remember that our first great work is to preach the Word of God, to give the warnings of the Bible. And however wisely the workers labor, they will have opposition to meet, without creating an agitation over the color line.²³*LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 24*

The Lord calls upon all to take up the work in humility of mind. The ministers are not all sanctified through the truth. The Lord calls upon all to lay down their controversies. Let men beware of doing that which would cut off our last hope of entering difficult fields where there is race prejudice and antagonism. We are to work as gospel medical missionaries, to heal the sin-sick souls by giving them the message of salvation.²³*LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 25*

As a means of overcoming prejudice and gaining access to minds, medical missionary work must be done, not in one or two places only, but in many places where the truth has not yet been proclaimed. This work will break down prejudice as nothing else can do.²³*LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 26*

The Sabbath

The Sabbath question is one that will demand great care and wisdom in its presentation. Much of the grace and power of God will be needed to cast down the idol that has been erected in the shape of a false Sabbath. Lift up the standard, lift it up, higher and still higher. Point the people to the *twentieth chapter of Exodus*, in which the law of God is recorded. The first four of the ten commandments outline our duty to our Maker. He who is false to his God cannot be true to his neighbor. He who loves God supremely will love his neighbor as himself. Pride lifts itself up unto vanity, leading the human agent to make a god of himself. The gospel of Christ sanctifies the soul, expelling self-love.²³*LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 27*

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.” [Verse 8.] The

Sabbath was instituted in Eden, after God had created the world. “Thus the heaven 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.*]23*LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 28*

“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you; every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord; whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh He rested, and was refreshed.” [*Exodus 31:12-17.*]23*LtMs, Ms 103, 1908, par. 29*

Ms 105, 1908

Words of Counsel to Our Colored People

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I am instructed to say to our colored laborers: Be kind in your families. Do not bring into the home circle any of the spirit or the customs of slavery. Let no harsh words be heard in your homes. Overcome disorderly habits. Never indulge a harsh, authoritative manner. Never treat your wife as your slave. Remember that you are members of the Lord's family, and that in this world you are to give an example of what the Lord expects the members of His family to be. Your lips are to be sanctified to the Lord's service. You are to be Christlike in word and act. You may have witnessed much tyranny on the part of those who looked upon the Negro as their property, to be treated as they pleased; but because of this you are not yourself in your home to be a tyrant. God is the owner of all human beings.²³*LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 1*

Those who feel at liberty to torture those over whom they have authority will be dealt with by the Creator as they have dealt with those under them.²³*LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 2*

Counsel to Parents

The fathers and mothers who have accepted the truth are to strive to train their children in the way of the Lord. No harshness, no arbitrary methods are to appear in the management of their children. They are to be guided and controlled by the law of kindness. Their homes are to be filled with the tenderness and love of Christ. Their children are to see plainly that the converting power of God is working on their hearts. When colored men and women reveal the spirit of the slave master in their treatment of their children, they make excuse for the white men who reveal this spirit toward them.²³*LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 3*

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.” [*Colossians 3:18, 19.*] This is the rule that is to be followed by all husbands and wives, be they white or black. When this rule is followed, the result will appear in Christlike lives; and the converting power of God will be manifest.²³*LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 4*

Make Home Pleasant

Fathers and mothers, let neatness and order prevail in the home. Make home a pleasant place for your children. Remember that each day you are to gain a more complete preparation for the home that Christ has gone to prepare for those who love Him. Sow the seeds of truth in the hearts of your children. Give evidence that even though your skin is dark, your heart is white—that it has been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.²³*LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 5*

Remember that it is not profession that God values. He asks you to reveal the meekness of Christ. He asks you to bear good fruit. Your words will testify to the spirit that controls your life. They are an expression of the thoughts that fill your mind. Christ has declared, “By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” [*Matthew 12:37.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 6*

Your skin may be black; this you cannot help. You are not accountable for the color of your skin. And it does not in any way affect the question of your salvation. Your words are of far more consequence with God. It is your words and manner of works that tell whether you have passed from death unto life. Give yourselves to the hearing of the Word of God, and let each one make as much as possible of the opportunities that God has given him. You are not man’s property. You belong to Christ; for He has bought you. You have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Will you not be witnesses for Christ? Will you not show by a well-ordered life and godly conversation that the seed of truth sown in your heart has sprung up to bear good fruit?²³*LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 7*

We should be deeply impressed with the humility of Christ as His experience, in coming to this world, is brought before our minds. To

save men and women, He descended to the lowest depths of humiliation; but in this He was untainted with sin. He came to our world to uplift fallen human beings, and He allowed no reproach, no hardship to turn Him from His work. His true missionaries are willing to work in the hardest places if thereby they can reach souls.*23LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 8*

Carry the Message

Years ago the truth should have been proclaimed from city to city in those fields where there are many colored people. In these cities, sanitariums and schools are to be established in suitable locations; and these institutions are not to be left barren of much-needed facilities, as the Huntsville School was left for many years. Those who knew of the condition of things in this school, both white and black, should have helped to raise means for the placing of the school where it could do a more successful work. Industries should be started in connection with this school that will help it to be self-supporting.*23LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 9*

The hearts of the colored people are not to be left without hope or courage. They are to be filled with hope by those who have learned to believe that the colored people appreciate the efforts put forth in their behalf and are ready to be co-workers with Christ the Master Worker.*23LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 10*

To carry this work forward, helping the people, here a little and there a little, teaching them to live, not as if there were no hope of a change for the better in their condition, but as if there were something better for them, requires patient, earnest, judicious, persevering effort. But such effort is richly rewarded.*23LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 11*

For this work many men and women of the colored race are to be educated to work as missionaries for their own people. These workers are not to feel that their sphere of labor is to be among the white people. They are to be educated and trained to be missionaries within their own borders.*23LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 12*

Perseverance

To many of the colored people, the difficulties against which they have to contend seem insurmountable. But there are those who will not give up. All who are conscientiously and in the fear of God trying to acquire an education are to be encouraged. There is talent among the colored race, and this talent will be developed, sometimes where least expected. Every advantage possible is to be given to the colored youth who are capable of becoming useful workers in the Lord's vineyard.*23LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 13*

There are those who with proper training can be prepared to conduct sanitariums for colored people. In all cases they will need the assistance of white workers, but their talents will tell greatly for the success of the work.*23LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 14*

Schools for colored children and youth are to be established in many places. The teachers are to bring a softening, subduing influence into the school. In their habits and their dress, they are always to be neat and tidy. They will find that the students need this example. And they will find also that they are very quick to imitate. When old or young show refinement of manner and taste in dress, this is never to be discouraged.*23LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 15*

Be Vigilant

There is room for all in the work of God; for a world demands our labors. We must not put off the doing of our work until labor comes to be regarded as genteel. The life of Christ is a constant rebuke to the one who is willing to sit by with folded hands. Let us now set to work in earnest to do something for Christ. The Saviour wept over the guilt and obduracy of Jerusalem. Who is ready to weep over his neglect and indolence in the past, and take up the work that has been neglected? We must no longer be self-indulgent.*23LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 16*

The measure of our future success will be the measure of our dependence upon God and our humility of heart. We need the presence of the Holy Spirit in the heart to keep us from self-exaltation and self-praise. The law of the divine economy is, "He

that humbleth himself shall be exalted; and he that exalteth himself shall be abased.” [See *Luke 14:11.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 105, 1908, par. 17*

Ms 107, 1908

The Color Line

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I have some things to say in regard to the colored people of the southern states of America, and the relation that we should sustain to them. So long were they under the curse of slavery, that it is a difficult problem to know how they should now be treated.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 1*

When God's workers allow His Spirit to work upon their minds, much will be accomplished in the work of soul-saving. The Lord is our Helper. He will guide us in all matters, if we will trust in Him. One thing is certain: We must have faith in God—faith that He will arrange matters in a way that will enable us to work successfully. No one ever trusted God in vain. He will never disappoint those who put their trust in Him.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 2*

We have no time to get into contention over the problem of the color line. If this question is much agitated, difficulties will arise that will consume much precious time to adjust. We cannot lay down a definite line to be followed in dealing with this subject. In different places and under different circumstances, the subject will need to be handled differently. In the South, where the race prejudice is so strong, we could do nothing in presenting the truth were we to deal with the color-line question as we can deal with it in the North. The white workers in the South will have to move in a way that will enable them to gain access to the white people.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 3*

The cities of the South are to be worked, and for this work the best talent is to be secured, and that without delay. Let white workers

labor for the white people, proclaiming the message of present truth in its simplicity. They will find openings through which they may reach the higher class. Every opportunity for reaching this class is to be improved.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 4*

Let our colored workers do what they can to keep abreast, working earnestly for their own people.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 5*

I know that if we attempt to meet the ideas and preferences of the colored people, we shall find our way blocked completely. The work of proclaiming the truth for this time is not to be hindered by an effort to adjust the position of the Negro race. Should we attempt to do this, we should find that barriers like mountains would be raised to hinder the work that God desires to have done. If we move quietly and judiciously, laboring in the way that God has marked out, both white and colored people will be benefited by our labors, unless the colored people place themselves where the Lord cannot work with them.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 6*

It is Satan's plan to call minds to the study of the color line. If his suggestions are heeded, there will be diversity of opinion and great confusion. No one is capable of clearly defining the proper position of the colored people. Men may advance theories, but I assure you that it will not do for us to follow human theories. So far as possible, the color line question should be allowed to rest.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 7*

The colored people should not urge that they be placed on an equality with white people. The relation of the two races has been a matter hard to deal with, and I fear that it will ever remain a most perplexing problem. So far as possible, everything that will stir up the race prejudice of the white people should be avoided. There is danger of closing the door so that our white laborers will not be able to work in some places in the South.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 8*

The time has not come for us to work as if there were no prejudice. Christ said, "Be ye wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." [*Matthew 10:16.*] If you see that by doing certain things which you have a perfect right to do, you hinder the work of the truth, refrain from doing these things. Do nothing that will close the minds of others against the truth. There is a world to save, and we gain

nothing by cutting loose from those who are trying to help. All things are lawful, but all things are not expedient.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 9*

The wise course is the best. As laborers together with God, we are to work in the way that will enable us to accomplish the most for Him. Let none go to extremes. We need wisdom from above; for we have a difficult problem to solve. Let no extremes be encouraged. If rash moves are made now, great mischief will be done.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 10*

The matter is to be presented in such a way that the truly converted colored people will cling to the truth for Christ's sake, refusing to renounce one principle because they think that the very best course is not being pursued toward the colored race.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 11*

We must sit as learners at the feet of Christ, that He may teach us the will of God, and that we may know how to work for the white people and the colored people in the southern field. As far as possible, we should leave the color line alone, and use every energy to present the closing gospel message to all classes in the South. As we are led and controlled by the Spirit of God, we shall find that this question will adjust itself in the minds of our people. We are to do as the Spirit of God shall indicate, and agitate this subject as little as possible.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 12*

What is needed is an individual seeking of the Lord. Let those whose religious experience in the past has been only a surface work draw near to God. Repent, repent, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Those white people who appreciate the ministry of Christ in their behalf cannot cherish prejudice against their colored brethren.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 13*

I thank God that among the colored believers there are men of talent who can work efficiently for their own people, presenting the truth in clear lines. There are many colored people of precious talent who will be converted to the truth, if our colored ministers are wise in devising ways of training teachers for the schools and other laborers in the field.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 14*

What we need is to be prepared to take hold of the work in earnest; then we shall be better able to deal with the questions involved in this work. But let no one enter into controversy. Let every believer do his best to prepare the way for the gospel missionary work that is to be done. We have no time now to give place to the spirit of the enemy and to cherish prejudices that confuse the judgment and lead us away from Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 15*

It will take money, and earnest, persevering effort, to do what needs to be done among the colored people. Every man needs now to stand in his lot and place, confessing and forsaking his sins, and working in harmony with his brethren. God's workers are to be of one mind and one heart, praying for the impartation of the Spirit, and believing that God will fulfil His Word.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 16*

We are living in the great antitypical day of atonement. We must individually seek God. This is a personal work. Let us draw near to God, allowing nothing to come into our efforts that would misrepresent the truth for this time. Let every one confess, not his brother's sin, but his own sin. Let him humble his heart before God and become so filled with the Holy Spirit, that his life will show that he has been born again. We read, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [*John 1:12.*]*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 17*

The gospel of Christ is to be lived, practiced in the daily life. The servants of God are to be cleansed from all coldness, all selfishness.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 18*

Simplicity, meekness, lowliness are of great value in the work of God. Try to unite the workers in confidence and love. If you cannot do this, be right yourselves, and leave the rest with God. Labor in faith and prayer. Select Christian youth, and train them to be, not workers with hearts like iron, but workers who are willing to harmonize.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 19*

I pray that the Lord will change the hearts of those who, unless they receive more grace, will enter into temptation. I pray that He will soften and subdue every heart. We need to live in close fellowship with God, that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

Thus the world is to know that we are His disciples. Let there be no self exaltation. Let every one humble his heart before God. Then the blessing will come. The workers will all the time be receiving fresh, new ideas, and there will be a wonderful revival of gospel medical missionary work.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 20*

The great work before us all, as Christians, is to extend Christ's kingdom as rapidly as possible, in accordance with the divine commission. The gospel is to advance from conquest to conquest, from victory to victory. The greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, and they shall take the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever and ever.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 21*

It is Satan's object to keep Christians occupied in controversies among themselves. Satan knows that if they do not watch, the day of the Lord will come on them as a thief in the night.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 22*

On one occasion, while Christ was in the midst of His work of teaching and healing, one of the company assembled about Him said, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." [*Luke 12:13.*] This man had witnessed Christ's wonderful works. He had been astonished at the clearness of His comprehension, His superior judgment, and the fairness with which He viewed the cases brought to Him.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 23*

He had heard Christ's stirring appeals, and His solemn denunciations of the scribes and Pharisees. If words of such command could be spoken to this brother, he would not dare to refuse the aggrieved man of his portion. He solicited Christ's influence on his side. "Speak to my brother," he said, "that he divide the inheritance with me." [*Verse 13.*]*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 24*

The Holy Spirit was pleading with this man to become an heir of the inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. He had seen evidence of the power of Christ. Now the opportunity was his to speak to the great Teacher, to express the desire uppermost in his heart. But like the man with the muck rake in Bunyan's allegory, his eyes were fixed on the earth. He saw not the crown above his head. Like Simon Magus, he valued the gift of

God as a means of worldly gain.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 25*

The Saviour's mission on earth was fast drawing to a close. Only a few months remained for Him to complete what He came to do in establishing the kingdom of His grace. Yet human greed would have turned Him from His work to take up the dispute over a piece of land. But Jesus was not to be diverted from His mission. His answer was, "Man, who made Me a judge or a divider over you?" [*Verse 14.*]*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 26*

He gave the man plainly to understand that that was not His work. He was striving to save souls. He was not to be turned aside from this to take up the duties of a civil magistrate.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 27*

How often today labor is forced upon the church that should never be allowed to enter the work of the gospel ministry!*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 28*

Again and again Christ had been asked to decide legal and political questions. But He refused to interfere in temporal matters. He knew that in the political world there were iniquitous proceedings and great tyranny. But His own exposure of these was the proclamation of Bible truth. To the great multitudes that thronged His steps, He presented the pure, holy principles of the law of God and spoke of the blessing found in obeying these principles. With authority from on high, He enforced the importance of justice and mercy. But He refused to become entangled in personal disputes about property.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 29*

Christ stood in our world as the Head of the great spiritual kingdom that He came to our world to establish—the kingdom of righteousness. His teaching made plain the ennobling, sanctifying principles that govern this kingdom. He showed that justice and mercy and love are the controlling powers in Jehovah's kingdom.*23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 30*

Christ set an example that is to be followed by those who are today striving to extend the kingdom of righteousness. He laid down the principle that those who rule over men should be men under the control of the divine Ruler. They must to men who have learned

how to control themselves, men who live quiet, peaceable lives in obedience to the commandments. Christ did not enter into the minutiae of the work of those who are given charge of His church; but if they are under the supervision of God, they will know what their work is and what course to pursue.²³*LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 31*

We shall be brought into close places in religious matters. Discord among church members is one of the most difficult things to deal with. Pride of opinion, selfishness, ambition enfeeble spirituality. There are those who seek for as much power as possible. The difference between true and false conversion is continually being shown right in our institutions. Day by day character is being tested, and cases are being decided for eternity. The Lord Jesus is weighing moral worth.²³*LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 32*

Our Lord struck at the root of the affair that troubled this questioner, and of all similar disputes, saying, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." [*Verse 15.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 33*

"And He spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." [*Verses 16-21.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 34*

To live for self is to perish. Covetousness, the desire of benefit for self's sake, cuts the soul off from life. It is the spirit of Satan to get, to draw to self. It is the spirit of Christ to give, to sacrifice self for the good of others. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life." [*1 John 5:11,*

12.]23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 35

Wherefore He says, "Take heed and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." [Luke 12:15.]23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 36

The Warfare Before Us

God's servants are to put on every piece of the Christian armor. We are not wrestling simply with human foes. God calls upon every Christian to enter the warfare, and fight under His leadership, depending for success on grace and help from heaven. In God's strength we are to go forward. Never are we to yield to Satan's attacks. Why should we not, as Christian warriors, stand against principalities and powers, and against the rulers of the darkness of this world? God calls upon us to press forward, using the gifts entrusted to us. Satan will place temptation before us. He will try by stratagem to overcome us. But in the strength of God we are to stand firm as a rock to principle.23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 37

In this warfare there is no release. Satan's agents never pause in their work of destruction. Those who are in Christ's service must watch every outpost. To save perishing souls from ruin is our object. This is a work of infinite greatness, and man cannot hope to obtain success in it, unless he unites with the divine Worker.23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 38

From eternity Christ has been man's Redeemer. Ever since the fall, there has come to those uniting with Him in His great work the word, "Be not weary in well doing." "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." [2 Thessalonians 3:13; 1 Corinthians 15:58.]23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 39

The Christian is encouraged to show patient perseverance in carrying forward the work of the gospel ministry in connection with the medical missionary work. As he gains an experience in genuine religion, he obtains a spiritual knowledge that makes character.23LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 40

The life of a true Christian is one continuous round of service. "Ye

are laborers together with God.” [1 *Corinthians* 3:9.] Every day brings to the one in God’s service duties proportionate to his powers. His usefulness increases as, under the guidance of a supreme power, he performs these duties. The fulfilment of one duty makes us better prepared to take up another. Those who have a true sense of what is to be done will place themselves in the direct light of the Word of God, in union with His other working forces. Every day, clothed with the whole armor, he will go forth into the battle. With prayer and watchfulness and perseverance, he will labor, determined that the close of his lifework shall not find him unprepared, not having done all that he could for the salvation of perishing souls.²³*LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 41*

If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world.²³*LtMs, Ms 107, 1908, par. 42*

Ms 109, 1908

A Call for Colored Laborers

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Most decided efforts should be made to educate and train colored men and women to labor as missionaries in the southern states. Christian colored students should be preparing to give the truth to their own race. Those who make the fear of the Lord the beginning of their wisdom, and give heed to the counsel of men of experience, can be a great blessing to the colored race, by carrying to their own people the light of present truth. Every worker laboring in humility and in harmony with his brethren will be a channel of light to many who are now in the darkness of ignorance and superstition.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 1*

Instead of wondering if they are not fitted to labor for white people, let our colored brethren and sisters devote themselves to missionary work among the colored people. There is an abundance of room for intelligent colored men and women to labor for their own people. Much work remains to be done in the southern field. Special efforts are to be made in the large cities. In each of these cities there are thousands of colored people, to whom the last warning message of mercy must be given. Let the missionary spirit be awakened in the hearts of our colored church members. Let earnest work be done for those who know not the truth.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 2*

To every colored brother and sister, I would say, Look at the situation as it is. Ask yourself, "In view of the opportunities and advantages granted me, how much do I owe to my Lord? How can I best glorify Him and promote the interests of my people? How can I

use to the best advantage the knowledge God has been pleased to give me? Should I not open my Bible and teach the truth to my people? Are there not thousands perishing for lack of knowledge, whom I can help if I submit myself to God, so that He can use me as His instrument? Have I not a work to do for my oppressed, discouraged fellows?"*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 3*

The southern field is suffering for workers. Will you pass by your people on the other side, or will you with a humble heart work to save the perishing? There is a work you can do if you will humble yourself before God. Trusting in Him, you will find peace and comfort; but following your own way and your own will, you will find thorns and thistles, and you will lose the reward.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 4*

Time is short, and what you do must be done quickly. Resolve to redeem the time. Seek not your own pleasure. Rouse yourself! Take hold of the work with a new purpose of heart. The Lord will open the way before you. Make every possible effort to work in Christ's lines in meekness and lowliness, relying upon Him for strength. Understand the work the Lord gives you to do, and trusting in God you will be enabled to go on from strength to strength, from grace to grace. You will be enabled to work diligently, perseveringly for your people while the day lasts; for the night cometh in which no man can work.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 5*

There is the greatest need for all kinds of missionary work in the South. Without delay workers must be prepared for this field. Our people should now be raising a fund for the education of men and women in the southern states who, being accustomed to the climate, can work there without endangering their health.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 6*

Promising young men and young women should be educated to become teachers. They should have the very best advantages. Schoolhouses and meetinghouses should be built in different places and teachers employed. ...*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 7*

Those who for years have been working to help the colored people are best fitted to give counsel in regard to the opening of such schools. So far as possible, these schools should be established

outside of cities. But in the cities there are many children who could not attend schools away from the cities; and for the benefit of these, schools should be opened in the cities as well as in the country.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 8*

The children and youth in these schools are to be taught something more than merely how to read. Industrial lines of work are to be carried forward. The students are to be provided with facilities for learning trades that will enable them to support themselves.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 9*

Our churches in the North, as well as in the South, should do what they can to help support the school work for the colored children. The schools already established should be faithfully maintained. The establishment of new schools will require additional funds. Let all our brethren and sisters do their part wholeheartedly to place these schools on vantage ground.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 10*

In addition to engaging in this line of school work, our colored brethren may do a good work by establishing mission Sunday schools and Sabbath schools among their own people—schools in which the colored youth may be taught by teachers whose hearts are filled with love for souls.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 11*

Opportunities are continually presenting themselves in the southern states, and many wise, Christian colored men will be called to the work. But for several reasons white men must be chosen as leaders. We are all members of one body, and are complete only in Jesus Christ, who will uplift His people from the low level to which sin has degraded them, and will place them where they shall be acknowledged in the heavenly courts as laborers together with God.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 12*

There is a work to be done in many hard places, and out of these hard places bright laborers are to come. Let the work be managed so that colored laborers will be educated to work for their own race. There are colored people who have talent and ability. Let us search out these men and women and teach them how to engage in the work of saving souls. God will co-operate with them and give them the victory.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 13*

The ear of the Lord is open to the cries of those who are in His service. He has promised, "I will guide thee with Mine eye." [*Psalm 32:8.*] Walk humbly with God, and ask Him to make your course of duty plain. When He speaks to His representatives, and asks them to be laborers together with Him, they will do the same kind of work that Jesus announced as His work when He stood up to read in the synagogue at Nazareth. He opened the book of the prophet Esaias, and read, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." [*Isaiah 61:1.*]*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 14*

The truth is now overcast in the world by the clouds of error that prevail. He who can influence even the most lowly, and can win them to Christ, is co-operating with divine agencies in seeking to save that which is lost. In presenting to the sinner a personal, sin-pardoning Saviour, we reach a hand of sympathy and Christlike love to grasp the hand of one fallen; and, laying hold of the hand of Christ by faith, we form a link of union between the sinner and the Saviour.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 15*

The end is near, and every soul is now to walk carefully, humbly, meekly with Christ Jesus. Our precious Saviour, from whom all rays of truth radiate to the world through His light-bearers, wants us to put not our trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help; but to lean wholly upon Him. He says, "Without Me ye can do nothing." [*John 15:5.*] We need to look to Jesus constantly, in order that He may impress upon us His own lovely image. We are to behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Then we shall reveal Christ to our fellow men.*23LtMs, Ms 109, 1908, par. 16*

Ms 111, 1908

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium

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At the time of the purchase of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, the Southern California Conference took no part in it. The Conference Committee voted "To give their moral support and co-operation to the San Diego enterprise, but not to take any financial responsibility or burden."*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 1*

The investors then decided to form a stock company. They tried to frame all the plans on lines so friendly to the conference, and on so unselfish a basis, as to command the respect of our brethren and the sympathy and co-operation of those engaged in all branches of the "organized" Medical Missionary work.*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 2*

A plan of organization was adopted which placed "the incorporation of the San Diego Sanitarium Association upon such a basis that for all the gifts to the institution, stock shall be issued to the California Conference Association; also that common stock bearing no dividends be issued at one hundred dollars a share to investors, and that preferred stock, bearing dividends not to exceed 6% per annum, be issued to investors of one thousand dollars and upward."*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 3*

Some there were who feared that our brethren would not invest on such an unselfish plan. But our brethren in San Diego, Escondido, and San Pasqual took hold in a hearty way, and soon there was nearly five thousand dollars added by them to the larger amount subscribed by Sister Gotzian, Brother and Sister J. F. Ballenger, and myself.*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 4*

The large patronage which came to the institution, soon after it was opened, led us to enlarge the buildings at much cost, and we were soon obliged to hire considerable money to pay for the buildings, and also to look for additional skilled helpers. Then difficulties arose, and some objected to taking a part in the work, because the institution was not owned by the conference. There were some of the stockholders and some of the conference officers who thought that the property ought to be under the control of the conference, and that if directly under conference control, means and efficient workers needed to run the institution could be secured more easily.*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 5*

It was with some reluctance that I consented to the proposed change. After much delay, the terms under which the property was to be taken over were agreed upon by the committees who were to prepare the plans for the transfer. But before the transfer was completed, I was shown that it would not be wise for the stockholders to accept the terms proposed.*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 6*

I was shown that it would not be best at that time to pass over the management of the institution to the conference. It would be an injustice to those who have placed their means in the enterprise to have the property transferred according to the propositions agreed upon.*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 7*

I was also shown that the Paradise Valley Sanitarium could be managed wisely, and conducted on right principles, without being placed under conference control, and that the work of the institution could be carried on conscientiously, in harmony with the instruction that has been given us regarding the management of our health institutions. I saw that those who had made themselves responsible for the purchase of this property, and for the additional investments, should continue to have the ownership of it and should be allowed to conduct the work on right lines without interference or hindrance.*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 8*

I was also instructed that we should solicit gifts, and loans without interest, and at low rates of interest, that its work may be carried forward and its debts lessened. This institution is to live, and

prosper, and our people should be in earnest to see it succeed.*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 9*

Everything connected with the institution is now in good condition, and, with the blessing of God, it should prosper and do a good work. Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Cummings, as medical superintendent and matron, are doing an excellent work. Also Brother H. W. Lindsay as business manager. They must be encouraged to stand at their posts of duty.*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 10*

There is a great work to be done in Southern California. The field is ready for much active effort. Let those who can assist in this work. I now appeal to our people to help us in enabling the Paradise Valley Sanitarium to do the very best service, a work that will tell for time and for eternity.*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 11*

An Opportunity to Help

The Lord has greatly blessed His people in Southern California by enabling them to secure, at very low cost, valuable properties that can be utilized for institutional work. At Fernando, at Loma Linda, at Glendale, and at Paradise Valley, He has manifestly gone before us, preparing the way.*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 12*

For years the Lord instructed us that we should have a sanitarium in the vicinity of San Diego, where many thousands of tourists come every season. In the winter of 1903-04, when the way opened up for us to purchase the Paradise Valley Sanitarium property, about six miles from San Diego, a few brethren and sisters at first bore the entire financial burden. They felt clear in doing this, because of the necessity of doing something at once, at a time when others hesitated to advance in the opening providence of God.*23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 13*

In equipping the Paradise Valley Sanitarium for effective work, it has been necessary to provide adequate treatment rooms and other facilities, and additional rooms for patients and helpers. The founders of the institution advanced what they could spare for this

work, and the balance was hired at low rates of interest. Some of these loans have been paid, and others are now coming due. Until the indebtedness of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium can be met by increased profits and through the sale of *Ministry of Healing*, the institution will need to continue to hire money from the friends of the cause which it represents. *23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 14*

The brethren and sisters of the Southern California Conference have done much to help the three sanitariums in their territory, and our friends in the East have lent their assistance. In this they have done well. At the August (1908) camp-meeting in Los Angeles, our brethren pledged many thousands of dollars to the foreign missions. And Sister Gotzian, who has been a strong supporter of our California sanitariums, is desirous of transferring some of her means to the needy enterprises in Nashville, Madison, and Huntsville. *23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 15*

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. *23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 16*

Our brethren in charge of our sanitarium work must not be left destitute of sufficient means to carry on the medical missionary work in an acceptable way. And just now, when our people in Southern California are struggling to build up a strong work in that important missionary field, we should study ways and means of strengthening their hands. I would therefore urge our brethren and sisters, to whom the Lord has entrusted the talent of means, to consider the advisability of loaning money to the Paradise Valley Sanitarium at a low rate of interest, or without interest, so that this institution can be in a position to do, without embarrassment, a thorough work to the honor and glory of God. *23LtMs, Ms 111, 1908, par. 17*

Ms 113, 1908

Sermon/Lessons From the *Sixtieth Chapter of Isaiah*

St. Helena, California

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“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.” [*Isaiah 60:1-5*.]*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 2*

Let us bear all these words in mind; for our faith and expectation must be enlarged to look for the fulfilment of these glorious promises.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 3*

“The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense: and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on Mine altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 4*

“Surely the isles shall wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto

the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He hath glorified thee. And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee; for in My wrath I smote thee, but in My favor have I had mercy on thee.” [Verses 6-10.]*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 5*

In these words are outlined the possibilities that are before the people of God, if they shall faithfully perform the work that He has given them to do. With such a prospect before us, shall we, who should be workers together with God, hover about our large centers, saying by our actions if not by our words, “Do not disturb me: I do not wish to leave this pleasant place. Let me remain here, and enjoy the privileges I have in the church.”*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 6*

God has work to be done outside of the church. There are privileges for the Christian in service in every city or town or village. It is not enough for you to remain in the church because you enjoy the preaching. There are many who need the very truths that you have heard, and which you should be imparting to others. May God put upon the members of His church a burden to labor for souls as they that must give an account.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 7*

“Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.” [Verse 11.]*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 8*

This means that kings and nobles shall be gathered into the kingdom of the Lord. In the third angel’s message we have a truth that is to be worldwide. It must be carried from village to village, and from city to city. Then do not, because you have a comfortable home and good church privileges, keep your light under a bushel. Let it shine forth, that it may give light to all. God bids you hunt up the people that know not the truth of the Word of God, that you may acquaint them with it.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 9*

“Thy gates shall be open continually.” [Verse 11.] Invite the people in. Go to their houses, and tell them that you have an important message, a message that must go to all the world, and that you feel a solemn responsibility to give this message to all that will hear

it.23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 10

“For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together (these represent persons), to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious.” [Verses 12, 13.]23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 11

God wants us to go right to the people, realizing that they have souls to save or to lose, and tell them that you desire them to have a life that measures with the life of God—an eternal life in the kingdom of glory. Then you may sit down with them and ask them if they will listen to some precious truths from the Scriptures. But few will refuse you, and then you will have an opportunity to open to them the glorious gospel message.23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 12

“The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.” [Verses 14, 15.]23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 13

It is the workers in the churches that are to bring about these conditions that are so much desired.23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 14

I remember reading of a young man who felt that he must go and speak of Jesus to the crowds in the street. Some said to him, “They will abuse you.” “Well,” he replied, “they abused my Lord, and I can suffer no more than He did.” So he spoke to the people. They did abuse him. They cast eggs at him. The eggs broke in his face and on his clothes. He took out his handkerchief and wiped them off, and continued to speak. He did not retaliate in any way. They soon found that they could not stop him by abuse, and so they let him alone. That man’s work resulted in the conversion of hundreds, because he would never allow himself to be annoyed. Some of the very ones who were his bitterest opposers at first were converted and united with him.23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 15

We may not be treated in that way, but like this man, we are to show an interest for those who know not the truth and have no interest in it. We are to labor earnestly for their salvation.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 16*

“Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. For brass I will bring gold, and for iron, I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exacters righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders: but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation and thy gates Praise. The sun shall be no more thy light by day, neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee, but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.” [*Verses 16-19.*]*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 17*

The prophet is now describing the city of our God, after we have gained the victory and obtained our inheritance.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 18*

“Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall the moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified. A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.” [*Verses 20-22.*]*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 19*

How is this great work of reformation to be brought about? In the next chapter we are told:*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 20*

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.” [*Isaiah 61:1, 2.*]*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 21*

Every one of us is invited to be a laborer together with God. Christ

estimated the human family as of such value as to lead Him to leave the royal courts, laying aside His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothing His divinity with humanity, to come to this world. He was born of poor and humble parentage. The people did not know that He was One from the royal courts of heaven. Yet He did not seek a high position. His only purpose was to seek and to save that which was lost, and in this work He wants our help today.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 22*

For you and for me, our Saviour hung on Calvary's cross. What are we willing to do and to sacrifice for His sake? Let every soul make some sacrifice for Christ. He has given His life for us; He has risen from the dead and is now at the right hand of God. He is still at work for the salvation of men and women. Who will unite with Him in labor?*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 23*

As Christ traveled from place to place, He met the poor and the afflicted. There were no sanitariums then where the sick could come to be healed. But they appealed to Christ, and they did not plead in vain. He healed them of their infirmities, and they joined the crowds that followed Him. On one occasion we read that there were as many as five thousand men, besides women and children.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 24*

There are people all around us who are just as much in darkness as are the heathen in far-away countries. Many of our neighbors are unsaved. Who is willing to suffer inconvenience, perhaps to leave his home in order to be a missionary for the Master? Who will take the place of Christ, and extend the Bible invitation? He taught from the Word wherever He went. The Jews would not let Him into the synagogues, but He gave instruction as He was walking along the way. He educated the people, and after His death and resurrection many of those who had heard Him took their position as Christians.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 25*

In the medical institutions that have been established among us, we want to carry out the very purpose of God. We want a tenderness and a Christlike love, that we may do all in our power to bring the sick and suffering to a state of health. As we minister to them, many, through our influence, will learn of Christ.*23LtMs, Ms 113,*

1908, par. 26

I know that in many of our institutions we have felt conscious of the presence of Jesus Christ. We have felt it here at this sanitarium. I know that the doctor's heart is drawn out earnestly for the patients, that they may see the light of truth. We expect to meet in the kingdom of heaven many who have been patients at our sanitariums.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 27*

We have many interests to be developed. We have come into possession of institutions in various places. In Southern California we have three sanitariums that have proved to be a great blessing to many. Through the providence of God, we shall continue to come into possession of institutions in various places. We must extend our influence as widely as possible.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 28*

Another matter has been given to me. There are wealthy men who have in trust the Lord's money, and we have a perfect right to ask them to help us in our missionary work. We have a work to be carried on in all parts of the world, and must have means. Will not some of these wealthy men come to our help? The Scripture we have read encourages us to believe that they will. There are some who would consider it a privilege. Yet some of us are so delicate that we are afraid to ask these men for means to help sustain the work of the Lord.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 29*

We are not to spend means unnecessarily, but we must do an extensive work to gather in souls; for time is short; the Lord is coming. He that is to come will come and will not tarry. We are not told the appointed time, but we know that the coming is very near. We have been so backward in giving the real message! Unless we arouse, we cannot be saved ourselves; for we have not gained experience of being workers together with God. We are to be His instrumentalities, His agents. With all the strength of our influence, we are to try to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 30*

When Christ shall appear, then we all want to stand with the redeemed. The gates of the city will swing back on their glittering hinges, and the nations that have kept the truth will enter in. A crown will be placed on every head. The words will be spoken,

“Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” [*Matthew 25:34.*] Whom is it prepared for?—For the obedient, those who keep His commandments and do His will.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 31*

Now is our time to win souls to Christ. Let us not use our means foolishly. Every one of us is amenable to God for every dollar in our possession. What have you done with the talents that have been entrusted to you? Have you worked as Christ worked? Read the story of His life, and see how He toiled.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 32*

God wants to put the harp in your hand and the crown of gold on your head. As holy angels touch their harps, He wants you to follow, singing the song of triumph in the city of God. There you will see souls saved through your influence. That will be happiness.*23LtMs, Ms 113, 1908, par. 33*

Ms 115, 1908

Interview/Regarding Ralph Mackin

St. Helena, California

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(Report of interview between Mrs. E. G. White and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mackin, of Findlay, Ohio, in Mrs. White's sitting room, Sanitarium, California, Thursday, November 12, 1908. Present: Mrs. E. G. White, Elder W. C. White, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mackin, and C. C. Crisler.)*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 1*

Brother and Sister Mackin stated that they had felt impressed by the Holy Spirit to make a special trip West, in order to interview Sister White, regarding some unusual experiences through which they had been passing. During the week of prayer, nearly three years ago, they had united with their little church at Findlay, Ohio, in a special season of seeking God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 2*

Brother Mackin further stated, in part:*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 3*

In the week of prayer readings for that year, every article was directed to the people to seek for the Holy Spirit. We set aside in our little church three days for fasting and prayer, and we fasted and prayed for three days—that is, not constantly together, but we felt the need of a deeper work, and felt the necessity of coming into possession of more of the Spirit of God, and we began to study from that time on the work of the Holy Spirit, from the Bible and the testimonies, and especially from *volume VIII* and *volume VII*, and *Early Writings*, and also the little book made up of a collection of leaflets, and entitled, *Special Testimonies to Ministers and Workers*. This we found to be a most precious volume to us. It shows how, in times past, men who had been called of God were treated, etc.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 4*

The message that the Lord gave me particularly was to follow the life of the apostles. In the first place, in (*Matthew 18:1-3*), when the apostles came to the Saviour, we read:*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 5*

“At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 6*

Now I teach that no matter what the doctrine is—that is, that a man has, that is, that he accepts, that he believes, even though it be the truth itself—that does not necessarily convert him, only to that doctrine, but not to Jesus Christ; that the thing we are to do is to seek Jesus for the power of conversion. That is, if we accept the Sabbath truth, state of the dead, and all those things—I may accept those things, and advocate and teach them, and yet lose heaven, and am not a converted man, unless I have sought Jesus for His converting power.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 7*

In the next place, I turn to (*John 17*), and read the prayer that Jesus offered before His crucifixion. There He prayed for sanctification. “Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth.” [*Verse 17.*]*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 8*

Then I turn to (*Luke 24*), to show when they came into possession of that blessing termed sanctification—the apostles—and the experience of their lives; and I read from (*verse 45*) and onward to the end of the chapter:*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 9*

“Then opened He 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 righteousness 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. And He led them out as far as to 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. Amen.” [*Verses 45-53.*]23*LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 10*

Now I teach that this blessing is the blessing of sanctification that they received, that He bestowed upon them; and when we seek God—if we are a sinner, until we are converted; if we are converted, then we put up the prayer for the power of sanctification to live clean, wholesome lives—not that it is the work of an instant; not “once sanctified, always sanctified;” that is not true; but we have got—we should so firmly and eagerly put up our petition that we receive the blessing. But it has the same physiological effect on us—oh, we just want to praise Jesus, and it makes us so loving and gentle and kind; but we notice that the disciples were not ready yet to go out with that blessing to do work for the Master; but He told them to tarry until they were endued with power from on high. Then we put up our petition and hold right on by faith, and that which encouraged us to do this was the chapter entitled “The Shaking Time” in *Early Writings*—we hung right on by faith, until great drops of sweat stood on our brow. Believing that the same power that the disciples had was for us today, we were encouraged to hold on.23*LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 11*

When that promised blessing came on us, as we put up our petitions to God, we had the same experience as recorded here in (*Acts 2*), in regard to the apostles. When that promised power came upon us, we spake in other tongues as the Spirit gave us utterance. In Toledo, when we were bearing our message, on the street, a man who was a Polish Catholic stood on the street when Mrs. Mackin was speaking; and as the Spirit of God came upon her, and spoke to them through her in another language that she could not understand, this Polish gentleman exclaimed, “I know what that lady is speaking. She is speaking in my own tongue of a calamity which is soon to be visited on this city.” In other instances, when one comes into this blessing of speaking with tongues, the Lord may give me the same tongue, and we may hold a conversation in the language that the Spirit of God may have given us utterance in. Even three or four may take part in the conversation, and yet it is a

foreign tongue to them, and one waits on the other until the other is through; and it is all in order. This is the experience we received, according to the promised blessing.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 12*

And then, in accordance with that, (*Acts 10*), Peter's experience in the home of Cornelius corroborates it; and then (*Acts 19*); and from the study of the Word, in our experience, and the persecution, and everything that has come with it, we have found, so far as we are able to discern, our experience corroborates with the experience of the early apostles as recorded in the Word.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 13*

One instance: We were shut up in the jail at Clyde, Ohio—*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 14*

Mrs. E. G. White: How long ago?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 15*

Mackin: Six or eight weeks ago. In Clyde there lives a very devoted family that we knew there, and that is a credit to our people. The little children—there are four of them—are all taught to pray every evening and morning; and it is very interesting to see the family at the hour of worship. Now we went there, and they hung on for this blessing that we had received; and they put up their petition for this blessing, and came into possession of this blessing; and as the Spirit came upon them, some of them wept, and among others that wept was a little girl ten or eleven years old. Well, the Grandma came into the room, and she saw the little girl weeping, and she thought I had a mesmeric influence over the child. But a few weeks later the same spirit came upon the child when we were in the city of Toledo, and gave the message; and so they had evidence that it was not the result of any control that I might have over the child. When I came back to the town, nearly four weeks later, one of the relatives had me arrested for having this mesmeric power, as they term it.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 16*

The trial was set, and I simply produced the evidence from the Word of God that we were living in the last days, and, according to (*Acts 2*), in the last days the Lord had promised to pour out the Spirit of God upon all flesh, and the boys and girls were to prophesy.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 17*

And by the way, it was through this little girl—the Spirit of God coming upon this child—that we were directed to go to Toledo when we did. When under the influence of the Spirit, she pointed her finger directly at me, and then toward Toledo, and through the Spirit of prophecy she says, “You go to Toledo;” and since this accorded with (*Acts 2*)—“Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy;” and knowing the family—putting the test to the life—we dared not hesitate to go. We were told at the same time that we would be put in prison in Toledo. That came to pass, and we had the evidence that we were directed by the Spirit, because that which had been prophesied came to pass. We bore our message in the city, and they came and locked us up.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 18*

At this trial (in Clyde) I simply set forth these things. The Spirit of God bore witness. But they locked us up, and fined—*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 19*

W. C. White: What charge was the conviction based on?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 20*

R. Mackin: That I had mesmeric power, and that that might, sometime, influence the mind of the child.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 21*

W. C. White: Under what law could they prosecute you on that charge?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 22*

R. Mackin: I do not know as there was any law on that particular offense. But the point that I wanted to bring out is this: The attorney and mayor said, if we were not on the border of insanity, we were wonderfully close to it. But after they locked us up, the Lord told us through His Spirit to do some things that were strange to us. That is, to act as though we were insane; and He put fear on those men, so that they were fearful to come inside. That thing was strange to our relatives and friends. I knew not whether there was any record of any thing of the kind in the Scriptures. Our friends said, “Show us from the Bible who was ever led by the Spirit of God to do such a thing as that.” I answered that we were led to do it by the Spirit, I was sure; but that we could not tell why.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 23*

But another occurrence in jail strengthened our faith, and was in harmony with the experiences of the apostles. When we became thirsty, the Lord sent an angel and opened the prison bars, that six men had closed and barred shut, and let us out to get some water. We were constantly praying to God; we were striving to do His will.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 24*

If we are in a delusion, we are honestly there. But if this is from the Spirit of God, we want to follow it.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 25*

After coming away, I found in the record here that David, when away from his home people, and when at a certain place, there the men noticed to the man in charge that he was a man of which they had sung in Israel, that Saul had slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands; and while he was shut up, I find that there the Spirit of God led him to act as though he was insane, and the spittle ran down his beard. You remember, do you not, the statement that the spittle ran down his beard?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 26*

This Spirit tells us to search the Word; tells us to be earnest; and tells us to be careful about our diet; tells us exactly what you have said. Now my wife, the Spirit operates through her, and we believe that this is the gift of prophecy that is to be poured out onto all flesh. This Spirit leads us into kindness and purity of life, and we can't understand it—why—only that as the Word of God has said, that these experiences come as the result of receiving the blessing of the Spirit of God.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 27*

They circulate all manner of evil reports about us, which are wholly untrue. We are surprised when we hear them; there is not a syllable of truth in them. But it accords with just what the Word says. The first people to shut us up were the Adventists, at the Ohio camp-meeting.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 28*

Mrs. E. G. White: What party? There are many Adventists.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 29*

R. Mackin: The Seventh-day Adventists. The year before that, we were not in possession of this blessing fully, but we had come into possession of sufficient of the Spirit of God, that we would love to get people into our tent, and pray with them—just as in volume VIII,

you remember, it says:*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 30*

“The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer, and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife. Those who have not been living in Christian fellowship will draw close to one another. One member, working in right lines, will lead other members to unite with him in making intercession for the revelation of the Holy Spirit. There will be no confusion, because all will be in harmony with the mind of the Spirit” (*page 251*).*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 31*

Through this blessing, and our interest in the people, we assisted twenty-six people to go to the camp-meeting, who otherwise could not have gone—where they might get strength. This work went on until this last year.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 32*

Before we went onto the camp-ground—we did not go until Friday—my wife and two other ladies (my mother, and another lady, Sister Edwards, a sister-in-law to the president of the conference)—before we went upon the camp-ground this last year, they three were seeking the Lord. I had gone down town on an errand; and the Spirit of God told her (Mrs. Mackin) to go on the camp-ground, and there sing; and there He would tell her what to sing. And she wept just like a child, and just seemed like she could not stand it, because the Lord showed her the condition of our people—soon the plagues would fall, and they were unready. There was no meeting in progress, and the Spirit of the Lord came upon her as she went onto the camp-ground, and (turning to Mrs. Mackin) you may tell her what words you sang.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 33*

Mrs. Mackin: The Lord put this burden upon me. I could not stand it. I wanted to tell it so bad, and sing that song so bad. And I could not get rid of it till I would do it. “Oh, pray,” says I to Sister Edwards; and so I stood on the camp-ground, and I sang just what the Lord gave me. The Lord—this is what I sang:*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 34*

“He is coming; He is coming; Get ready; Get ready.”*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 35*

And then that statement in *Early Writings*—*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908,*

par. 36

“How many I saw coming up to the falling of the plagues without a shelter. Receive ye the Holy Ghost.”*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 37*

These are the words I sang. I sang them over and over again. They could hear it all over the camp-ground, and they came together; but before that, the Lord showed me how they would wring their hands as the plagues were falling. The Lord can show anything in just a moment, better than He could tell it to us. And so He showed me how they would wring their hands, and that put on me a greater burden than ever. Well, that is when they arrested us.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 38*

R. Mackin: It was already planned that if we came on the camp-ground, that we should be arrested. Well, now, when she saw the condition of the people, the Lord showed her; when the plagues began to fall, how many of our people would be unready, and then they would wring their hands, and the hour would be too late. I did not open my mouth with anybody, and yet, being associated with her, I was also arrested. I had not opened my mouth with anybody, and yet, being associated with her, I was arrested too. I had simply said “Amen” to what my wife was singing.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 39*

I asked one of the ministers, on the witness stand—he was a man from Pennsylvania—“Would you consider that singing sufficient to disturb a camp-meeting?” He said, “I never heard such singing in my life. It just thrilled me through and through.” That is what everybody says. It is in a most beautiful tone of voice, and it just seems to lift us from off the earth. It is when the singing is extemporaneous—dictated by the Spirit—that it is most wonderful.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 40*

If you have any light for us—*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 41*

Mrs. E. G. White: I do not know that I have anything special that I could say. There will be things that will transpire at the very close of this earth’s history, it has been presented to me, similar to some of the things that you have represented; but I cannot say anything on these points now.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 42*

R. Mackin: Is there any question, Brother White, or anything now?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 43*

W. C. White: I do not know as there is anything more than to pray that the Lord will give Mother some word, and then take time for matters to develop. It is better, in presenting anything to her, to present the subject briefly and clearly, and then perhaps have another interview with her later on.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 44*

R. Mackin: We are fasting and praying. If we are in a delusion, we want to know it, just as much as if we were in the right.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 45*

Mrs. Mackin: Our brethren certainly think that we are in a delusion.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 46*

Mrs. E. G. White: What place was this that you speak of, where this singing was?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 47*

R. Mackin: Mansfield, Ohio, at the Ohio camp-meeting*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 48*

Mrs. E. G. White: Our people—Sabbath-keeping people?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 49*

R. Mackin: Yes, our own people.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 50*

W. C. White: Was that verse that Mrs. Mackin sang last night extemporaneous, or a known hymn? (At the prayer meeting in the sanitarium chapel, Bro. Mackin had given his testimony in the praise service, and was followed by Mrs. Mackin, who sang.)*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 51*

Mrs. R. Mackin: Oh, that was one of our published hymns. It is in the new *Christ in Song*.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 52*

R. Mackin: From hearing that, you could scarcely gain an idea of her singing when the words are given to her by the Holy Spirit. The most wonderful thing is when she sings “glory!” She says, when she sings it, she seems to be in the presence of Jesus, with the angels. She repeats the word “glory!” over and over again. She has been

tested with the piano, and musicians say it is a “freak”—the lowness and the highness with which she does it. She cannot do it, only as she prays in the Spirit, and special power comes upon her.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 53*

Mrs. Mackin: We don't have this power, only as we seek Jesus.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 54*

R. Mackin: The Lord has given us power, Sister White, to cast out demons. Many people are possessed with demons. I remember a statement you wrote a few years ago, that many were possessed with demons as verily as they were in the days of Christ. When we are in a meeting, and these demons are in a meeting, they may cause people to do queer things. I notice in the Bible, when Jesus was in the temple, that demons at once came out. “Hold thy peace, and come out of him.” [*Mark 1:25.*] The Lord instructs us to lay the people down, lest the demons throw them when they come out. We found in the beginning that when we begin to rebuke these demons, that they often times close the eyes of these people, and will sometimes cause them to bark like a dog, and stick out their tongue; but as we continue to rebuke them, why, the eyes open, and they become calm, and the demons—Now it is through the gift of the Spirit that the Lord tells us when the demons are gone, that they are all gone; and so we have said—one lady in particular, she had six demons, and she said she just felt them when they came out—it just seemed to pull her in every part of the body; but our brethren say that they can't be in the last days; but we find that it coincides with just what the Saviour said in the last chapter of Mark, in that great commission: “And these signs shall follow them that believe: in My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;” and so on. [*Mark 16:17.*]*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 55*

Mrs. Mackin: We did not get this all at once, either.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 56*

R. Mackin: Read the remaining verses of Mark*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 57*

“And these signs shall follow them that believe: in My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall

take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.” [Verses 17-20.]²³LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 58

Our experience, so far as we are able to discern, corroborates with the Bible.²³LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 59

Here is something that I would like to read:²³LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 60

(Here Brother Mackin read the following extract from an article in the *Review and Herald*, by Sister White, published in the issue for April 11, 1899, and entitled, “The Newcastle Camp-Meeting”):²³LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 61

“During the night of the first Sabbath of the Newcastle meeting, I seemed to be in a meeting, presenting the necessity and importance of our receiving the Spirit. This was the burden of my labor—the opening of our hearts to the Holy Spirit. On one occasion Christ told His disciples, ‘I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.’ [John 16:12.] Their limited comprehension put a restraint on Him. He could not open to them the truths He longed to unfold; for while their hearts were closed to them, His unfolding of these truths would be labor lost. They must receive the Spirit before they could fully understand Christ’s lessons. ‘The Comforter which is the Holy Ghost,’ Christ said, ‘whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.’ [John 14:26.]²³LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 62

“In my dream a sentinel stood at the door of an important building, and asked every one who came for entrance, ‘Have ye received the Holy Ghost?’ [Acts 19:2.] A measuring-line was in his hand, and only very, very few were admitted unto the building. ‘Your size as a human being is nothing,’ he said. ‘But if you have reached the full stature of a man in Christ Jesus, according to the knowledge you have had, you will receive an appointment to sit with Christ at the

marriage supper of the Lamb; and through the eternal ages, you will never cease to learn of the blessings granted in the banquet prepared for you.²³*LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 63*

“You may be tall and well proportioned in self, but you cannot enter here. None can enter who are grown-up children, carrying with them the disposition, the habits, and the characteristics which pertain to children. If you have nurtured suspicions, criticism, temper, self-dignity, you cannot be admitted; for you would spoil the feast. All who go in through this door have on the wedding garment, woven in the loom of heaven. Those who educate themselves to pick flaws in the characters of others reveal a deformity that makes families unhappy, that turns souls from the truth to choose fables. Your leaven of distrust, your want of confidence, your power of accusing closes against you the door of admittance. Within this door nothing can enter that could possibly mar the happiness of the dwellers by marring their perfect trust in one another. You cannot join the happy family in the heavenly courts; for I have wiped all tears from their eyes. You can never see the King in His beauty if you are not yourself a representative of His character.²³*LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 64*

“When you give up your own will, your own wisdom, and learn of Christ, you will find admittance into the kingdom of God. He requires entire, unreserved surrender. Give up your life for Him to order, mold, and fashion. Take upon your neck His yoke. Submit to be led and taught by Him. Learn that unless you become as a little child, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven. ... When you are converted, you will not be a hindrance, but will strengthen your brethren.’²³*LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 65*

“As these words were spoken, I saw that some turned sadly away and mingled with the scoffers. Others, with tears, all broken in heart, made confession to those whom they had bruised and wounded. They did not think of maintaining their own dignity, but asked at every step, ‘What must I do to be saved?’ [*Acts 16:30.*] The answer was, ‘Repent, and be converted, that your sins may go beforehand to judgment, and be blotted out.’ [See *Acts 3:19; 1 Timothy 5:24.*] Words were spoken which rebuked spiritual pride. This God will not tolerate. It is inconsistent with His Word and with

our profession of faith. Seek the Lord, all ye who are ministers of Him. Seek Him while He may be found, 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.*]23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 66

(No record was made by the stenographer, as to the exact place where Brother Mackin began reading this article, and where he ceased reading; but at least a considerable portion was read.)23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 67

R. Mackin (continuing): In connection with the receiving of power from on high, there is a question, it seems to me, just as pertinent now as in the days of the apostles—What is the evidence? If we receive it, will it not have the same physiological effect on us as it did back there? Well, it can be expected that we shall speak as the Spirit gives us utterance.23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 68

Mrs. E. G. White: In the future we shall have special tokens of the influence of the Spirit of God—especially at times when our enemies are the strongest against us. The time will come when we shall see some strange things; but just in what way—whether similar to some of the experiences of the disciples after they received the Holy Spirit following the ascension of Christ—I cannot say.23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 69

R. Mackin: We will continually pray to the Lord about this, and ask Him to give you light in regard to it. So I leave you our address, and if you have any thing for us after this, we shall be glad to receive it.23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 70

W. C. White: You will probably spend a few days here, will you not?23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 71

R. Mackin: If the Holy Spirit tells us that our work is done now, we will go; if He tells us to tarry, we will tarry. It leads us. As I have presented this message to different congregations, the Spirit of God has witnessed to it, and many weep, and they say, "Oh, we need power, we need help, and this is the power promised, and let us seek God."23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 72

Mrs. Mackin: The real test is love—*1 Corinthians 13.23**LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 73*

R. Mackin: We have had a wonderful experience, if we should relate it to you. When we were coming in our auto—the Lord told us to get this, it was the cheapest way for us to get from place to place—Satan met us on the road, and took it right into a yard, and it seemed as if we surely would be dashed to pieces; but the Lord said He would not let him. We had to just praise God, and were delivered.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 74*

W. C. White: How far West did you come with your automobile?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 75*

R. Mackin: To Mattoon, Illinois. But Satan wants to hinder this work. We are sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise. I present it from *Early Writings*, when the angels are about to loose the four winds, Jesus gazes in pity on the remnant, and with uplifted hands cries, “My blood, Father, My blood, My blood, My blood!” He repeats it four times; for His people are still unsealed. He commissions an angel to fly swiftly to the four angels holding the four winds, with the message, “Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold! until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.” And as I bring these things before the congregation, it is the most earnest and devoted ones that it seems to affect mostly.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 76*

A Review of Early Experiences

Sister White then began talking, and continued for about half an hour. She told incident after incident connected with her early labors shortly after the passing of the time in 1844. Her experiences with unusual forms of error in those days have in later years led her to be fearful of anything savoring of a spirit of fanaticism.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 77*

As Sister White continued, she told of some who had strange exercisings of the body, and of others who were governed largely by their own impressions. Some thought it wrong to work. Still others believed that the righteous dead had been raised to eternal life. A few sought to cultivate a spirit of humility by creeping on the

floor, like little children. Some would dance, and sing, “Glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory,” over and over again. Sometimes a person would jump up and down, up and down, on the floor, with hands uplifted, and praising God; and this would be kept up for as long as half an hour at a time.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 78*

Among those who took part in these extraordinary forms of fanaticism were some who had once been faithful, God-fearing brethren and sisters. The strange exercisings of body and mind were carried to such lengths, that in a few places the officers of the law felt compelled to restrain them by casting them into prison. The cause of God was brought into disrepute, and it took years to outlive the influence that these exhibitions of fanaticism had upon the general public.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 79*

Sister White further told of how she was called upon repeatedly to meet this fanaticism squarely, and to rebuke it sternly in the name of the Lord. She emphasized the fact that we have a great work to do in the world, and that our strength with the people lies in the power that accompanies a clear presentation of the Word of the living God. The law of Jehovah is to be exalted, and made honorable; and the various features of the third angel’s message are to be plainly outlined before the people, that all may have an opportunity to hear the truth for this time, and to decide whether to obey God rather than man.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 80*

If we as a church were to give place to any form of fanaticism, the minds of unbelievers would be diverted from the living Word to the doings of mortal men, and there would appear more of the human than the divine. Besides, many would be disgusted by that which to their minds seemed unnatural and bordering on the fanatical. Thus the proclamation of the message for this time would be sadly hindered. The Holy Spirit works in a manner that commends itself to the good judgment of the people.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 81*

In the midst of Sister White’s account of her early experiences with fanaticism, Brother Mackin made the following proposal:*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 82*

R. Mackin: If we would now have the spirit of prayer, and this power would come upon my wife, would you be able to discern whether this was of the Lord, or not?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 83*

Mrs. E. G. White: I could not tell you anything about it. But I am telling you these experiences, in order that you may know what we have passed through. We tried in every way possible to rid the church of this evil. We declared in the name of the Lord God of Israel, that God does not work through His children in a way that brings the truth into disrepute, and that unnecessarily creates deep-seated prejudice and bitter opposition. In our work, we must take a straightforward course, and seek to reach the people where they are.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 84*

R. Mackin: I remember reading very much of this in *volume 1 of Testimonies for the Church*—your experience in rebuking fanaticism, and of the Cause in the East, when they set the time, in 1855, I believe.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 85*

Mrs. E. G. White: Some would dance up and down, singing, “Glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory.” Sometimes I would sit still until they got through, and then I would rise and say: This is not the way the Lord works. He does not make impressions in this way. We must direct the minds of the people to the Word as the foundation of our faith.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 86*

I was but a mere child at that time; and yet I had to bear my testimony repeatedly against these strange workings. And ever since that time, I have sought to be very, very careful lest something of this sort should come in again among our people. Any manifestation of fanaticism takes the mind away from the evidence of truth—the Word itself.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 87*

You might take a consistent course, but those who might be influenced by you would take a very inconsistent course, and, as a result, we should very soon have our hands full of something that would make it almost impossible to give unbelievers the right impression of our message and work. We must go to the people with the solid Word of God; and when they receive that Word, the Holy Spirit may come, but it always comes, as I have stated before, in a way that commends itself to the judgment of the people. In our

speaking, our singing, and in all our spiritual exercises, we are to reveal that calmness and dignity and godly fear that actuates every true child of God.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 88*

There is constant danger of allowing something to come into our midst that we may regard as the workings of the Holy Spirit, but that in reality is the fruit of a spirit of fanaticism. So long as we allow the enemy of truth to lead us into a wrong way, we cannot hope to reach the honest in heart with the third angel's message. We are to be sanctified through obedience to the truth. I am afraid of anything that would have a tendency to turn the mind away from the solid evidences of the truth as revealed in God's Word. I am afraid of it; I am afraid of it. We must bring our minds within the bounds of reason, lest the enemy so come in as to set everything in a disorderly way. There are persons of an excitable temperament who are easily led into fanaticism; and should we allow anything to come into our churches that would lead such persons into error, we would soon see these errors carried to extreme lengths; and then because of the course of these disorderly elements, a stigma would rest upon the whole body of Seventh-day Adventists.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 89*

I have been studying how to get some of these early experiences into print again, so that more of our people may be informed; for I have long known that fanaticism will be manifest again, in different ways. We are to strengthen our position by dwelling on the Word, and by avoiding all oddities and strange exercisings that some would be very quick to catch up and practice. If we were to allow confusion to come into our ranks, we could not bind off our work as we should. We are trying to bind it off now, in every way possible.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 90*

I thought I must relate these things to you.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 91*

R. Mackin: Well, now, that which you have stated does not correspond with our experience. We have been very cautious in this matter, and we find that the experience through which we have passed, and which we have passed, and which we have endeavored to outline briefly to you this morning, tallies exactly with

the experience of God's servants of old, as given in the Word.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 92*

Mrs. E. G. White: During the years of Christ's ministry on earth, godly women assisted in the work that the Saviour and His disciples were carrying forward. If those who were opposing this work could have found anything out of the regular order in the conduct of these women, it would have closed the work at once. But while women were laboring with Christ and the apostles, the entire work was conducted on so high a plane as to be above the shadow of a suspicion. No occasion for any accusation could be found. The minds of all were directed to the Scriptures, rather than to individuals. The truth was proclaimed intelligently, and so plainly that all could understand.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 93*

Now I am afraid to have anything of a fanatical nature brought in among our people. There are many, many who must be sanctified; but they are to be sanctified through obedience to the message of truth. I am writing on this subject today. In this message there is a beautiful consistency that appeals to the judgment. We cannot allow excitable elements among us to display themselves in a way that would destroy our influence with those whom we wish to reach with the truth. It took us years to outlive the unfavorable impression that unbelievers gained of Adventists through their knowledge of the strange and wicked workings of fanatical elements among us during the early years of our existence as a separate people.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 94*

R. Mackin: Well, now, this that you are giving us, would this be considered testimony under the Spirit, or is it simply counsel—of relating your experience?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 95*

Mrs. E. G. White: I am giving you history.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 96*

R. Mackin: But you do not say that that applies to our case now, until you have further light on it?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 97*

Mrs. E. G. White: I could not say; but it appears to be along that line, as I am afraid of it. It appears to be along that line that I have met again and again.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 98*

W. C. White: It is now twelve o'clock. Would you not like to rest before your dinner?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 99*

Mrs. E. G. White: Well, I could not let you go before I had said what I have said. I would say: Be guarded. Do not let anything appear that savors of fanaticism, and that others would act out. There are some who are eager to make a show, and they will act out whatever you may do—whether it be of the same tenor, or not. I have been very careful not to stir up anything like strangeness among our people.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 100*

R. Mackin: But it is true that when the Holy Spirit does come, as is stated in your works, that many will turn against it, and declare that it is fanaticism?*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 101*

Mrs. E. G. White: Of course they will; and for this reason we ought to be very guarded. It is through the Word—not feeling, not excitement—that we want to influence the people to obey the truth. On the platform of God's Word we can stand with safety. The living Word is replete with evidence, and a wonderful power accompanies its proclamation in our world.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 102*

R. Mackin: Well, we must not tire you.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 103*

Mrs. Mackin: Praise the Lord!*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 104*

Mrs. E. G. White: (rising, and shaking hands) I want the Spirit of the Lord to be with you, and you, and me. We are to be just like God's little children. The power of His grace must not be misunderstood. We must have it in all meekness and humility and lowliness of mind, that God may make the impression Himself upon the minds of the people. I hope the Lord will bless you, and give you a solid foundation, which foundation is the Word of the living God.*23LtMs, Ms 115, 1908, par. 105*

Ms 117, 1908

A Message to Our Churches in California

Sanitarium, California

December 17, 1908

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I awoke from my sleep last night with a great burden upon my mind. I was delivering a message to our brethren and sisters, and it was a message of warning and instruction concerning the work of the brother and sister who have lately come to us from Ohio with a message that we must pray for the Holy Ghost to come upon us with apostolic power. They think that power has been given them to cast out devils. They think that what they are doing is for the glory of God, but they are deceiving themselves, and deceiving others.*23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 1*

I was instructed that fanaticism similar to that which we were called to meet after the passing of the time in 1844 would come in among us again in the closing days of the message, and that we must meet this evil just as decidedly now as we met it in our early experiences.*23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 2*

We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange and eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven—events which it was declared should shortly precede the great day of God. Everything in the world is in an unsettled state. The nations are angry, and great preparations for war are being made. Nation is plotting against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. The great day of God is hastening greatly. But although the nations are mustering their forces for war and bloodshed, the command to the angels is still in force, that they hold the four winds until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.*23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 3*

The world is now realizing the sure results of transgression of the law of God. His work of creation completed, the Lord rested on the seventh day, and sanctified the day of His rest, setting it apart as the day which man should devote to His worship. But today the world is <largely> disregarding the law of Jehovah. Another day has been instituted in the place of God's day of rest. The human agent has set his way and his will against the positive teachings of the Word, and the world is plunged in rebellion and sin.*23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 4*

This work of opposition to the law of God had its beginning in the courts of heaven, with Lucifer the covering cherub. Satan determined to be first in the councils of heaven, and equal with God. He began his work of rebellion with the angels under his command, seeking to diffuse among them the spirit of discontent. And he worked in so deceptive a way that many of the angels were won to his allegiance before his purposes were fully known. Even the loyal angels could not fully discern his character, nor see to what his work was leading. When Satan had succeeded in winning many angels to his side, he took his cause to God, representing that it was the desire of the angels that he occupy the position that Christ held.*23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 5*

The evil continued to work until the spirit of disaffection ripened into active revolt. Then there was war in heaven, and Satan with all who sympathized with him was cast out. Satan had warred for the mastery in heaven and had lost the battle. God could no longer trust him with honor and supremacy, and all these, with the part he had taken in the government of heaven, were taken from him.*23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 6*

Since that time Satan and his army of confederates have been the avowed enemies of God in our world, continually warring against the cause of truth and righteousness. Satan has continued to present to men, as he presented to the angels, his false representations of Christ and of God, and he has won the world to his side. Even the professedly Christian churches have taken sides with the first great apostate.*23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 7*

Satan represents himself as the prince of the kingdom of this world,

and it was in this character that he approached Christ in the last of his three great temptations in the wilderness. “If Thou wilt fall down and worship me,” he said to the Saviour, “all these”—pointing to the kingdoms of the world which he had caused to pass before Him —“shall be Thine.” [*Matthew 4:9; Luke 4:7.*]*23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 8*

Christ in the courts of heaven had known that the time would come when the power of Satan must be met and conquered if the human race was ever to be saved from his dominion. And when that time came, the Son of God laid off His kingly crown and royal robe and, clothing His divinity with humanity, came to the earth to meet the prince of evil and to conquer him. In order to become the advocate of man before the Father, He would live His life on earth as every human being must, accepting its adversaries and sorrows and temptations. As the Babe of Bethlehem, He would become one with the race; and by a spotless life from the manger to the cross, He would show that man by a life of repentance and faith in Him might be restored to the favor of God. He would bring to man redeeming grace, forgiveness of sins. If men would return to their loyalty, and no longer transgress <the law of God>, they would receive pardon.*23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 9*

Christ in the weakness of humanity was to meet the temptations of one possessing the powers of the higher nature that God had bestowed on the angelic family. But His humanity was united with divinity, and in this strength He would bear all the temptations that Satan could bring against Him, and yet keep His soul untainted by sin. And this power to overcome He would give to every son and daughter of Adam who would accept by faith the righteous attributes of His character.*23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 10*

For God loved the world so dearly that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever would accept Him might have power to live His righteous life. Christ proved that it is possible for man to lay hold by faith on the power of God. He showed that the sinner, by repentance and the exercise of faith in the righteousness of Christ, can be reconciled to God, and become a partaker of the divine nature, overcoming the corruption that is in the world through lust.*23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 11*

Today Satan presents the same temptations that he presented to Christ, offering us the kingdoms of the world in return for our allegiance. But upon him who looks to Jesus as the author and finisher of his faith, Satan's temptations have no power. He cannot cause to sin the one who will accept by faith the virtues of Him who was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin.²³*LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 12*

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [*John 3:16.*] He who repents of his sin and accepts the gift of the life of the Son of God cannot be overcome. Laying hold by faith of the divine nature, he becomes a child of God. He prays, he believes. When tempted and tried, he claims the power that Christ died to give and overcomes through His grace. This every sinner needs to understand. He must repent of his sin, he must believe in the power of Christ, and accept that power to save and to keep him from sin. How thankful should we be for the gift of Christ's example?²³*LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 13*

Profound theories and speculations of human creation may abound, but he who would come off conqueror in the end must be humble enough to depend upon divine power. When we thus grasp the power of Infinity, and come to Christ, saying, “In my hand no price I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling,” then divine agencies can cooperate with us to sanctify and purify the life.²³*LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 14*

Let no one seek to evade the cross. It is through the cross that we are enabled to overcome. It is through affliction and trial that divine agencies can carry on a work in our lives that will result in the love and peace and kindness of Christ.²³*LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 15*

A great work is to be accomplished daily in the human heart by the study of the Word. We need to learn the simplicity of truth faith. This will bring its returns. Let us seek for decided advancement in spiritual understanding. Let us make the precious Word the man of our counsel. We need to walk carefully every moment, keeping close to the side of Christ. The spirit and grace of Christ is needed in the life, and the faith that works by love and purifies the

soul.23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 16

We need to understand clearly the divine requirements that God makes of His people. The law which is the transcript of His character no one need fail to understand. The words written by the finger of God on tables of stone so perfectly reveals His will concerning His people, that none need make any mistake. The laws of His kingdom were definitely made known to be afterward revealed to the people of all nations and tongues as the principles of His government. We would do well to study those laws recorded in the *twentieth chapter of Exodus*.23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 17

When the judgment shall set, and the books shall be opened, and every man shall be judged according to the things written in the books, then the tables of stone, hidden by God until that day, will be presented before the world as the standard of righteousness. Then men and women will see that the terms of their salvation is obedience to the perfect law of God. None will find excuse for sin. By the righteous principles of that law, men will receive their sentence of life or of death.23LtMs, Ms 117, 1908, par. 18

Ms 119, 1908

Regarding the Work of Publication

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It has been misstated by some that my son W. C. White suggests to me what I shall write. It is true that in obedience to my instruction he carefully reads my writings and guards those expressions that might be misconstrued by the tempted; but he has no more to do with suggesting what I shall write when he is at home than when he is hundreds of miles away in the interests of the work.²³*LtMs, Ms 119, 1908, par. 1*

I am not called to such arduous missionary work as when I labored with my husband, but I travel much and speak before large congregations. And the Lord sustains me in this work. Whenever he can, W. C. White accompanies. But whether he is with me or not, I carry on my work of writing and speaking. Much of my writing is done in the quiet hours of the early morning, when others are sleeping. Then no human soul is by me; but the angels of God are present, and their presence is distinctly felt as clear ideas are given me regarding the truths of the Word. It is thus that my books have been written. Some of these are now before the world, and I am instructed to make every effort to get other works into the hands of the people, that through them the Spirit of God may make right impressions on human minds.²³*LtMs, Ms 119, 1908, par. 2*

The light God has given me is for the people, and not in any respect is it to be hindered from coming to them. It must not be treated as it has sometimes been in the past. The people of the world must have the light of present truth as presented in my books. I am instructed that there are times when we are not to withhold the books because we cannot get for them the price asked by the publishing houses. We are to do much more than we have done to circulate these books, that the light which they contain must come to the people.²³*LtMs, Ms 119, 1908, par. 3*

My books are to be placed in the hands of agents who realize their importance, and who will labor faithfully to increase their circulation. This work is not to be treated as it has at certain times in the past. To all kindreds, tongues, and peoples the light of truth is to shine. I shall certainly put forth an effort to have these books multiplied, for I have been shown that their instruction, received, will lead to the conversion of souls.²³*LtMs, Ms 119, 1908, par. 4*

Ms 121, 1908

Instruction Regarding the Work of the Head Physician in our Sanitariums

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Precious light has been given me concerning our sanitarium workers. These workers are to stand in moral dignity before God. Physicians make a mistake when they confine themselves exclusively to the routine of sanitarium work, because they consider their presence essential to the welfare of the institution. Every physician should see the necessity of exerting all the influence the Lord has given him in as wide a sphere as possible; he is required to let his light shine before men, that they may see his good works, and glorify the Father which is in heaven.²³*LtMs, Ms 121, 1908, par. 1*

The head physicians in our sanitariums are not to exclude themselves from the work of speaking the truths to others. Their light is not to be hidden under a bushel, but placed where it can benefit believers and unbelievers. The Saviour said of his representatives, "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 trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world; a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [*Matthew 5:13-16*.] This is a work that is strangely neglected, and because of this neglect, souls will be lost. Wake up, my brethren, wake up!²³*LtMs, Ms 121, 1908, par. 2*

Our leading physicians do not glorify God when they confine their talents and influence to one institution. It is their privilege to show to the world that health reformers carry a determined influence for righteousness and truth. They should make themselves known outside of the institutions where they labor. It is their duty to give the light to all whom they can possibly reach. While the sanitarium may be their special field of labor, yet there are other places of importance that need their influence. To physicians the instruction is given: Let your light shine forth among men. Let every talent be used to meet unbelievers with wise counsel and instruction. If our Christian physicians will consider that there must be no daubing with untempered mortar, and will learn to handle wisely the subjects of Bible truth, seeking to present its importance on every possible occasion, much prejudice will be broken down, and <many> souls will be <converted and become laborers together with God.>*23LtMs, Ms 121, 1908, par. 3*

I have been shown that Dr. Kress is being too closely confined to the sanitarium work at Washington, D.C. He should be given opportunity to let his influence be more widely felt. Dr. Kress came from Australia to take up an important work in Washington. This is a place where our workers can meet with influential men. We are not now to be an obscure church, but we are to let the light shine forth that the world may receive it. "I will rejoice in Jerusalem and joy in my people," God declares through His servant Isaiah. [*isaiah 65:19.*] These words will be proven true when those who are capable of standing in positions of responsibility let the light shine forth. Our leading physicians have a work to do outside the compass of our own people. Their influence is not to be limited. Christ's methods of labor are to become their methods, and they are to learn to practice the teachings of His Word. Every one who stands at the head of an institution is under sacred obligation to God to show forth the light of present truth in increasingly bright rays in every place where opportunity offers.*23LtMs, Ms 121, 1908, par. 4*

The workers in our sanitariums are not to think that the prosperity of the institution depends upon the influence of the head physician alone. There should be in every institution men and women who will exert a righteous, refining influence, and who are capable of

carrying responsibilities. The chief responsibilities should be shared by several workers in order that the leading physician may not be confined too closely to his practice. He should be given opportunity to go where there is need of words of counsel and encouragement to be spoken. As a representative of the Chief Physician, now in the heavenly courts, he is to speak to new congregations, to broaden his experience. He needs to be constantly receiving new ideas, constantly imparting of his lore of knowledge, constantly receiving from the source of all wisdom. We need ever to keep ourselves in a position where we can receive increased light, have new and deeper thoughts, and obtain clearer views of the close relation that must exist between God and His people. And we obtain these views and these ideas by association with those to whom we are called to speak words of mercy and pardoning grace.*23LtMs, Ms 121, 1908, par. 5*

In all our work is to be kept in view the exchange of talents. Strenuous efforts are to be put forth to reach souls and win them to the truth. We are required to make known the principles of health reform in the large gatherings of our people at our camp-meetings. A variety of gifts is needed on these occasions, not only for the work of speaking before those not of our faith, but to instruct our own people to work in order to secure the best success. Let our physicians learn how to take part in this work—a work by which they give to the world bright rays of light.*23LtMs, Ms 121, 1908, par. 6*

Ms 123, 1908

Manuscripts on the Huntsville School

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Manuscripts on the Huntsville School: Selected from the Writings of Mrs. E. G. White^{23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 1}

(From article in *Review and Herald, September 21, 1905*)^{23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 2}

The Work Among the Colored People

Dear Brethren and Sisters: I greatly desire to impress your minds with the importance of doing what you can to help forward the work for the colored people in the southern states. In this field there are thousands and thousands of negroes, many of whom are ignorant and in need of the gospel. Upon the white people of the United States the Lord has laid the burden of uplifting this race. But, as yet, Seventh-day Adventists have done comparatively little to help them.^{23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 3}

There are many, many places in the South in which no earnest Christian effort has been made for the colored people. These unentered fields, in their unsightly barrenness, stand before heaven as a witness against the unfaithfulness of those who have had great light. When I think of the way in which this line of work has been treated, there comes over me an intensity of feeling that words cannot express. Like the priest and the Levite, men have looked indifferently on a most pitiful picture, and have passed by on the other side. For years this has been the record. Our people have put forth only a hundredth part of the earnest effort that they should

have put forth to warn the indifferent, to educate the ignorant, and to minister to the needy souls in this field. ...*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 4*

The Lord has been working with and for the tried laborers in the South. Many are preparing to put their shoulders to the wheel, to help advance the work. The cloud of darkness and despondency is rolling back, and the sunshine of God's favor is shining upon the workers. The Lord is gracious. He will not leave the work in the South in its present condition. The people living in this great field will yet have the privilege of hearing the last message of mercy, warning them to prepare for the great day of God which is right upon us. Now, just now, is our time to proclaim the third angel's message to the millions living in the southern states who know not that the Saviour's coming is near at hand. ...*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 5*

The Establishment of Schools

No line of work will be of more telling advantage to the colored people in the southern field than the establishment of small schools. Hundreds of mission schools must be established; for there is no method of giving the truth to these people so effectual and economical as small schools. This line of work has been specially presented before me. But the work is almost at a standstill for lack of money to provide facilities for training teachers, for building schoolhouses, and for paying the wages of teachers.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 6*

There are many who cannot even read the divine Word; many are slaves of superstition; and yet through divine power, these poor, ignorant beings, degraded by sin, may be saved, elevated, sanctified, ennobled. And in the Lord's estimation every soul saved is worth more than the wealth of the whole world. Those who are ignorant must be educated; and this means much. Instead of making super-abundant provision for educating a few, we should devise ways and means of helping the many who are neglected and oppressed.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 7*

So far as possible, these mission schools for colored people should

be established outside the cities; but in the cities there are many children who could not attend the schools established out of the cities, and schools should be opened for them.²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 8*

The colored people need simple books. They have been left in ignorance, when they should have been taught; left unconverted, when every effort possible should have been put forth to rescue and save them. This work will require talent and, above everything else, the grace of God. The colored youth will be found to be far more difficult to manage than the white youth, because they have not been taught from their childhood to make the best use of their time. Many of them have had no opportunity to learn how to take care of themselves. Those, who for years have been working to help the colored people, know their needs; and they are the best fitted to open schools for them. Colored teachers must work for the colored people, under the supervision of well-qualified men who have the spirit of mercy and love. How important it is, then, that we place our training school at Huntsville on vantage ground, so that many may be educated to labor as teachers of their own race!²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 9*

(From article Published in *Review and Herald*, 1904.)²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 10*

The Huntsville School

Monday morning, July 20, 1904, I went from Graysville to Huntsville. We found the school situated in a beautiful country place. In the school farm there are more than three hundred acres of land, a large part of which is under cultivation.²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 11*

Several years ago Brother S. M. Jacobs was in charge of the farm, and under his care it made great improvement. He set out a peach and plum orchard, and other fruit trees. Brother and Sister Jacobs left Huntsville about three years ago, and since then the farm has not been so well cared for. We see in the land promise of a much

larger return than it now gives, were its managers given the help they need.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 12*

Brother Jacobs put forth most earnest, disinterested efforts, but he was not given the help that his strength demanded. Sister Jacobs also worked too hard; and when her health began to give way, they decided to leave Huntsville and go to some place where the strain would not be so heavy. Had they then been furnished with efficient helpers, and with means to make the needed improvements, the advancement made would have given courage to Brother Jacobs, to the students, and to our people everywhere. But the means that ought to have gone to Huntsville did not go, and we see the result in the present showing.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 13*

Recently ... instruction has been given me that this farm must not be sold; that the situation possesses many advantages for the carrying forward of a colored school. It would take years to build up in a new place the work that has been done at Huntsville. The Lord's money was invested in the Huntsville school farm, to provide a place for the education of colored students. The General Conference gave this land to the Southern work and the Lord has shown me what this school may become, and what those may become who go there for instruction, if His plans are followed.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 14*

In order that the school may advance as it should, money is needed, and sound, intelligent generalship. Things are to be well kept up, and the school is to give evidence that Seventh-day Adventists mean to make a success of whatever they undertake.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 15*

The facilities necessary for the success of a school must be provided. At present the facilities are very meager. A small building should be put up, in which the students can be taught how to care for one another in times of sickness. There has been a nurse at the school to look after the students when they were sick, but no facilities have been provided. This has made the work very discouraging.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 16*

The students are to be given a training in those lines of work that will help them to be successful laborers for Christ. They are to be

taught to be separate from the customs and practices of the world. They are to be taught how to present the truth for this time, and how to work with the hands and with the head to win their daily bread, that they may go forth to teach their own people. They are to be taught to appreciate the school as a place in which they are given opportunity to obtain a training for thorough service.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 17*

Wise plans are to be laid for the cultivation of the land. The students are to be given a practical education in agriculture. This education will be of inestimable value to them in their future work. Thorough work is to be done in cultivating the land, and from this the students are to learn how necessary it is to do thorough work in cultivating the garden of the heart.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 18*

The man who takes charge of the Huntsville school should know how to govern himself and how to govern others. The Bible teacher should be a man who can teach the students how to present the truths of the Word of God in public, and how to do house-to-house work. The business affairs of the farm are to be wisely and carefully managed.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 19*

The teachers should constantly seek wisdom from on high, that they may be kept from making mistakes. They should give careful attention to their work, that each student may be prepared for the line of service to which he is best adapted. All are to be prepared to serve faithfully in some capacity. Teachers and students are to cooperate in doing their best. The constant effort of the teachers should be to make the students see the importance of constantly rising higher and still higher.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 20*

The leading, controlling influence in the school is to be faithfulness in that which is least. Thus the students will be prepared to be faithful in greater things. Each student is to take himself in hand, and with God's help overcome the faults that mar his character. And he is to show an earnest, unselfish interest in the welfare of the school. If he sees a loose board in a walk or a loose paling on the fence, let him at once get a hammer and nails and make the needed repairs. Nothing in the house or about the premises is to be allowed to present a slack, dilapidated appearance. The wagons

and harnesses should be properly cared for, and frequently examined and repaired. When harnesses and wagons are sent out in a dilapidated condition, human life is endangered.²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 21*

These little things are of much more importance than many suppose in the education of students. Businessmen will notice the appearance of the wagons and harnesses and will form their opinions accordingly. And more than this, if students are allowed to go through school with slack, shiftless habits, their education will not be worth half as much as it would be if they were taught to be faithful in all they do. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." [*Luke 16:10.*] Little things, needing attention, yet left for days and weeks, until they become unsightly, teach the students lessons that will cling to them for a lifetime, greatly hindering them in their work. Such an example is demoralizing, and students whose education is after this order are not needed in the world.²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 22*

Should not our God be served most faithfully? We are called upon as teachers to rise up with firm purpose of heart, and discipline ourselves with sternness and rigor to habits of order and thoroughness. All that our hands find to do is to be well done. We have been bought with a price, even the blood of the Son of God, and all that we do is to honor and glorify our Redeemer. We are to work in partnership with Christ as verily as Christ works in partnership with the Father. We are to lay aside every weight, "and the sin that doth so easily beset," that we may follow our Lord with full purpose of heart. [*Hebrews 12:1.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 23*

The soul suffers a great loss when duties are not faithfully performed, when habits of negligence and carelessness are allowed to rule the life. Faithfulness and unselfishness are to control all that we do. When the soul is left uncleansed, when selfish aims are allowed to control, the enemy comes in, leading the mind to carry out unholy devices and to work for selfish advantage, regardless of results.²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 24*

But he who makes Christ first and last and best in everything will not work for selfish purposes. Unselfishness will be revealed in

every act. The peace of Christ cannot abide in the heart of a man in whose life self is the mainspring of action. Such a one may hold the theories of truth; but unless he brings himself into harmony with the requirements of God's Word, giving up all his ambitions and desires for the will and way of Christ, he strives without purpose, for God cannot bless him. He halts between two opinions, constantly vacillating toward Christ or toward the world. It is like some one striving for the mastery, yet cumbering himself by clinging to heavy weights.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 25*

(From letter written November 2, 1904.)

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

I would call your special attention to the needs of the Huntsville School. This school is on a farm of over three hundred acres, which was purchased by the General Conference and given to the work for the colored people of the South. This school farm is to be made a representation of what can be done to help the colored people.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 26*

It was in the providence of God that the Huntsville School farm was purchased. It is in a good locality. Near it there are large nurseries, and in these nurseries some of the students have worked during the summer to earn money to pay their expenses at the Huntsville School. Those for whom these students have worked give them a high recommendation, saying that they have accomplished more than an equal number of other hands.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 27*

The Huntsville School greatly needs additional buildings. It ought to be fitted up for the accommodation of one hundred students to be trained as teachers of their own race. A small building, in which the students can be taught to care for the sick, should be put up near the school and conveniences furnished.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 28*

The students are to be carefully disciplined. They are to be given a thorough education, an education that will fit them to teach others.

As soon as possible they are to be prepared for service. The young men who attend school should be taught how to put up buildings and how to cultivate the soil. At present, white teachers can take part in the work of this school, educating and training the students. But soon it will be impossible for them to do this. Let us make earnest efforts to help this school to act its part now, while the way is still open. At present there are no outside opposing influences to hinder its progress.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 29*

I now ask you to give of your means for the Huntsville School. Facilities are needed there. Things about the institution are at loose ends, and should be put in proper order, that the school may be a credit to the cause it represents. ...*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 30*

I present this matter to you, my brethren and sisters, and I ask you to do what you can for the advancement of the work that a few faithful laborers are trying to do for the colored race. This work has been greatly retarded by neglect and because means sufficient to supply its needs have not been provided.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 31*

I ask you, my brethren and sisters, to do your best. ... By willing liberality let us prepare the way for the laborers in the South to do a work of mercy for this people. I urge you in the name of the Lord to do something, and do it now. I pray that God will open your hearts and help you to do justice to the needs of the work for the colored people.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 32*

Letter to a Teacher in Huntsville

“Elmshaven,” Sanitarium, California

December 27, 1904

Dear Brother _____:

Your letter was received and read some time ago. We rejoice with you for the precious tokens you have of the Lord’s blessing. Praise the Lord! Oh, let us be encouraged. Let our hearts be filled with

thankfulness. Continue to work earnestly and interestedly, and have perfect trust in God. Do not doubt His goodness. When difficulties seem to surround you, remember the promise that the Father is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children. If God will only let His blessing rest on the workers, everything will work out to His glory, and souls will be converted. The Lord will acknowledge and bless all who walk before Him in earnest, hopeful confidence. Look and live. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. He will draw near to each one who exercises faith and laborers courageously to advance the work because this is what God directs.²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 33*

I am glad that you are of good courage. Our hearts should always be filled with praise and rejoicing. Truth will triumph.²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 34*

“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 but One, that is, God; but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 35*

“He saith unto Him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 36*

“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.²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 37*

“But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.” [*Matthew 19:16-22.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 38*

This young ruler was a man of prepossessing appearance and of much outward piety. He had high capabilities and might have been a great blessing. But Christ saw in his character one great defect

which, unless remedied, would mar his whole life. His possessions were his idol. Unless these were given their proper place, they would rob him of eternal life. How kindly and tenderly the Saviour treated him. "If thou wilt be perfect," He said, "go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." [Verse 21.]*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 39*

The young ruler's errand to Christ was not a pretense. He fully desired to be as Christ was. He realized the importance of gaining the future eternal life. He was not ignorant of the service that man owes to God. He was fully convinced that there is a place of happiness prepared for all who in this life obey the commands of God. He realized that in order to gain a place in the abodes of bliss, he must work out a perfect character. He thought himself an honest applicant as to what he must do in order to gain eternal life.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 40*

He was attracted and charmed by Christ's life and His manner of teaching, and he realized that to be fitted to live eternally with God in the world to come would be a wonderful reward.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 41*

When this young man asked what he should do that he might gain eternal life, Christ answered him plainly. When he asked, "What lack I yet?" Jesus pointed out to him wherein he fell short. He failed when tested in regard to his worldly possessions. These were his idol. Distinctly and definitely Christ told him that his riches stood in the way of his gaining eternal life. "If thou wilt be perfect," He said, "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 he heard this, "he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions." [Verses 20-22.] He wanted the heavenly treasure, but he wanted also the temporal advantages his riches would bring him. He desired eternal life; but he was not willing to make the sacrifice. To give up his earthly treasure that was seen for the heavenly treasure that was unseen was too great a risk. He refused the offer of eternal life, and went away, and ever after the world was to receive his worship.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 42*

"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, Verily I say unto you, that a

rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 43*

“Then answered Peter and said unto Him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.” [*Verses 23-30.*]*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 44*

Christ gave His life to the work of soul-saving, making it possible for human beings to return to their loyalty and take their stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 45*

Brother and Sister _____, be of good courage. Remember that we are deeply interested in you and your work. We want to help you to be a help to those whom you are trying to educate. I am so glad that you are not discouraged. I am so glad, too, that the students appreciate your efforts in their behalf. I pray that there may be a large work done in Huntsville. I pray that all who shall visit the school farm may see, by the united efforts of students and teachers, that the best kind of education is being given. I pray that the farm may tell its own story of thrift and painstaking effort, that those who gave this beautiful place to the work for the colored people may rejoice with you all.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 46*

Heavenly angels are watching that farm, desiring that it may be so worked by the students, that the students themselves, under the direction of wise teachers, shall show that improvement in their

characters which God desires to see.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 47*

I hope to visit the Huntsville School again some time, that I may see the result of the earnest, faithful efforts put forth on this, the Lord's farm.*23LtMs, Ms 123, 1908, par. 48*

Ms 125, 1908

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January 15, 1908

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena Sanitarium

The past night I was speaking decidedly to a large number assembled in council meeting. I seemed to be in Washington. The meeting was one of special solemnity and interest. Every soul is to place himself individually in right relation to life and health and become a fruitbearing branch of the true Vine. I was bearing a very close, straight testimony. What a work is to be done! There will continue to be hindrances, and the wheels of true reform will be blocked. Light is sown for the righteous, and truth for the upright in heart.²³*LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 1*

February 12, 1908

St. Helena, California

I have a special message for our people. A representation was given me. We are to awaken in this year 1908. We are claiming to be the Lord's disciples. Do we work as the disciples worked? Are we fulfilling the words Christ gave to His disciples, “I send you forth as lambs among wolves”? [*Luke 10:3*.] “Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.” [*Matthew 10:16*.] You cannot possibly be standing before the Lord Jesus today as His professed believers and yet manifest little concern for the welfare of fallen man. We have a work to do. You may be having benevolent thoughts, but what are you doing? Some can be reached by publication; others cannot. I ask you, Will you not now realize the time is passing and whole communities are unwarned? Personal effort will do much good.²³*LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 2*

February 19, 1908

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

I have had a serious night. I had a very severe chill, and it seemed impossible for me to change the features of the case. After long, wakeful hours I wrapped up in my fur cape. Yet I felt no change. I had a hot water bag and a tumbler of hot gruel. I fell asleep, and when I awoke it was nearly three o'clock. I had writing that must be done, but thought I could not write. I put the log in the fireplace and soon had a cheerful fire from live coals, and my fears were gone.²³*LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 3*

The representation given me was that the Lord had passed through my room and left me a blessing. I know that the spell was broken. Freedom came to me. I have written several letters and without taxing nerve, brain, and muscle. The Lord has left me a blessing. I feared much that the day would be lost to me, but I am now sure the Lord heard my earnest prayer and gave me sleep and representations in the night season—just the light that I needed to settle some important matters for good concerning the Paradise Valley question, which was set before me fully, and I am now forever settled on this point.²³*LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 4*

Sunday, February 23, 1908

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

My rest during the night was broken. I left my bed before three o'clock. I am thankful for the rest I have had. I built my fire in my good fireplace, lifting the large logs and building the wood about the logs, and I thank the Lord for the strength He has given me. I praise His holy name. There is a most solemn work before us to be done, and Satan's agencies will invent everything possible to absorb every class that will be drawn to them to observe what wonderful things they can do.²³*LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 5*

May 8, 1908

Lodi, California

We are much pleased to be able to attend this meeting. These are intelligent people. There are good helpers in this meeting, and the messages given are impressing the people. This is a new settlement, and the work is going forward in right lines. There seems to be no contention. Christ is leading out a people. They are dependent upon God. They are to see and understand that the message to come to the people for this time is not a message that will create division. It is the third angel's message, which is to become more and more definite and powerful and distinct in its influence, bringing all our churches upon a platform of the truth as it is in Jesus. This message, received and understood, will bear the right kind of fruit, bringing all into unity of faith, and differences of opinion will disappear under the Holy Spirit's ministration. The third angel's message is a sure, solid platform; and differences of opinion must be yielded to the working of this message, for the Lord is not glorified with strange voices. Difference of opinion must be yielded, that all the army of the Lord may present a united front.*23LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 6*

I have spent one-half hour talking with two of our brethren in regard to their disposing of their property and removing their families to the southern field for the purpose of doing missionary work, having a school, and preparing their children to work in various lines in the missionary work, such as cultivating farms, building humble homes, and teaching the people the art of building and the art of cultivating the soil. The time will come that all who live upon the earth will need to understand the cultivating of the land and the building of houses and varied kinds of business. We tried to tell them that the Lord is calling for talent to be brought into the southern field, and act in various lines of education. Shall it be that we shall go into the southern field and bear the truth to those who have not heard the truth? This class must not be discouraged. The youth educated in our large cities are in great danger because they are surrounded with every kind of objectionable influence, for the world is becoming as it was in the days of Noah.*23LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 7*

May 21, 1908

St. Helena, California

I have not been able to sleep after two o'clock. I am awakened with representations of the situation of those who have refused all cautions and made light of the warnings the Lord had given them which they would not heed, and the representations if they would heed and become humble doers of the Word.*23LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 8*

May 22, 1908

St. Helena, California

I thank the Lord this morning that my rest during the past night has been better than on Thursday night. I will offer my thanksgiving to God. I open my Bible to the *first chapter of Mark*. This chapter is very interesting to me. Read this chapter and understand it. Many pictures are made of Satan's appearing to Christ, and let it be understood he appeared as an angel from heaven, and not as it is represented in even the pictures in some of our books as a disgusting fiend in his approaching the Lord Jesus. He had all the appearance of a most beautiful being and thus disguised hoped to overcome Christ in his temptations, for Christ's long fast was about over. *Ezekiel 28.23LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 9*

July 5, 1908

St. Helena, California

This morning I am grateful to our Lord for the rest I have had in sleep the past night.*23LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 10*

August 1, 1908

"Elmshaven," St. Helena Sanitarium, California

This morning, Sabbath, my heart is drawn out after the blessing the Lord hath promised to all that seek Him with their whole heart. Will we take the promises of the Lord? Will we cast our helpless souls upon Jesus Christ? If there ever was a period of time when all superfluity shall be turned from, it is at this period.*23LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 11*

November 3, 1908

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

This morning, November 3, I have not been able to sleep since three o'clock, but my mind is lifted up to my Saviour in prayer that we shall be so guided by heavenly wisdom as to make no mistake in the purchase of the place Buena Vista, Sonoma County, California.²³*LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 12*

November 26, 1908

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

I was awake this morning at half-past two o'clock. I felt very deeply in reviewing the past years of my life. I am filled with gratitude to God that my faculties are preserved, that I speak to large congregations with distinct utterance and clear voice, and that the Spirit of the Lord attends the messages I bear to the people. The representations from the Word of the Lord make their impression upon human minds. The Lord makes the messages as impressive as at any period of my life.²³*LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 13*

Last Sabbath I spoke to the assembly in Berkeley from *Isaiah 58*. I had a message for those who assemble in Berkeley. The appointment had been circulated, and there were more present than we expected. I had a burden to speak to those who would come out to hear me. I wished to meet those whom I hoped would be impressed with the message that the Lord gave me to give to the people who would hear and profit thereby. If they would receive the Word of the Lord, there would be a decided change in the experience of those who would heed the message. I had an intense burden to speak the Word to all who would assemble to hear. *Isaiah 58:1-4*, quoted.²³*LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 14*

December 13, 1908

St. Helena Sanitarium

I am not strong, but I am doing much writing. I ask the Lord daily for more physical strength for the doing of the very things I dare not

neglect.²³*LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 15*

December 24, 1908

I have a message for the people of God who are living in this year 1908, December 24. My life has been spared to enter upon my eighty-second year. November 26 closed another year of my life, and I am grateful to my heavenly Father that the strength of my mind has been spared. These last years, since 1900, have been given to the work of labor as verily as I have labored in the past years.²³*LtMs, Ms 126, 1908, par. 16*

Ms 127, 1908

Concerning Ellen G. White's Donation of Books and Means to the Cause

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We had to do this. The money that ought to have come from America did not come, and I hired money from America and from any place where I could obtain it to build up the work in Australia. I became involved in debt, supposing that the sale of my books would certainly let me free in a short time; but there has been a debt of thirty thousand dollars upon which I pay interest of one thousand dollars per year. Many of our people know this, but no effort has been made to relieve the situation.*23LtMs, Ms 127, 1908, par. 1*

We knew it to be duty to purchase the place at Paradise Valley. Then we encouraged others to invest the means in that place; but for several reasons it has not been done, which I shall not attempt to explain, for it would not be wisdom or justice to those who have done their best, and no reflection should rest upon them. There were those who became, through deaths, so situated that they must have their means, and we could not withhold it from them and do them justice. We expected the sanitarium to prosper, but we had to go through much disappointment. I could explain much of this, but it is not the time to do this.*23LtMs, Ms 127, 1908, par. 2*

Then some thought if we placed it under the rulership of the conference the whole situation would be changed. I consented, but was corrected by the Lord. It was not the best thing to do, for the conference had all the responsibilities they could carry. The sanitariums must not be added, increasing the responsibility. The sanitarium properties—Loma Linda, Glendale, and Paradise Valley—must be wisely handled and the responsibilities borne by the ones running these sanitariums. Thus confusion and difficulties would be avoided. The conferences of the North and South are to

work in perfect harmony; and in these large centers each must work harmoniously, but as qualified to carry their especial interests. This can be done as far as these sanitariums are concerned.²³*LtMs, Ms 127, 1908, par. 3*

The royalty on my books was not sufficient for the work put forth on them. Ever since I left for the mission field of Australia, there should have been a larger price placed on my laborers that I have to employ to do my work. I must not be left to accept so small a sum for my books. It was not just, and I was trying to open new fields in Australia; and in every meetinghouse built, I donated to carry it through. I donated for tents, and then the price after our return left me with heavy debts. I donated the two books *Christ's Object Lessons* and *The Ministry of Healing*. The printing was donated on *Christ's Object Lessons* and *The Ministry of Healing*. *Christ's Object Lessons* was handled by any who would undertake the work of selling the book. And I am told that three hundred thousand dollars have come in from the sale of this one book to help our schools. Not one dollar have I appropriated for myself.²³*LtMs, Ms 127, 1908, par. 4*

I have thought our brethren in business lines would reason from cause to effect. But when the Paradise Valley Sanitarium was to be taken over on certain specified terms, it was a great trial to me because parties had invested in the sanitarium in good faith, to put it, as they supposed, on a paying basis when it should be in running order. I consented against my judgment to let it go at a sacrifice on the part of those who had invested their means, as Sister Gotzian and I had done. But as soon as I had consented to do this, and preparations were made, I was instructed that this was doing injustice to those who had invested their means, for it would appear to be a failure. This must not be, for it would be the first failure in all of the managing to secure buildings.²³*LtMs, Ms 127, 1908, par. 5*

The Loma Linda building should stand as one of the Lord's special favors in behalf of His people in Southern California, and every effort should be made to free this institution from debt. So with Glendale. The Lord had provided for His people to come into possession of these three sanitariums, and His blessing has attended these three sanitariums, and they have been instrumental

in the conversion of souls. And if one soul is worth more than the whole world, these properties are not to be undervalued. There need not have been anything disagreeable in the sanitarium at Colonial City. If all who had been connected with it had stood in the counsel of God, it would not show the present embarrassment. The enemy has wrought to make the matter most difficult, but the Lord has used Brother John Wessels as director. He has served faithfully to place things in a just and righteous bearing; and now with Brother Cummings as physician, and his wife as matron, all will come out without failure being ascribed to it.*23LtMs, Ms 127, 1908, par. 6*

We will not, therefore, let any one who has invested means in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium become the least discouraged in this matter. Loma Linda and Paradise Valley will be carried nobly if our brethren in Eastern California will do their best and lay their burdens on the conference. We can manage it because the Lord wills that through the medium of His workmen, laborers together with God, those institutions shall stand out free from encumbrance and free from debt in due time if we will be patient. But the light given me is, You have never yet failed or been discouraged in the purchases made in sanitariums, meetinghouse buildings, or in school buildings. All are under the working providence of God.*23LtMs, Ms 127, 1908, par. 7*

But when that money was raised by Elder Reaser for the school buildings, he did not reason wisely. The Lord had another way to cancel these debts. Every family connected with the school should have been instructed from the first to do missionary work in our large gatherings, to dispose of those two books to believers and unbelievers, and to gain an experience in this kind of missionary effort.*23LtMs, Ms 127, 1908, par. 8*

There is still a chance for them to educate women and young men how to approach the people and sell the books. This lesson is still to be learned, and there is a missionary field in Southern California that is open to be worked; and the most useful lessons are to be gained in proper tact, in modest efforts, to approach the people on this subject of making sales of these most useful books. This is the work to be done in Southern California and in all our conferences. Much can be done in this work that has been strangely neglected. I

present this matter to those who will interest themselves in Southern California. In every place take up this missionary work, and unbelievers will be benefited and many will receive the light of truth. The Lord's angels will make the impression on human minds. I call upon all our students in our gatherings, in our camp-meetings, to let your prayers ascend to God for a favorable reception of the books that I have donated to the schools. Let them settle their own bills by acting their part and educating themselves to present the truth to the people, believers and unbelievers. You can yourselves do this work and sell the books.*23LtMs, Ms 127, 1908, par. 9*

Ms 128, 1908

Individual Responsibility—Needs of the Cities

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We are handling the Lord's means. All we have is lent us in trust; and when His cause is in need of the means entrusted to us to advance the knowledge of the truth, we are to return to the Lord His own lent talents. Many have claimed these talents as their own, and many have not paid to the Lord a faithful tithe and willing offerings, if possible, beside, to advance His work and to spread the knowledge of the truth.²³*LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 1*

The children of Israel were instructed that all they had in possessions—calling the same their own—came from God. And they were entrusted with His goods, paying a tithe for its use. Tithes are for the purpose of sustaining missionaries in the work of the gospel ministry, that all people in all parts of the world should hear the gospel. Thus the acknowledgement is made by all who accept the truth that it is the Lord's money and thus the Lord's due to support His ministers in the various places where the truth is established. And if a faithful tithe is returned to the Lord's treasury, they make an acknowledgement that all their blessings come from Him who made the world, and that they are enjoined to use all their entrusted treasures as God's property to carry forward the work of truth and enlarge the numbers who believe the truth. In large congregations I am trying to encourage them to labor for those who know not the truth. There will be large numbers in Los Angeles and in the various resorts who will be converted to the truth.²³*LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 2*

Will every soul who claims to believe that the end of all things is at hand show his faith by his works? Will he speak the truth of the Word to others in a persuasive way? And will he consider who is to labor for those souls who know not the truth? Who will take upon them the burden of being faithful and true as humble messengers of

truth? We must arouse the churches who claim to believe the truth. Will we lose more time, or will we be diligent and faithful? We must be guarded on every side. I would bear the testimony that the Lord would have me bear to the entire church. If they do not now have the intense interest that the condition of our world warrants us to have, let us humble our hearts before God and pray and believe for clear spiritual eyesight. Oh, if the people can only know and understand and be aroused before it is too late!²³*LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 3*

“Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and he shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green.”
*Jeremiah 17:5-8.*²³*LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 4*

The Lord calls for pronounced action. There needs to be a decided reformation in all our enterprises. There is not to be a carrying on of schools, as has been, and no definite means to rely upon, as in Fernando. Such experience must not be gone over again, and then make strong efforts that shall use all available means in the conference to settle one school's indebtedness. This is not just and reasonable, for there must needs be means to sustain our camp-meetings and carry them on with the very best talent possible. And there must not be in the home field men who must be depended on to run the meetings that shall be held in various places. New fields are to be now entered. The most substantial talent is required to lead out in the cities and various places that have not yet had the effort made in them to accomplish the work that has been presented for the last forty years.²³*LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 5*

The southern cities are to be worked, and our experienced workmen are under obligation to fulfil the expectations of our cities in various places of the southern field. We need now to set to work in these cities. There must be consideration in regard to the work to be done in America. There is a work to be done in the city of

Washington and in the cities of the southern fields which calls for the best talent it is possible to obtain, and men to do the work who will not fail nor be discouraged. Wake up, brethren! Wake up, men who stand in responsible places!*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 6*

In our experience of the last more than half a century, we have had testimonies to bear directly on the point of man's ruling power. What it means to keep order in the church is not that one man is to stand as supreme, to become a ruling despot.*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 7*

“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.” *1 Corinthians 2:1-5.23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 8*

The apostle explains his design and reminds the Corinthians that he not only believed, but he acted the gospel when he first preached among them. Why was this, that his work should not stand among them as “in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God”? [*Verse 5.*] He determined not to come with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, that the gospel should come to them in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power; that their faith should not stand expressing the wisdom of men, but in connection with the power of God. The apostle might have expressed much wisdom upon many varied things that would interest a congregation, but their attention must not be scattered from Jesus Christ. Christ Jesus and Him crucified was his message, for this was the sum and substance of the whole gospel, to present to them as saving leaves from the tree of life.*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 9*

Lift Him up, the risen Saviour! The cross of Calvary is to be the theme of the plan of salvation. The great simplicity of the message, the sum and substance, is the knowledge of a crucified and risen

Saviour. Paul did not attempt to display himself as a fine orator, a debater, a deep philosopher, or as a ruler over the conscience of men. He did not come with a flourish of words, or in a boasting style. He came not to reveal in words a pompous show of science or eloquence of expression. He learned his lesson from the divine Teacher. Positively he came among them, not to repeat or to handle the errors of the world, but to express the affirmative of the truth of God's law. This is a life-and-death question—obedience to life or disobedience unto death. He was speaking divine wisdom.*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 10*

Paul presented a divine revelation, and the enemies in the church at Corinth spake of his diminutive body and said, "His speech is contemptible." [*2 Corinthians 10:10.*] Was this true? Nay, it was not. The apostle whom God had chosen was the man for the place, but it was the power of God that was upon him. Certainly Paul was not a mean speaker, and his force of eloquence caused the greatest men to be under a convincing power, listening to his speech. The men of Lystra looked upon him as being the heathen god Mercury come down to them in the form of a man. In many places thousands were converted to the gospel message given by him in the affirmative. There was something in the manner of Paul's preaching that caused thousands of Jews and Gentiles to believe. Paul had many visions. He spake so convincingly that a great multitude believed the message given through the demonstration of the Spirit. The success was not to be attributed to the man, but to the power of God upon him. Angels were making the Word effective.*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 11*

The apostles spake boldly of the truths of the gospel, which was the great power of God in the conversion of many souls. The Word declares, "They went everywhere preaching the Word." [*Acts 8:4.*] None of the Lord's workmen are to have their minds diverted from the Lord Jesus to the prohibiting of their message. Now we are in a favorable position to bring the truth before large congregations.*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 12*

Let men take the word of the Lord Jesus after His resurrection. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” *Matthew 28:18-20.23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 13*

God forbids any man to assume a large amount of responsibility himself, and lay his authority upon men, and hinder others from doing the work God has given them. There is a world to be warned.*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 14*

Paul has written, “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. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: (in discernment and experience in the things of His Spirit that God bestows upon the humble, praying, believing saints) 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 wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” *1 Corinthians 2:4-8.23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 15*

There is a work of opposition introduced, of human origin, to counterwork the working of the Spirit of God. In their ignorance they did not apply the prophecies of Christ where they belong; therefore, in their own lack of discernment of the true understanding of the Word, and in the blindness of their minds, they rejected the crucified Christ Jesus.*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 16*

“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 9, 10.* Every heart that received Christ was entrusted with the ability to discern Christ in His message. “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given

to us of God.” *Verses 11, 12.23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 17*

Will man dare place himself as judge of another man’s experience and conscience, or to define in his human judgment another man’s duties? Let every man receive his light and knowledge from the highest authority. Let him move guardedly, lest he interrupt the Lord’s plans. “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.” *Verse 13*. There is to be a close seeking of God to understand the comparing of spiritual things with spiritual.*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 18*

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual (in his experience) judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.” *Verses 14, 15*. “For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? (let these words be fully understood.) But we have the mind of Christ.” *Verse 16.23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 19*

Read *1 Corinthians chapter 3*. All these Scriptures are essential to instruction in righteousness. The Holy Spirit is needed in this our day, that we may not work, any of us, in our own natural, unconverted spirit, to order or dictate or control God’s laborers, for no such work has been laid upon us. Mistakes may be made by some in their labors through their lack of judgment, but to put up the bars because some one has made a mistake, that all are to be under bands and bars and yokes and the ruling of their fellow men, is a false conception of the Word, and a hundredfold more grievous in the sight of God. To place His servants under the discipline and judgment of fallible men to decide their duty would only stir up confusion and misunderstanding and bring great dishonor to the God of heaven.*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 20*

I am instructed that every one of these yokes that have been placed upon the servants of God are to be broken. Ministers and teachers may place their own necks under the yokes if they choose, but let others never place yokes on them. Let all be left free before God to be taught of God and to look to God and follow the Lord’s instructions to watch unto prayer. This means seeking the Lord with

all the heart and with all the mind and all the spirit, praying and watching thereunto. But because some men may have moved unadvisedly on some occasion, or a few men may have made mistakes, prepare not yokes to place upon the necks of all the people of God, that they shall be obliged to ask counsel of men, and permission how they shall move. This would permit them to go where the human shall direct, and men would feel at liberty to assume responsibilities that God forbids them to exercise over the sheep of His pasture. To keep brethren under surveillance of another man's mind is very displeasing to God. Therefore I am instructed, "Break these yokes. Leave My disciples and My workers to be taught by My Spirit." To every man God has given his work. Let all men talk with God in prayer. If they are weak, they may wrestle with God. They may humble their own hearts before God, which is very appropriate; but break every yoke and let every man stand in his own God-given liberty, wherewith God has made him free and given him every opportunity possible to improve his gift to win souls to Christ. Let him pray and seek God for his individual self.*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 21*

I have written quite lengthily on these matters. I have much more to say. I may feel it duty to be even more explicit if these words are not understood and acted out. But the word has come to me, "Say to My servants, Break every yoke." [See *Isaiah 58:6*.] I have to say the atmosphere which surrounds human souls has become a deception and delusion in understanding the way of the Lord. I have a decided message to bear. The Lord's work is a very sacred work indeed. The last three years have seen strange work, and the Lord has given clear words of His righteous works and of the errors of men who have not a true spiritual and religious experience. They have caused Satan to triumph. The Lord has specified the errors that Satan and his angels have kept men employed in bringing into the work, and the Lord positively declares their ministration shall no longer give room for Satan to come in. When these men will humble their hearts before God and repent of the hindrance that they have caused and the blocks they have made for souls to stumble over, then the Lord can and will give them understanding and knowledge, but the dominating power they are not to exercise over His people again.*23LtMs, Ms 128, 1908, par. 22*

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Warning Against Lending Aid to the Enemy

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Yesterday and this morning I have had a message to give to our brethren. I was in a gathering of people, and there were collected in groups persons who were dwelling on certain things, and they were questioning the reliability of some things in my early experience which they thought were in error. One drew near and listened attentively to the words spoken. All understood he was a man of authority. He said, "Your words are not called for. Questioning is not timely nor wise nor just. Can you not see all this issue you are bringing in is untimely? Can you judge righteously on this subject? Who gave you this burden? Not the Lord. It is certain to create an issue to put into the hands of your opponents."*23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 1*

"Cannot you read from cause to effect? The matter of difficulty is not to be talked of or dwelt upon, for it creates an issue and you get this interwoven with your labors. The very work that has been so long neglected—to give the message of Bible truth, which is vital to the souls of the people—will be neglected still. The enemy will work to great advantage. This question is on a subject that in no wise concerns the salvation of souls as a test question. Silence on your part is eloquence."*23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 2*

The testing truth for this time is to be made straight and plain before the people with clear, determined voice. There is now a decided work to be done. There is a company who are not doing the work which should be their burden. The message is yet to be given in all the cities of the South. Do not place before the mind a question that will, if agitated, cause division at the very heart of the work. Let your burden be to reach souls.*23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 3*

You are putting into the hands of the enemy questions which are

not to be agitated. Can you not reason from cause to effect? This is a scheme of Satan and, Elder Prescott, if persons come to you with questions which you are placing before the minds of others, that are not vital questions, and get the minds into confusion, you will work on the enemy's side. The cities are kept before you unwarned; and when the converting power of God shall come in to work with every soul that is in Takoma Park, Washington, and gather those who will have a vital interest, they will not be dwelling on subjects that are in no way essential for this time.*23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 4*

I am to warn our people, Give the enemies no opportunity to be furnished by you with questioning doubts of the work the Lord is doing through the testimonies. God has not laid on any man this subject. The great subject now is the commandments of God. I was referred to *Isaiah, chapters 48, 51, 52, 58 and 60*. These chapters should stir the souls of the people. Carry these things in your mind, and seek the Lord and work the works so essential to be done. But give not yourselves into the hands of the enemy, for you have not that spiritual strength that you need.*23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 5*

Keep out every question that is not of vital interest to the saving of souls. Other questions will be thrust in that will set minds upon a train that will give the enemies of our faith great rejoicing, and those who are wise need to keep before the people the great issues that determine the soul's salvation. Let every soul connected with the work in your conference take time to pray to the Lord; and if they individually desire to have physical health, let them discard all meat eating and tea drinking and eat simple food of a kind to strengthen the physical and mental powers.*23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 6*

Now there were many things presented to me that I must present to you. As families near the sanitarium, seek that you shall recommend the sanitarium by your own temperance in health reform; and then the tongue will speak of the goodness of the Lord in a sanctified way. The Lord God of Israel has given me many words to speak, but He has not given you the burden that you shall give to our enemies just what they want, for them to use as Satan shall move them. Now let your words be proper words.*23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 7*

I was also given words to speak to the leading men who are acting as a dominating power. The Lord would have a change in the administration in Oakland and Mountain View and all important places connected with Oakland. Three years is a long time for men to serve in such important places—men who pay no regard to the cautions the Lord has given, but who have carried their own judgment and their own ideas to the molding of the people. There must now be a change in the order of things. The Lord is not honored or glorified by the administration, and a different religious atmosphere must now be brought in and a different work accomplished than has been done. The Lord will have Elder Haskell and his wife to come in, and the most faithful and true men to act the coming year, and this I present to the people.²³*LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 8*

Elder Cottrell, the Lord calls upon you to help Elder Haskell in every way possible, for unless the converting power of God shall mold and fashion Elder Knox and Elder Corliss after the divine similitude, their influence will not be a saving influence. There are men who have been long in the truth, but whose ministration of the truth is perverted. *Jeremiah 5:1-5; 7:1-7*. The end is near. The judgments of God are in the land, and San Francisco is a living testimony to the condition of our world. And now, with all this before the men who have served, there has been a ministration that would, if continued, make the testimony God has given a matter of nought.²³*LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 9*

I thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice for the work the Lord is doing for Elder Reaser, because he gave heed to the testimonies God has given. These testimonies are now becoming established in the churches in the southern field. But it is repeated to me, The Lord will have the spiritual atmosphere changed in Oakland and a decided effort made to cleanse away the objectionable features that exist in Oakland and the surrounding villages and towns. The Lord would have a decided message come into Oakland and extend as far and as strong as possible to San Francisco. The work of sanctification and purification needs to be constantly going on in these cities, for there are those who will be warned and will be converted. *Daniel 7:9-28*.²³*LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 10*

The great things to take place are before us and we, all who are living, shall see to the end of these judgments which are before us in San Francisco. We can say, concerning San Francisco and the many places where the judgments of God have been witnessed, that they are a standing warning to the people in Oakland, opening to them what Daniel in vision saw would be. "And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterwards I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it." *Daniel 8:26, 27*. "And I set my face unto the Lord God to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: and I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession." See *Daniel 9:3-19.23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 11*

Let all who have a careless disposition in spiritual things come to their senses. We are the people concerned in these things in our world, and no soul is to take up suppositions and make them definitions of the Word that shall confuse the people of God and do more harm than our enemies. We read:*23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 12*

"In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; in the first year of his reign, I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolation of Jerusalem. And I set my face unto the Lord God to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes." *Daniel 9:1-3.23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 13*

Here we have the source of Daniel's wisdom. He sought the Lord. He could not confine himself to the king's business, but he was speaking with the King of kings and Lord of lords. Daniel had communion with God. The address of Daniel to God was in the Lord's keeping before he was cast into the lion's den. The one special duty of Daniel was to keep close to his duty in prayer, although under the decree that if any man made a prayer to God, he should be cast into the lion's den. A promise had been made,

“After seventy years ... I will visit you, and perform My good word toward you.” *Jeremiah 29:10.23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 14*

Though Daniel was himself a prophet, yet he consulted the scriptural record found in the books. He understood by books that seventy years was the time fixed for the continuance of the desolation of Jerusalem. The book was the prophecies of Jeremiah. God had said, “I will visit you and perform My good word toward you.” [*Verse 10.*] Though Daniel himself was a great prophet, well acquainted with the visions of God, yet he was a diligent searcher of the Scriptures. He thought it wise to consult Jeremiah’s prophecies. And he prayed to God aloud most earnestly.*23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 15*

We are to learn the lessons God has given us and to seek the Lord and to understand. Great things are before us. And if the enemy can obtain access to minds, to undermine the testimonies God has given me in my youth, he will make every word the ministers shall speak as a voice to create doubt. Unless they shall seek the Lord and become sanctified in speech and in their hearts, they will be left in darkness. (*Daniel 10*): hear this. Take notice of *verses 20, 21*. Here are the heavenly powers in connection with the earthly. “Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come. But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your Prince.” There are heavenly agencies communing with the earthly to reveal that which shall take place.*23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 16*

“And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God ...; yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.” *Daniel 9:20-22.23LtMs, Ms 129, 1908, par. 17*

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Words to Believers

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The very first lesson many professing godliness will need to learn is that there are evil angels watching a chance to carry out their special works that will be sure to create alienation and strife. Some who are self-centered cannot discern what their baptism means—that they are baptized into Christ's death.²³*LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 1*

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.” *Titus 2:11, 12*. We are to work out a whole sanctified life in looking unto Jesus and accepting His holiness as our Pattern. “Learn of Me,” said our God in human flesh; “learn of Me,” said our Saviour in human flesh; “for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find” in your death a new life in My spiritual life. [*Matthew 11:29*.] The very illustration of being buried with Christ in baptism and living a pledged new life unto Christ is the representation of our redemption in and through our genuine faith daily in Christ Jesus. The life is in and through being partakers of the divine nature. “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” [*Titus 2*] *Verses 13, 14.*²³*LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 2*

“How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so 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. ... Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that

the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." *Romans 6:2-6*. Spiritual life now is to be our aim constantly. Walking after the life of Christ is called regeneration—spiritual life unto the formation of the pattern life of Christ.²³*LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 3*

In your assemblies there has been strife to be first. And what is the sure result? Satan is served and God is dishonored. "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." *Hebrews 12:14, 15*. Now this has been the great hindrance to the advance of the work of God in higher education. Unless we perform to God our solemn vows at baptism—which was death unto sin and a new life in and through Jesus Christ—we shall constantly be working for self-promotion, and our baptismal vows are violated. And unless every soul in our churches shall repent and be converted and see where he made his mistakes, he will have no part with Christ and will not see His glory.²³*LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 4*

Now I am charged with a message to each member of the church to maintain your baptismal vows. Every camp-meeting is to be a season of heart searching. Let there be no picking flaws in others. The disposition that would lead to this testifies that you have lost your first love and need to repent and be converted and take again upon you the baptismal vows, as we promised in our regeneration, and perform that which our Saviour will commend as working out the similitude of His likeness who hath redeemed us, and bare our sins in His own body, that we might die unto sin and live unto righteousness. Christ has made the provision. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." *Romans 8:1, 2*.²³*LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 5*

When our people who claim to have so much light will reflect that light in deeds of righteousness, they will show that they are born again, and all this friction and unhappy selfishness will be at an end. Can it truly be said of those who claim to be converted, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell

in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.” *Verse 9.* If he has a spirit of variance and contention and strife, he loses his special advantages to represent the virtues of true godliness.*23LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 6*

“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.” *Verses 10, 11.**23LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 7*

I, Ellen G. White, testify to this assurance of the Word. I have had this grace from the Great Physician so many times that it is to me verity and truth. This I can present to you as assurance. There is One in whom I have trusted, and I have tried to do His will. Therefore I speak to all my ministering brethren and sisters in our institutions, filling the place as teachers in our schools and in any department of our work, You are not to trust in human beings, whatever may be their calling, to define to you your duty, but to bear a testimony that is sharp and clear. We are under the appointed unseen agencies. Trust not in any man that lives to be director as to your duty, for this phase of experience God has not pointed out.*23LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 8*

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” *Verses 14-18.**23LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 9*

Let every church take heed unto itself individually. I have had representations given me that I was much stirred in regard to human, fallible men being appointed to be directors, to tell men where to labor. Men committed to the charge of men is a phase of experience that the Lord has bid me to declare should not exist, for

it is misleading to the ones placed in official positions to take responsibilities to meddle with responsibilities that will only do souls harm and create in the church a state of things that spoils the experience of God's workmen. Anything of the kind should not exist. Direct every man to look unto Him who is the Author and Finisher of their faith.²³*LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 10*

The invitation is, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." *Matthew 11:28, 29*. Christ is to you the Author and Finisher of your faith. There are no human agencies to be introduced to these souls as able to define their duty. Christ is your perfect Example. There are not to be men placed in authority to tell what another man's duty is. The very ones who accept such responsibilities are the very men that need the converting power of God upon their own hearts, or they will certainly never become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King.²³*LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 11*

I say to all our churches, Meet no low standard. Christ is the Pattern to whom you are all to look. Let not any man suppose that his opinion is infallible and that, with all their numerous defects and shortcomings, they can dictate the duty of the Lord's workers.²³*LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 12*

There are those who need to be Bible Christians, but they are not. *Romans 14*. I listened to words spoken from this chapter. There was power in the words as they were explained, and the words were spoken with the power of the Holy Spirit. And in still another meeting was a speaker that was full of faith and the Holy Spirit who read and explained *Romans 15*. These Scriptures were spoken in the power of the Holy Spirit. In meetings there were the living testimonies unto life eternal, and such intercessions in prayer, such fervency! And there were conviction and conversions and reconversions. There were souls that were brought from darkness into the light. These words were spoken, (*Romans 16:25-27*): "Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, but now is

made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: to God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever, Amen.”*23LtMs, Ms 130, 1908, par. 13*

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Regarding Elder Haskell's Being Chosen for President

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I awoke this morning at twelve o'clock. For some time I had been wearied. I thought I had worked too much in writing and I needed rest, but I find it my work to prepare matter needed to be distinctly expressed. There are questions to be decided. Is it advisable to encourage Elder Haskell to come in as president of the conference another year? and will he have those to sustain him who are understandingly acquainted with the situation, which has been a trying one for the last two years, especially in San Francisco and Oakland, embracing the churches in these cities? If he can, with proper help, try lifting the burden, with careful men to help him, let him try; both himself and wife are, with proper help, able to do this.²³*LtMs, Ms 131, 1908, par. 1*

There has been a peculiar representation, in the places mentioned especially, and from the peculiar representation; in strange ways, light was given me that Elder Haskell could carry the matters better than some others that might be chosen, and this peculiar state of things would have to be decidedly changed. The work has been carried for some length of time by a man—a human, ruling power that has not been planned or ordained by the Lord, and God has not been glorified. The features of this strange work have not been ordained of God. It has lasted years and has greatly marred the work of God as more human than divine. Those who planned the work did not see nor understand that they had placed the human where the divine should be.²³*LtMs, Ms 131, 1908, par. 2*

I was instructed that Elder Haskell, with his large experience in the work, and with loyal help furnished to stand by him, could, trusting in the Lord, change this order of things, because he has had an experience and perfect confidence in the testimonies the Lord has given. If he would accept the situation, we would help him all we

possibly could.*23LtMs, Ms 131, 1908, par. 3*

But the light given me was that a decided change must be made. This had better be tried. We have had a very trying experience to undo the work that has been done so long in placing man, through a perversion of understanding, where God should be. The trial has been made, and a reform has changed the past order of things. But it has been for me a severe experience. It has nearly cost me my life to make the will of God clear.*23LtMs, Ms 131, 1908, par. 4*

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When Elder Reaser was exalting himself without consulting with our reliable men, he went to a warfare at his own charges. I was where Elder Reaser could hold consultation with me, but he evidenced that he had no need to see or to advise with Sister White, but took his stand as though his position in office made the man infallible in his ideas. The self-exaltation is positive evidence of the fallibility of the one who shall assume such a position, and therefore, unless thoroughly converted to discern that he is liable to make wrong moves as long as he retains such a position, he will move in such self-confidence, making moves that will spoil his influence as a man that can be depended on in the various emergencies that we must have to meet. I write this statement that has had to be spoken under similar circumstances in my experience. I will say the minds under the influence of the Holy Spirit's guidance will never boast of infallibility.²³*LtMs, Ms 132, 1908, par. 1*

Ms 133, 1908

Proclaiming the Sabbath in the Last Days

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“The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.” [Exodus 20:10.]²³LtMs, Ms 133, 1908, par. 1

I have important matter that should be written out in regard to the special “Thus saith the Lord” to observe the very Sabbath the Lord has given decidedly. “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.*²³LtMs, Ms 133, 1908, par. 2

Now I have words to speak to all those who engage in the work of the Lord. Let the plain “Thus saith the Lord” speak to the people. I wish our people to take some pains to bring the words of God concerning His Sabbath and let them appear in print. We wish now to bring the specifications of the Sabbath to the people. The Lord has spoken specifying the seventh day to be the day sanctified of the Lord God for our observance. There will be a strong move made by those who observe the first day of the week, Sunday. We must now present to the people of all classes a testimony written in 1903 and printed in tract form. We are not to specify distinctly the words of the Lord concerning the seventh day, which the Lord has specified as His holy day to be observed. We are in God’s world, but it is now the enemy’s country. Satanic agencies are at work to bring in a false rest day, the first day, and it becomes us all to work humbly with God, and to watch unto prayer. He who would overcome must watch against being entangled in the world’s deception. Every soul that overcomes must watch. It is not enough that we consent to believe. We are near the entanglement of this

earth's history.*23LtMs, Ms 133, 1908, par. 3*

The conflict will be agitated concerning the seventh day Sabbath, and the work is now to be handled judiciously. The day God has specified, the seventh day, is to be vindicated. There have been human inventions and human laws, and there will be a counterworking to compel, if possible, the observance of the first day of the week. Now we are to make special efforts to magnify the law of God in producing a "Thus saith the Lord" and advocating a genuine Sabbath of Jehovah. Christ's believing people must now present a "Thus saith the Lord." The warnings are to come close at home to all people, that they be not blinded and cast off the yoke of Christ and walk in strange paths. No man can be a happy Christian unless he watches unto prayer.*23LtMs, Ms 133, 1908, par. 4*

Satan, Lucifer, will work out his determined efforts to bring in and exalt a Sunday law, which he will in every way possible seek to establish. It is not enough that we avoid glaring dangers and perilous, inconsistent movements. We are to be wide-awake. Lucifer, who has entered largely into commercialism, will work on that line, for he lost his position in the heavenly courts and was expelled to our world. Unless every church will receive the warning and be on guard, we shall imperil our souls by departing from the simplicity of true godliness. Unnumbered deceptions will be clothed with the garments of truth; unless our ministers and our physicians and our teachers in every line arouse themselves, they will be overcome. Some who are not watching will be taken in the snare of Satan's devising. In the Garden of Gethsemane, the disciples were warned, "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." [*Mark 14:38.*] Now is our time to watch unto prayer, lest we be found sleeping when we should be wide-awake.*23LtMs, Ms 133, 1908, par. 5*

Ms 134, 1908

Arbitrary Control

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There is a great work to be carried on in the heart, life, and character. All those who appreciate the redemption of the soul by the great Gift will labor diligently to bring many perishing sinners to the belief of the truth. This, I am instructed, is to be the great burden of every soul that is connected with me in doing my work.^{23LtMs, Ms 134, 1908, par. 1}

The Lord has not been glorified in the planning, enlarging, and arranging in Washington. When His Word is fully appreciated, there will be a most decided change and reformation. There will be much less of man's planning and devising that are weaving in the threads of self-planning that the Lord will not accept. Thus saith the Lord, Men are short-sighted and have given a wrong impression of My work, of My great work which is to be done. They are blinded and cannot read from cause to effect. If wheat is desired, it is sown in seed scattered abroad; then heaven waters the seed. It is not to be collected in one large parcel, but must be sent from the one who desires it to multiply by scattering.^{23LtMs, Ms 134, 1908, par. 2}

“And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people; if My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now Mine eyes shall be open, and Mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.” ² *Chronicles* 7:12-15. Read *verses* 16-22. I write this because I am charged to do this. Will they take heed?^{23LtMs, Ms 134, 1908, par. 3}

“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.” *1 John 1:5-7.23LtMs, Ms 134, 1908, par. 4*

There are some in official places who are not spiritual because they have many plans to take a course that will appear in their own judgment to be right, which they suppose will be for their advantage to create great things; but the Lord saith, NO. You will have your forbiddings on the right hand and on the left, for the Lord has not given any such orders. Every movement must be under the divine dictation, saith the Lord, and you have decidedly retarded the advancement and growth of the work by your own devising.*23LtMs, Ms 134, 1908, par. 5*

You have retarded the growth of the work years in Washington. God calls for you to clear the king's highway, and make in the desert a highway for our God. Every ray of light God has communicated in any line is to be permitted to have its place as it has not done for years. Lift up your voice and cry, Clear the King's highway. Make in the desert a highway for our God. The light of God is to shine forth much more extensively in highways, and also in the byways and hedges. Every soul possible is to come to its brightness and extend its rays of light in may highways and byways.*23LtMs, Ms 134, 1908, par. 6*

The eyes of many are in need of the heavenly anointing, to discern that the world is to be warned; and the work should be extended to your individual vicinities, and continue its course, gathering the increase, to open every place that can possibly be entered. Not a dollar of money is to be expended for mere show or appearance, when souls need all the light possible to shine upon the true path that leads to life, eternal life. There are outside parties that, [though they do] not accept of the truth, will aid in the work for the Lord. God will impress souls, men who have means, to help as you press forward to do the good work. God has moved upon outside parties to help in the past, and they will do the same now.*23LtMs, Ms 134, 1908, par. 7*

Buildings, plain and simple, must be erected in our cities for houses of worship, for the end of all things is at hand; and there are strong forces that will seek to block the way, bringing in side issues. All these things the Lord's people have had to meet and press against in their work in the past. They have had to labor with all their powers, almost at the sacrifice of their temporal lives, for warnings to come to the people to make a change. *Exodus 6:1-7.23LtMs, Ms 134, 1908, par. 8*

We are now intensely in earnest, and I have a message from the Lord. It is a mistake to have a few men to devise and to plan for the whole conference. The voice said, Divide and subdivide, for the work of God shall require that men shall be selected as caretakers ordained to do the work of God. The end is near and every year Satan is drilling his army to develop strong parties to be ready against the great battle of the last great conflict.*23LtMs, Ms 134, 1908, par. 9*

(*Habakkuk 2*): This is a faint description of the reality. Who is wise in the time when the evil shall spring forth? *Zephaniah; Zechariah 3, 4*. All these things shall become a living reality. But men in high places, supposing themselves wise, will block the way. A voice heard, Clear the King's highway.*23LtMs, Ms 134, 1908, par. 10*

Ms 135, 1908

The Work in the California Conference

St. Helena, California

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I have carried a heavy burden for the past three years for the work in the California Conference, because the leaders were not keeping the way of the Lord. The Lord gave me a message for Elders Knox and Corliss, telling them that their administration must cease.*23LtMs, Ms 135, 1908, par. 1*

I was instructed that Brethren Corliss and Knox had acted as rulers in the work of God, and that with the whip of forbiddings they had sought to control the workers. Thus the will of the Lord was made a secondary consideration, while man was exercising a ruling power. I was shown that the Lord is greatly dishonored by those who suppose that they must be conscience for others, because the words and works of men were taking the place of the will and the way of the Lord. The messages of warning were not heeded. Self had gained the control; self had climbed into the judgment seat, and the warning sent had no weight.*23LtMs, Ms 135, 1908, par. 2*

The same spirit had taken possession of Elder Reaser, and his words and influence were undermining the belief of some in the testimonies. The Lord gave me a message for Elder Reaser, showing him very plainly that the Lord could not accept his work, and that his lording over God's heritage must come to an end. Elders Daniels, Irwin, Prescott, and Cottrell labored with him; and finally Elder Reaser came fully into line to do his work as president of the conference in a spirit of righteousness and humility.*23LtMs, Ms 135, 1908, par. 3*

God wrought for our brother, and how gladly have we seen him change his course of action and devote his capabilities to building up the work of the cause of God. When a strong man thus becomes humble and amenable to the will of God, the Spirit of Christ can

work upon his heart and mind and will and bring him into blessed harmony with the divine.*23LtMs, Ms 135, 1908, par. 4*

The Lord has given His people every opportunity to understand His holy requirements, that they may live in harmony with His will and gain a fitness to enter the city of God. Our publishing houses have been set in operation, our schools have been established, that this purpose of the Lord might be carried out in correct lines.*23LtMs, Ms 135, 1908, par. 5*

Ms 136, 1908

The Needs of Paradise Valley Sanitarium

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The Needs of Paradise Valley Sanitarium: Wealthy to Be Solicited

There are many wealthy men who, if our situation were presented before them in regard to our sanitariums, and we solicited gifts of them, would be prepared to act their part to help in such a work as caring for the sick. The sanitarium in Paradise Valley is in great need of help now to advance and sustain the work. I present before our brethren, who are in the southern field of California, the necessity of the sanitarium at San Diego. They have not land to cultivate and thus in some degree furnish means. And yet Paradise Valley is one of our most healthful situations for a sanitarium. I am to present to our brethren their necessities at this time as matters have been presented to me.*23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 1*

This is a place that for healthful location is favorable for the recovery of the sick. And there are Brother and Sister Cummings, he standing as physician and Sister Cummings as matron, and we do not want them to become discouraged in carrying the work in that place. We have neglected to present the situation before the wealthy class and call for their help. We need that this institution at Paradise Valley be helped by men who have means which they can donate.*23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 2*

As we look at the many unnecessary things that are absorbing means, I am directed to invite the wealthy who have means to help us now in our need. This I am directed by the Lord to do. The money is the Lord's, the gold and silver which they handle. Some will respond if they understand the necessities of the case. Therefore, I entreat of you, make a call by seeing men of wealth and telling them of the sanitariums that need means to care for the

suffering sick. The poor cannot be turned away. They must receive attention. And will the men and women who have the means, the Lord's money, help in this benevolent work? At the present time, will our physicians and our ministers present the case before the men who have means to help us in our emergency? We do not wish to refuse any sick who may come, if not afflicted with contagious disease such as consumption and the various afflictions that are contagious, for then we expose others to suffering, and this we must avoid.*23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 3*

I lay this matter before you. There is so much means that is used for self-indulgence, to no benefit to the one who has the means and no benefit to those who are receiving, but not imparting. We must give these men and women an opportunity to help us. We are sustaining missionary work in nearly all parts of our world. We do not leave the nonreligious, but have sustained them. But here are necessities right at home, neglected. The commission has been given by the first great Missionary to our world, in (*Matthew 28:18-20*): "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."*23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 4*

Now this work we are trying to do. This promise has sustained the self-denying, self-sacrificing workings in all parts of the world. The Lord will sustain in doing His work. "Teach all nations" is the command; proclaim to them the gospel. [*Verse 19.*] The presentation of Bible truth is to go to all cities and countries, awakening the sinners. All people are to have the gospel message, and Christ declares, "I am with you in this work, to guide, comfort, and sanctify to the very close of this earth's history." At our large gatherings, in camp-meetings, and in our institutions we are to bear in mind the commission. We have a worldwide message.*23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 5*

"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." *Matthew*

9:35. Our sanitariums are ordained of God to treat sickness of souls and bodies.*23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 6*

“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. ... Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into his harvest.” *Verses 36-38.23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 7*

When the Lord has directed that we purchase buildings and turn them to the best account in doing the very work He has appointed us in sanitarium work, the Lord Jesus, the Chief Physician, works with us. We have seen the salvation of God.*23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 8*

A steward is one who is employed to manage his master’s property. His master’s property is virtually in his hands, under his control, but it is not his property; it is his master’s, and he is so to manage it that improvements may accumulate. The steward identifies himself with the owner of the property. We are all the Lord’s.*23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 9*

We have this property at Paradise Valley, purchased by gifts and by loans. The time has expired for which the loans were made, and yet means have not come in to supply the place of the means borrowed. We have excellent managers in physician and in matron and helpers. But we do not now have means to carry on the work. We have now the message, “Go out into the highways.” [*Luke 14:23.*] What does this mean, “the highways”? To give the gospel message to those who are entrusted with means. Men of property are to see the necessities and to be asked to aid in sustaining these institutions where the sick may have treatment for souls and bodies. The Lord calls upon those who have His means to put it out to usury, that in the great day of rewards the Lord shall see what has been accomplished by these donations.*23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 10*

My brethren who are stewards of means, we thank the Lord that many of you have acted nobly, according to your several ability in trading with the Lord’s goods. The Lord has given me a charge to speak to the people who have means, although they may not now

be fully in the faith in all points. The Lord will have you make your case positively known to those who have a surplus of means and can make a gift to our sanitariums that are in need. Paradise Valley is in the most need. Will our men who are stewards, our ministers, our physicians, our laborers in bearing the burdens in the churches, care for those sanitariums that have need of means? And will they solicit means of monied men who have the Lord's money and can make their gifts to our sanitariums to help them just at this time? We would be so thankful for present help. The Lord would have His agents ask for free gifts to help the sanitarium at Paradise Valley. We call upon those who have means to bestow gifts upon these institutions. Accept them, and let it stand as a gift from those who appreciate the sanitariums and would encourage them.^{23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 11}

The great outlay of the Lord's goods in daring balloon ascensions, automobiles, and in various other ways consumes the Lord's intrusted goods. In the great day of reckoning, all this extravagance will appear as it is. The want and suffering, the work of God to be carried forward in the cities in establishing sanitariums for the sick, and to hire halls to give the last message of mercy to sinners forbid anything like extravagance in any line. The Lord lives, and the Lord is working with His appointed agencies to use His gold and silver to advance the cause of God, the knowledge of the truth.^{23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 12}

The Lord Jesus gives us very important instruction: "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*. Read these cautions and warnings of Christ.^{23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 13}

"Enter ye in at the straight gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because straight is the gate, and narrow the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." *Matthew 7:13, 14*.^{23LtMs, Ms 136, 1908, par. 14}

Ms 137, 1908

Honoring God by Obedience

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Micah 6:2-8.23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 1

When human beings do not respond to the blessings given, when they do not follow the light God has permitted to shine upon their pathway, but take counsel of themselves, walking directly contrary to the path the Lord has marked out, the Lord cannot fulfil His promises. When a man acts perversely, showing that he has lost his gratitude, the Lord cannot continue to speak to him words of encouragement.*23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 2*

What a keen rebuke these words are to the members of the human family, for whom God has done so much.*23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 3*

“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 evildoers, children that are corrupted; they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.” [*Isaiah 1:2-4.*]*23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 4*

God draws a contrast between dumb animals and His people. He calls upon those whom He has endowed with reasoning faculties to consider their course of action in the light in which their Creator views it. He asks them to realize that their actions have shown positive resistance to His will and His way. He strives to lead them to see where they have failed by presenting the contrast between them and the dumb animals.*23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 5*

Micah 6:9, 10, 11-16.23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 6

Jeremiah 8:7.23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 7

What sterner rebuke could be given to a people who have been given great light and wonderful opportunities, and yet have not had spiritual enlightenment sufficient to understand the dealings of God with them, and do not come into right relation to Him? Endowed with superior faculties, and with reasoning faculties, they could have reasoned from cause to effect and traced out the dealings of God with His people; but they did not heed the reproofs and corrections sent them. In stubbornness of heart, they gave no heed to the warnings and corrections of God, but stood before Him in selfish bigotry, making the reproofs of no effect.*23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 8*

Those who make light of the punishments God sends will see the time when His judgments will fall heavily upon our world, and there will then be no time for repentance.*23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 9*

“And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment.” [*Matthew 22:11.*] For every guest at the feast, there had been provided a wedding garment. This garment was a gift from the king. By wearing it, the guests showed their respect for the giver of the feast. But one man was clothed in his common citizen dress. He had refused to make the preparation required by the king. The garment provided for him at a great cost he disdained to wear. Thus he insulted his lord. To the king’s [question] “How camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment?” he could answer nothing. He was self-condemned. Then the king said, “Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness.” [*Verses 12, 13.*]*23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 10*

Read with most earnest interest the *sixth chapter of Matthew. Matthew 6:26, 33.23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 11*

The birds of the air and the flowers of the field are brought forward to testify to man’s lack of faith.*23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 12*

The measure of divine attention bestowed on any object is

proportionate to its rank in the scale of being. The little brown sparrow is watched over by Providence. The flowers of the field, the grass that carpets the earth receive the notice and care of the heavenly Father. The great Master Artist has taken thought for the lilies, making them so beautiful, that they outshine the glory of Solomon. How much more does He care for man, who is the image and glory of God. He longs to see His children revealing a character after His similitude. As the sunbeam imparts to the flowers their varied and delicate tints, so does God impart to the soul the beauty of His own character.*23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 13*

He has a special care for them, and He expects special returns from them in thanksgiving and praise. We are to acknowledge His precious gifts and His goodwill toward us. His gifts are large and unceasing. He is never wearied in bestowing them, and He expects much more from those who claim to be His by grace and faith and baptism. Unbelief and a lack of thanksgiving are the sure result of self-satisfaction. By silence, by a failure to respond to God's goodness in words of praise, men place themselves where they are less thankful than the birds of the air. They are reproved by the birds, which day by day offer up their melodies of praise.*23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 14*

God's rebuke is upon those who are thus unthankful. He desires us to show forth in our lives the beauty of holiness.*23LtMs, Ms 137, 1908, par. 15*

Ms 138, 1908

On Soliciting Means From Unbelievers

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There is a work to be done in our world.^{23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 1}

In all parts of the globe, the message is to be carried. And as we understand the Word of the Lord, we say to our people, Arise and shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.^{23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 2}

We call upon our people to present before those who have means that are in banks or in speculative lines; to approach these wealthy men and wealthy women, great men and rulers, and men who have means. Let those who are capable of taking in the whole question have encouragement to set the case before those who have the means in their power to help advance the work of God (and who have been entrusted with the Lord's goods).^{23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 3}

Show them that our mission and work is to prepare a people in all parts of the world to stand before God, the great Giver of all talents of means. We have neglected a most important work in not appealing directly to those to whom He has entrusted His goods. The Lord has instructed me to give the words of warning to those in the highways, and this means to us [that] we have a special message to bring directly before the men to whom the means have been entrusted. The largest numbers who have wealth, and can do a good work in helping with the various necessities in giving the gospel to all the nationalities, have not felt amenable to the Lord to use the means that is in their possession to advance the truth of the Word by bearing a message to the very men who have the earthly treasure. Read *Matthew, chapter 4*.^{23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 4}

[Jesus] was the great medical missionary to our world; and when the light of health reform was opened before us, I was given decided testimonies that this class of work of preparing sanitariums must be taken up by our people who have accepted the light in regard to the discarding [of] poisonous drugs and using the Lord's simple means in various lines. We must discard the poisonous drug medications.*23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 5*

Some of our physicians do not realize that they need not use poisonous drugs at all, and that we should be true to the message of truth. How to treat the sick with the simple remedies, [such] as water used intelligently in various ways, will be turned to the best account as a great blessing.*23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 6*

We should give the men who have means the light in establishing health institutions that call the people in [from] the highways; those were specified to me as the class of men who have the handling of the Lord's goods. We are to make our appeals to these men, for our sanitariums must be multiplied and well equipped with facilities. Proper persons should open the way to set before the ones specified as those who must have the precious truth set before them. They [are] invited to take up the work as the Lord's appointed financiers to use the Lord's entrusted capital. They should extend their invitation to the wealthy class.*23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 7*

In our large cities should be those who will help the advancement of the work in retired localities near the cities and [provide] the facilities to furnish these institutions with conveniences to properly care for and treat sick patients. These institutions have been offered the people. The sanitariums must be thoroughly equipped to do justice and have the sick have the best opportunities.*23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 8*

I am instructed that our people should lay the situation before the monied men and secure from them gifts of means for convenience in purchasing buildings. Invite these men who have the Lord's money [to] help fit up these institutions. They should become well acquainted with [the] good that these institutions are accomplishing.*23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 9*

We have been instructed that in the providence of God buildings will

be offered below their cost, and we should consider it to be in the providence of God and should thankfully receive the instruction to purchase when there was not the means in sight. And although the showing, as far as means is concerned, was not in sight, many arguments were brought in that it is not a possible thing to obtain the means. But we have gone straight ahead. My message was, Walk out by faith.*23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 10*

And now, it has been necessary to invest means to adapt the buildings to carry the work; and debts have been incurred, and some of our believing people in the work have expressed great concern. There has been a message given me to go [to] sensible men who have means and secure their gifts and freewill offerings, that we shall not be trammled with hiring means and paying interest.*23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 11*

There are men who bear the responsibilities of the Lord's means in trust; and when the subject is opened before them, they will see [that] it is sensible and a privilege to return to the Lord His own entrusted capital to help in this sanitarium work of employing physicians, for we must have them [in order] to use intelligently the advantages of our sanitariums. These buildings have opened in various cities, in retired [areas], not in the busy parts where noise and confusion would be an injury to the nervous, suffering ones.*23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 12*

The Lord has given me light [as to] what we should do for every opening in favorable localities. Walking out by faith has brought great blessings in receiving means to advance. These institutions, in having to be fitted up, have left debts.*23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 13*

I will now advise our brethren to give the message to those in the highways, and to those in the hedges as well, that shall clear off this indebtedness. We do invite our rich men who believe the truth to continue your offerings, for it costs to run such an institution. I do unite my voice and pen in calling for all who have means to help us; for it is the entrusted capital of the Lord, and it is His means. When He calls for that means, it is for your present and eternal good to render to God in just such work as donations that God calls for to

help in these opportunities.²³*LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 14*

Matthew, ninth chapter, is very interesting. Take this chapter. We receive all classes into our sanitariums, and the poor and suffering ones are all labored for. This, chapter ten, is full of excellent instruction. *Matthew 10.*²³*LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 15*

Let all who can who are not believers consider that it is for your present and eternal good: *Matthew 13:38*. "The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one." But many tares will be converted. *Verse 43*. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father; who hath ears, let him hear. Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field; which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." [*Verses 43-46.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 16*

We do now entreat our wise workmen to present the privilege of *verses 51, 52*. The Lord has now presented me with the opportunity to invite those to whom the Lord has entrusted His goods in intelligent knowledge to walk in the light as Christ is in the light. *Verse 52.*²³*LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 17*

We call now for especial donations, for those in the highways to make their gifts so that our sanitariums shall be relieved of the burden that they carry of indebtedness. We hope and pray that many may take their position with us to believe the whole truth before the year 1908 shall close.²³*LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 18*

There are the colored people who have need of help. And may the faithful stewards do their work given them of God to help now. There are missionaries that are zealously at work in foreign fields, and the workers have to be supported. Thousands of dollars are being raised to do this grand missionary work. Let the believers and unbelievers be solicited to help us in the establishment of schools. Here are the terms of salvation: *Matthew 16:25*. Let not the love of property keep anyone from turning away from Christ. Now is our time to work, and let every soul understand how best to labor in

such a time as this to secure life, eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. Let the unbeliever act his part and believe and do the works of righteousness. All who keep the commandments in truth at this time, 1908, will make so thorough a surrender that they will be wholly on the Lord's side.*23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 19*

Take into consideration, Now is our time to work.*23LtMs, Ms 138, 1908, par. 20*

Ms 139, 1908

Sermon/"There are some things..."

St. Helena, California

January 22, 1908

Fragment only; not on file.

Ms 140, 1908

Sermon/A World-Wide Work

Healdsburg, California

November 14, 1908

Previously unpublished.

I wanted to read a little to you of our experience in Sebastopol:*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 1*

“Dear Brother and Sister Haskell: We had a long and wearisome journey to Sebastopol last Friday. Much of the way was over a steep and very narrow mountain road, but no harm came to us. We passed through Santa Rosa, then on to Sebastopol. We had to inquire our way several times to Brother Christianson’s, where we desired to spend the night. At last, however, we found the place, were heartily welcomed, and greatly appreciated the rest in this pleasant home.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 2*

“Sabbath morning we rode seven miles to the meetinghouse. The church was not large enough to accommodate all who desired to hear.”*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 3*

Now let us consider that. We want, in the building of our churches, to put a little more expense to have them large enough to accommodate the outside people, or any that may come in. Now there, I saw before me, well, it touched my heart. On the front seats there was just room enough to stand and sing, etc. And there were the very nicest young people, from 10, 11, 12, 13, or 14 years old, and I considered in regard to the matter: if we all realize the opportunities that were offered to us in instructing the young, in giving them in simplicity the truth, and then out of the meeting live that truth. They may speak and act perhaps unbecomingly, but it never will cure them for you to act unbecomingly. We are Christian, and therefore we must exemplify the Spirit of Jesus Christ. I thought what an opportunity there was for those that were in that section of the country to do a splendid work for God, not only in their speech, but in their dress.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 4*

They could dress plain and simply, and when calls came for donations, then they would have something to give, because they had not put it all upon their bodies, but they had tried in every way to obtain something, every one to act a part. It is a privilege to act a part in the work that is to go forward. Now this is the privilege of us all.²³*LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 5*

“To those assembled I spoke from the *first chapter of Second Peter*. I then returned to Brother Christianson’s while Willie remained to visit among the people. He spoke to the young people in the afternoon. Sunday forenoon, Willie spoke again, and I spoke in the afternoon. But I am too weary to write full particulars.²³*LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 6*

“I did not make an appeal for means, and thought it not wise to mention the Buena Vista property, as there were present both believers and unbelievers. However, I spoke decidedly of the great and earnest work to be done; for the world is fast ripening for the closing up of its history. Those who are truly serving the Lord Jesus will be a holy, sanctified people, communicating the light of truth to all around them.”²³*LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 7*

Not only in their households, but outside of their households, communicating with those who are not in the faith, not merely those that believe as we believe, and as you believe, but just present [the truth] in the most earnest manner. You can do this by taking some of the books that you have in your hand and ask them if they would be pleased to purchase these books, and thus they would have the right idea of our faith. Now that is a splendid work to do, and if they do not want the books, just converse with them in a kind and tender manner, speaking of the Scriptures, and out of the Scriptures. We do not do, from the light God has given me, one-hundredth part of what we ought to do, and get time to arouse the interest of the people.²³*LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 8*

“However, I spoke decidedly of the great and earnest work to be done; for the world is fast ripening for the closing up of its history.”²³*LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 9*

Bear that in mind. We will have to give an account for the opportunities that we have, and we spend them on some

unessential matters to occupy our time. But there is earnest work for us to do for those that are ready to perish. Do we believe the Lord is coming? That He is right at hand? Why, our cities are testifying of their corruption. They think nothing of killing a man that interferes with their ideas, and they are coming to a strange pass, and yet our people are not as much aroused as they should be to take these matters and view them in their real colors, just as they are. There they see, and put right in their papers, such a man, he did such an evil work, a terrible work. You read the papers, you know what they say.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 10*

And they were under the influence of liquor, and yet the liquor stores, some are trying to make an effort to close them, but yet they live. The liquor is poisoned. It is poisoned, that when they take this liquor it runs through their veins, and they do not know what they do. They cannot tell what they do. And they are like men that are mad, and afterwards they say, Well, I did not know I did that; I was in liquor. Well, then, when the city know just what the influence of this liquor is doing, why do they not rise? Why don't they see their duty as men in high authority, and close these things? They will have to give an account to God for these murders, because they allowed them to take place.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 11*

Now God wants us to come right to the front, and He wants us to consider that we have a responsibility we can in no wise avoid. We must do everything that we can to hedge the way of this iniquity, and not leave the temptations before those, that they have kept the liquor stores open, and they have taken their drinks, and then they are mad. It is poison that they mingle with their liquor and their wines. It poisons the blood that is in their veins. Now, here is the very work we can begin to do wherever we are in any place, with an eye single to the glory of God.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 12*

“Those who are truly serving the Lord Jesus will be a holy, sanctified people, communicating the light of truth for all around them. In their lives they will exemplify the value of truth practiced.”*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 13*

“Sunday afternoon I related to the congregation some of our experiences in Cooranbong, where in beginning the work we

walked out in the providence of God.”*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 14*

And He did work for us. We did not know how in the world we were going to obtain means to carry the work, and there was no place of worship. “Well,” Elder Daniells said, “we can build up just as you take slats right up straight, and just have it enclosed, and that is the best we can do, and it is all we can do.” Said I, “Elder Daniells, the Lord does not want us to do that. I am trying for means, and I hope we shall get it. But,” said I, “don’t disturb your soul in regard to how our meetinghouse shall be built, for we shall have it.”*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 15*

Now the Lord helped us, but it was a trying time. None of you can imagine how trying it was.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 16*

We walked out into the fields and we would ask for a little schoolhouse that we might speak in, but no, no, we did not believe as they did, and we could not have the schoolhouse. Then I called them right into the field, and there we met on the [ground]. Putting down pieces of boards, we made a place for them to sit, and there I spoke to them the words of life, and if every God spoke through His humble instrument, He spoke at those times.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 17*

But we were not left to go all the way struggling in this way. I sent to Africa. Said I, Will you send us 200 pounds; we must have it, and we want you to send it to us. Well, the 200 pounds came, and then you should have seen the rejoicing when I told Elder Daniells that 200 pounds had come from Africa. Now we will put up just as plain a house of worship as possible, but we must have it. Well, he could not speak for some time, but just burst out crying, and he cried, Lord, forgive us for our unbelief, forgive us.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 18*

Well, then it was the school. We must have that school established. We are trying to get the buildings up where we could bring the students in, and what should we do but pray for a living faith in God that He will work His own appointed way.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 19*

We kept praying, and finally I told them, We must have means; we cannot go on doing the work without it, and we must pray, and we must believe. We hired means.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 20*

That is not a good plan, but we had to do it. You hire means, and they let you have means at a limited interest, but that means will be liable to be called in any time. That is not the wise thing, and our people have been getting in a queer rut. Instead of saying, Lord, I will act my part as You act Your part, I will furnish You means, I will help You the best I can, and I will go to others and get them to help You. Now do you not see that when in a very strait time, we know not how we are going to get along, that means may be called for?*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 21*

Every one that can make an offering out and out, I am charged by the Spirit of the Lord to say, Make it. But do not let our brethren feel that if they just loan at interest, and make you their bank that they have made an offering to God, because it is not so. They are safer than if they were in any bank in our land, and what God calls for is self-sacrifice to carry His work at this time, for it will be bound off suddenly. Well, here you see our brethren flatter themselves that if they do loan that money it is perfectly safe, therefore they can take interest on that money, and when they want it, it is there. Well, what self-denial have you made? What sacrifice have those made that have done this work? You see there is no sacrifice at all. It is insuring your money that you never would lose it.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 22*

And then those that have hired that money. I have had to do it. I have had to hire money again and again to advance the work that must be done. It comes to a crisis and it must be done. Well, then that money is entrusted to my hands. The next comes, there is some member of the family dies, and then they want that money, and so that is the way that the work goes on. They want that money that they loaned to me, because there is one member of the family that has died, and they want the money to take care of him, etc. There is our situation. I have had to go right to the bank just recently, and have had to take right out of the bank and pay interest for the money that we hired to carry on the work. Well, they did not call for it until a necessity came, but it is not the right way to do. I

have been brought in such a place that it is next to impossible for me to sleep nights. It is only a few hours that I can sleep nights. I see and understand there is a work to be done. Well, then I see that work must be done; it must not be hindered. Well, I go right and draw from the bank. I have to do it, and then I have to pay bank interest.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 23*

But I want to say once for all, Those that have gifts that they can offer to the cause of God, need to know that they are sacrificing to the Lord. They are giving these gifts to have a part, to be a co-laborer with Jesus Christ in His work. Well, when they want to do this way, be it a small sum or a large sum, they say, I will act my part in self-denial and self-sacrifice to the cause. Now we want you to bear that in mind.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 24*

Well, we were brought to our wits' end. We did not know what to do in Cooranbong. We prayed day and night that the Lord would teach us what we could do.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 25*

Then there was quite a party, that took an interest, of the very best workmen that could be found to have a recess, and they would come up to Cooranbong, and see what they were about there. Well, Sara McEnterfer who is united with me in my work, said, "Harness the team. We must go right and see these men." So we went, and told them our situation. "Will you work for us? What will you do for us at this emergency? We cannot pay you your price, but what will you do, what will you work for?" "We get three dollars a day for our work, and we will work for six shillings, and we will give you half of that."*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 26*

Well, there they came right in, and there was self-sacrifice. They sacrificed in order that we might have the very advantages that we have there now.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 27*

So the work went on, and some would feel that they did not know how they could longer keep up in this way, etc. "Elder Haskell," said I, "go right in there, tell them what we are doing. We have got to have the wells dug. We have got to use the waters from beneath, for we have none from above, and while there is a dearth we must have our wells." "Well, how can we get them?" "Well," said I, "let us go into the meeting place." I tell you what a meeting place! I would

not attempt to describe it, no more fit for the worship of God than a barn, and not half as much. Well, I told them the situation. "Now what shall we do? What can we do? Who will volunteer?" "Well," said I, "you may have all of my workers." They were clearing my land, and I had three or four workers. "I will give you my workers, and charge nothing for their work." *23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 28*

Then what can we do? What shall we do now in this crisis? Twenty women stood right up in the congregation that knew nothing of what work was out of their own house. They said, "We will go. We will do this part of the work, and another would do that part of the work." And so we brought in these workers, and when the brick man was there, these women would bring in the brick to them, and put them down and slide them to the bottom of the well. Then they would lay the bricks in the cellar. Sister Haskell and Sara McEnterfer, went right in to the house, and Brother James would pry the boards together. You could not handle them as you can here. Many of you have to bore with an auger before you can get a nail in it. One old gentleman that had retired from labor and was making it his home in our house, said he, I will attend to the painting of the doors. Well, that was a good job. So these women went in and they laid the floors, and thus the work was carried on after that order. *23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 29*

The time was set when the school should begin. Now I want to tell you there are so few that have any kind of sense of what it means to sacrifice for the truth's sake. But we want to be brought where we shall be tested and tried. Well, the men that were preparing the church would get out of patience sometimes. They would think they were doing nothing. "Elder Haskell," said I, "Go right in, kneel down among the shavings, and do you pray to God there." Elder Haskell went right in and knelt down in the shavings, and the blessing of the Lord would come upon them, and when they would arise, every one of those workers that had donated to help us, the tears were running down their cheeks, and when they would get through at night, all would gather together, and tell their experience. Well, this experience was worth something. It was an individual, thorough experience to them. Said they, "I have learned more of religion since I have been here than I knew in all my life before." And thus we carried on the work in these new fields. *23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908,*

par. 30

I would go with my phaeton away out where they were building a railroad, and there would be the camps made where they were working, and their wives were in the tent, and I would stand up in my phaeton, and I would speak the words of life to them there. And the women, the tears streaming down their cheeks would come to me. "I never heard it in this wise before. Will you come again?" "Yes," said I, "I will come again and speak to you again." But that is the way the work was carried forward in Cooranbong. And every one had their part to act, and their self-sacrifice in the work. *23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 31*

Now we want that every soul of us should come under the due obligation, to understand that they have a part to act. I know that there are many that have done nobly, and have tried to do everything that they could, but it has come to be at this time that it is a loan, and now somebody had got to meet that loan, and I have to do it more than anybody else. I meet these loans, and there is not a penny coming in to help me meet these loans. I meet them myself. Yet the blessing of God has come upon me in a special manner healthwise. And I have felt to praise His name with heart and soul and voice that He has given me health. How is it today? Next 26th of this month I shall be eighty-one years old. Now, if the Lord does not bless me, where does that blessing come from? *23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 32*

I want to tell you, my brethren, that we must understand individually what sacrifice means, that when you put money into the hands and reckon it up that you are doing a lot for the cause, yet every dollar you expect to be returned, they pay you interest on that, so that your money is in a sure bank, a sure bank that will not fail. Now somebody has got to meet that emergency, and we want you to get the idea how it is. *23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 33*

We do not want to draw means out of you unless you want to give it, because it is God's work, it is God's means, every dollar of it. If I should tell you that for the last twelve years I have footed up bill after bill, and I cannot in any way, I cannot get beyond debt. It is there; it is right here. But I do not trouble myself about that, but I

think the people are robbing themselves of the blessings that they might have. I told them, said I, "I will give to you, I will pay my workers, I have hired them, I will give to you the book, *Christ's Object Lessons*. I will give this if you will handle that book freely without any money in return, if you will handle that book and bring in money to clear our schools of debt, then the printing press will do its work. They say they will do the printing. Now who will do it?" Well, it was not many months the report came: \$300,000 was brought into the cause in the sale of *Christ's Object Lessons*. Now you can see that the Lord works with us when we make an effort to work.²³*LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 34*

Then the next thing was that here was our sanitariums, they did not know what to do. They had not means. I advised them to go straight ahead. Said I, Here is the *Ministry of Healing*. I dedicate that to the cause. Neither of these books have I taken to myself one penny in return. I will handle the books if you will bring in the means that the people shall have the light that we can establish our sanitariums and our schools. Then all of my work in these years that I have been getting out in these books are perfectly free. This is the way that work stands. That is my donation, and I want all of us to get an idea, for we are getting very near the closing of this earth's history. We know we are from the Word, from the testimony of Jesus Christ that such and such things should take place.²³*LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 35*

Now our schools are to be established and we are to work more for them than we have ever thought we could work before. But every one must act their individual part. I cannot go any longer in carrying the debt of thirty thousand dollars that I incurred in building the very first work in Australia. Meetinghouses there had to be built, and there was nothing that they had. It was a time when the banks had failed, and when there was everything objectionable, yet the Lord gave me the word, Move forward, move forward; and we did move forward. And the work has been going.²³*LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 36*

But what about Avondale? You have not told us how that came out. Well, I will tell you how it came out. They have got one of the grandest schools, I believe, that was ever established in our world,

and the blessing of God is upon it. When everything—two years at a time, not a drop of rain. There was no rain and yet in their papers, it comes out just as it was: no rain, no cattle dying everywhere, but Avondale, Avondale is an oasis in the desert. Here is their property, and here they are raising everything just as though they had rain. And the Lord blesses their efforts. They knew what we were doing. Now the Lord knows just what we are doing, and what we want is that every one of us should understand his appointed work.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 37*

I am glad that I do not see the display in dress and feathers and ribbons as I do in some congregations. I am glad I do not see it. It all takes money, and I want to say to every one of you, God knows every self-sacrificing effort that you put forth.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 38*

Now, I have not taken to myself one penny of these gifts that I have put out, to appropriate to myself, not one. I want to say that God will just as surely let His blessing rest upon the people that will try to do their very best, and when they do they will have the testimony that their ways please God. But here is my letter:*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 39*

“Let not the words, ‘Found wanting’ be written against God’s people. [*Daniel 5:27.*] While we should thankfully receive loans of money with interest, yet the Lord calls for larger freewill offerings. We must be careful about the matter of borrowing large sums of money, for often this will result in our being placed in strait places afterward. There may be no trouble so long as those are living who have loaned the money, but when they become sick or die, a sudden call is sometimes made for their money. This money may have been invested in opening the work in new fields, and in order to meet this demand, we may be forced to borrow from the banks at a high rate of interest.*23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 40*

“Let us obtain all the means possible as straight gifts. If today more gifts were brought into the Lord’s treasury, the sacrifice would yield a rich harvest. In Cooranbong, we were thankful to obtain means, and to pay a low rate of interest for their use. But we would say to all, Make your gifts as large as possible; for borrowing large sums

of money may lead to future embarrassment to the one who is using the money. Let this point be guarded in the matter of moving the school from Healdsburg to be established in another place.²³*LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 41*

“For many years Healdsburg has been an educating center. But the time has come when the school should be moved to a location where we shall have better advantages. Let all who can possibly do so place their money in this enterprise, as a gift. When we think of what Christ has done for us, this will not be regarded as a great sacrifice. He has given His commission to His disciples, as workers who are to lay the foundations of His church in various fields. To establish educational centers is a part of their work.” And He will work through these places. I am so thankful for the rich blessing of God that will come to His people. I opened this morning, as I was waiting for the carriage, to the *fifty-second chapter of Isaiah. (Verse 1)*—“see the salvation of God.” [*Verses 1-10.*]²³*LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 42*

Now this is what the Lord wants. He wants that the work should stand in its highest beauty. He wants that His message should go to all parts of our world. Hundreds and thousands we are sending to the foreign missions, the most remarkable places, and the Lord is taking His people and sending them where they know not the language, and there they will learn the language, and then all the time they teach them. They know how to build; they learned it. They know how to carry on the work intelligently, and they have their intelligence, to communicate to these foreign fields the knowledge that they have; they are willing to do almost anything to get that knowledge. That is just how it is with missionaries. We are educating them, educating them in Cooranbong. The word has gone forth, that there is no place that they know of, where the students have done a more noble and generous work than they have right there in giving themselves to the work.²³*LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 43*

“Eyes of all the nations.” [*Verse 10.*] Now the Lord sees a people that go to every part of the world. They have learned to build, how to plant. This is how to carry on the work in God’s appointed way. They see that these men are far ahead of them in intelligence, and

they come and build their own houses, small and plain, and in that work they are educating away from the national prejudice that would naturally exist. "Salvation of God." [Verse 10.] Do you think that is to come to them without any effort? Every one of us can act our part, and we will wish we did act our part, when at last every one is rewarded according as his work shall be. *23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 44*

Verses 11-13. "more than the sons of men." [Verse 14.] Behold Him hanging on the cross with the nails driven through His hands and His feet, and there were His opposers mocking Him, "O, thou that couldest destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down: come down, and we will believe on thee." [Matthew 27:40, 42.] This is what they were saying, mocking and deriding. But there is a sound. What is it? It is coming from a soul in agony. It is one that has been crucified upon the cross close by Christ, and his fellow that was by his side was mocking Christ, and he rebuked him. Said he, "We deserve this, but the one hanging on the cross [beside us] does not deserve it." And the one hanging on the cross turned to Christ and said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom." And what did He say? "Verily, I say unto thee today," right while His hands are stretched upon the cross, and He dying in human agony, "verily I say unto thee today, thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." [Luke 23:40-43.] Now here was the very promise of our Saviour, and the thief had that comfort while he was dying. He believed in Christ. He believed Him to be Christ; he received Him as Christ. *23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 45*

[Isaiah 52] *Verses 14, 15.* Now I want that we should take the right views of the Scriptures, and do not, I beg of you stand to one side and let others do the work. You can have your reward. Here you loan your money, and you can call for it any time. It is not a gift. God's work was a gift. He made Himself a freewill offering, and He wants every one of us to come into line and act our part. May the Lord help us is my prayer. I will not read any more just now, but I want to say just a few more words. *23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 46*

Isaiah 53:1-5. Remember all this. He suffered for us that He might make it possible for us to obtain that life that measures with the life of God if we will follow in His footsteps. "We are healed. By his

stripes we are healed.” *Verses 6-8.23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 47*

I will not hold you longer, but I want to tell you if we cannot read the passing of events that has taken place in San Francisco, and in the judgments that are continually coming, and in the accidents and in all these things, I want you to understand we are to take our position that the end of all things is at hand. And we want to work for the Master while we can. We do not want to come up to the day of judgment, and say others have borne the burden, and others have run the risks, and they are the ones that Christ is naming here, and He will bring them off victorious at last if they will walk in the footsteps of Christ our Saviour. *23LtMs, Ms 140, 1908, par. 48*

Ms 141, 1908

Sermon/Lessons from *John 15*

Healdsburg, California

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John 15:1. "Purgeth it." Now consider this, how they come in their order. *Verse 2.* What does He mean by purging it? He permits trials to come to these very ones that they shall seek Him in their trials, and that they shall have the refinement and purification of His Holy Spirit. He says He purgeth it. He causeth some trial to come upon them. He taketh away anything that would seem to be a hindrance, that they think is an advantage. Sometimes we think that things are an advantage when they are not.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 1*

Verses 3, 4. Now let us bear that in mind, abiding in Christ, seeking to understand His will, that you may do His will. If we will abide in Him, then He will give light, He will let them discern what the hindrances are to prevent their abiding in Him so that they will be very careful of the privileges that God is giving them.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 2*

Verses 5-7. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord for this advantage, for this promise. And be sure and not forget it, because when we get into some trial we frequently lose sight of the precious promise. Now, we want to keep in view every word of encouragement that Christ was giving to His disciples just prior to His leaving them, and prior to His great affliction. He does not keep before them all the time the great sufferings He was going to go through, but He was gathering all the comforts, all the blessings that He could bring before them, that they shall bring to their minds the last lessons that He gave them.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 3*

Verse 7. Precious, precious promise.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 4*

Verse 8. The fruit bearing. Now we want to be sure that we are bearing fruit to the glory of God. We do not wish to consult our own

feelings; we do not wish to be depressed if we feel that a discouragement comes upon us. We are not to allow ourselves to be depressed, because the promises are for us, and we are to take them. We are to rejoice in the promises, and we are to be made glad in Jesus Christ. Why, it is everything to us whether we are in a living connection with Jesus Christ, or not. It is everything. And if we do not always feel that we are in an exalted position of enjoyment, that is no evidence that we are not the Lord's.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 5*

Trials will come upon us. Others' trials will come upon us; as we see that there is danger, any danger to any of Christ's disciples, we shall feel sad, we shall feel grieved and distressed. But we can go to them just as Christ has told us in the early part of the history, and just tell your difficulties or tell how you feel between Him and you alone. And then you may be reconciled to your brother or your sister, and they to you. You may remove a great difficulty out of their way by a little explanation, so that you can be in harmony.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 6*

Verse 8. Now what is our fruit? Our fruit is to reveal an abiding Christ in our hearts and [to have] His works revealed in our characters, that we are in harmony with Christ and that His blessing is resting upon us.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 7*

Verse 9. Just see the comparison. The Father loving the Son. Now such words of instruction as these should be of great importance and value to every soul.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 8*

Verses 9, 10. Now you see, He keeps Himself ready as it were, that we must be right in harmony with His experience, and He is telling you what His experience is and we must appreciate it, and we must consider these lessons of the highest value to us, and that we may know what course to pursue when tried and tempted and afflicted. Here we have our lessons.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 9*

Verse 11. O, how careful He was to guard every point of the union of the disciples with Him, and the union of Christ with His disciples, and how precious these things are to be to us when we come and ask the Lord for the very things that we need.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 10*

Verse 11. And if Christ's joy remains in us that which rejoiced His heart is upon us, that your joy might be full. It is a living connection with the living, tenderhearted God. Jesus Christ is our heavenly Father. Jesus Christ is the Father with us. God is the Father, and there is the link of the chain brought right down to bind His children in connection with the Father.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 11*

Verses 11, 12. What a representation is that! Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 12*

Now the main thing in all this chapter is that Christ has died on the cross of Calvary to save the perishing that they might have eternal life. Just let us consider these things.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 13*

Then it means a good deal what we are doing day by day. We are to watch the tone of our thoughts, and we are to watch the words that we speak. We are to watch unto prayer.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 14*

Verses 15, 16. Now here He is trying to bind us up in the faith through Jesus Christ and obedience to His requirements.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 15*

Verses 17-19. Why? Because they will not follow in the path of transgression and disobedience so as to offend God. They hate the disciples. There are those that do have hatred in their hearts.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 16*

Verses 20-23. Now here He gives the portion of His work. *Verse 24.* Because they are one, and we are to be one in Christ, through Christ in God to do that obedience that Christ has given to the Father, to have that honor that the Father giveth the Son. *Verses 25-27.**23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 17*

Now here we have a chapter that we would do well to practice. We shall walk humbly with God. We shall not be exalted. We shall not climb up, climb up on our own merits, but we will hide our life Christ Jesus, and when we see how He walked in this world, we need make no mistake.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 18*

Now, I want that every one of us in this church shall understand their responsibilities to God. I want everyone that is here to feel whatever the circumstances are, if you be broken up, or whatever the circumstances are, we are to put our trust in God. He will care for us. And we must have a living experience in the things of God every day. It becomes us to hang our helpless souls upon Jesus Christ, and unless we do that, then we shall certainly fail. He says in this chapter, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman, every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." *Verses 1, 2.23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 19*

Now, we want a living experience in the things of God. We want all the mists and clouds of darkness swept away. We may be a people that shall be tried, but in the trial, whatever character it is, we are not to lose our hold on God. No. We are to remember that God lives, that He is our Helper, that He is our strength, that He is our Friend, front guard, and our reward. We want in every way possible to keep the truth in circulation, and to have our minds uplifted to God. He knows every sorrow. He knows what produces it. He know every grief, and He knows what causes that grief. Then can we not cast our helpless souls upon Him? He loves us with a love that is infinite.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 20*

The first night that I came here, I had been riding all day, and I was up. I could not sleep after half past two in the morning, and after riding all day, I lay down to sleep. This cheekbone set up. I had an accident years ago with that cheekbone, and the suffering that I have endured at times, I thought had left me. It came on at once upon me, and it seemed to me I should go frantic. I thought I would call Sara, and then it came to me, what can she do for me? She can do nothing for you. Then I knelt down and I told the Lord all about it, and I asked Him to relieve that terrible nervousness, and twitching, and that He would give me relief, for it seemed as though I should lose my senses. I lay down, thinking that perhaps I should not sleep a wink all night. The next morning I woke up; there was a little soreness, but the pain was gone.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 21*

Now, the Lord heard my prayer. Just as much had I gone to Sara, I might have thought it was something she had done. But the Lord wanted me to know that He was a living God, that He was my

helper, and I want to say to every afflicted soul that is here today, do not lose your hold of the only One that can understand your case, and that can bring you through every trial. I know that the Lord is our God and He wants us to do all that we can. We are to be in communion with God. Ye are laborers together with God. Now let us bear that in mind. All our sorrows, all our griefs, all our perplexities, it is laid upon the Burden-bearer. He gave His life for us, and He wants us to just trust in Him as One that can help us in our necessities. I have felt it decidedly time and again through the years that are past, and I know by experience that I have a living Helper. I know that He will be a Helper to every one of us if we will trust in Him.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 22*

Circumstances will occur that we cannot hinder. It seemed as though the enemy was determined to cut us right off from having faith in God. God lives. God reigns, and that which we think may be the most terrible calamity may prove a blessing in the end. Now we want to have that tenderness, that compassion, that Christ had. And we want to love Him and we want to serve Him and we want to bear testimony for Him. We want to honor His name.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 23*

Now we are going to pass through I do not know what. In changing the school we do not know what trials may come. But they will come just as sure, they will come. Now put on your armor. Just have a spirit of prayer, and believe that the Lord God is our helper.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 24*

Time is very short. We can see by what is being transacted that the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from men. Just in the last paper you see there an attempt to kill one while they were in the trial halls in the court. Anywhere you are, the Spirit of God, unless it restrains the human agent, may reveal to us the dangers and the sufferings that will come. Now let us put our whole trust in God. And let us praise Him for His goodness and His mercy and His longsuffering, and His compassion, and if we do this, we shall see of His salvation.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 25*

Now I want others to bear their testimony here, that are here today, and I pray God that when our school [is moved], if God opens the

way that it shall be moved—every one will need to pray—that He will take charge of every movement.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 26*

I have not been able to sleep nights, considering how we should move, and what we should do. Night after night I cannot sleep after one or two o'clock. And then my time is spent in telling the Lord of our necessities as a people, and begging of Him that not one will fall out by the way. We are His people; we are His children, and therefore we want to glorify His name upon the earth.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 27*

Now perhaps there are some here that would like to bear testimony. Here is W. C. White and here is Dores Robinson and here is a people that love God and keep His commandments. We want to draw nigh to God. We want Him to draw nigh to us. We want a living religion, and to act as though we had a Saviour that could sustain us in every trial and in every difficulty. We cannot see the end from the beginning, but God can. And we want to know that He will not afflict us willingly, nor grieve the hearts of the children of men. "Behold what manner of love ... as he is." [*1 John 3:1, 2.*] As a living Saviour, He will reward every man or woman according to their works. Then let us be careful what our work shall be. God help us. But we want to remember what manner of love the Father has bestowed us that we should be called the children of God.*23LtMs, Ms 141, 1908, par. 28*

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Diary/Unfair Dealings in Book Circulation

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While I was at Burrough Valley with Mary White, Willie's wife, who was an invalid, Brother C. H. Jones visited me and set before me that if I would reduce my income on my large books from twenty cents a copy to ten cents, they would pledge themselves to give to my books the very first attention, and put their best workers on my books. I was heavily in debt in the preparation of these books. I was so urged [about] how many more they would sell, I finally consented. Then Bible Readings was thrust in without regard to the promise made me, and the publishing houses dropped the sale of my books. And [what is] more, the managing was [such] that the book Bible Readings should have the right of way and the ones handling books were charged to handle only Bible Readings and thus they did.²³*LtMs, Ms 142, 1908, par. 1*

Many were not satisfied. They were calling for the books. But some said they were doing good work and making successful selling with *Great Controversy* and *Patriarchs and Prophets*. Nevertheless that charge was given to all our camp meetings. They were not to handle any books except the one, Bible Readings, and Brother C. H. Jones, who made that promise himself, did not keep his word. Neither did they release me from the promise I had made. I was in debt for the printing of these books, and when I was encouraged to pledge one thousand dollars for the sanitarium in Chicago, I was assured I should have that made up to me. My leading out brought in a large sum in donations, but there stood my debt at seven percent interest for years. They have never corrected that wrong move done me, and that I should have had for years to pay interest on 3,000 dollars is not a right thing to do. Such movements are not religious; call it what name you may, it is never correct.²³*LtMs, Ms 142, 1908, par. 2*

But the strange part of the matter was that that reduced price has ever stood for my large books for the many years since. When the office was burned we took over some things which involved me in debt largely, so that my interest yearly since the fire has been [paid on] thirty thousand dollars [debt]. I talked to Captain Eldridge and Frank Belden, who were standing then at the head of the office, but not one word of encouragement came to me. Recently, [just] as years ago, light was given me that I should have justice, strict justice, on my books; that the revenue coming to me should have come ever since the contract was made null and void by their setting entirely aside as far as possible the handling of my books. I have been instructed that it was a mistake for them to even ask me to receive so low a price on my books; and that the very loss in consequence [of that mishandling] was my just due; and that the conference had better handle the matter of this unfair dealing because it was an unrighteous, unfair, transaction.²³*LtMs, Ms 142, 1908, par. 3*

I was instructed that if the books had been widely circulated the light would have come to the people and a different showing would be revealed. Elder [W. F.] Craft's bill of papers were largely circulated at the time, while the very books which [were being held back] would, if circulated, have counter-worked the Sunday law to be observed, and then their reporting so large a number of names in favor [of it].²³*LtMs, Ms 142, 1908, par. 4*

I was instructed to get these books in circulation as soon as possible. I worked with all the powers of my being to get the books prepared, but the men in the Review and Herald and Signs [offices] blended together as one to form a veto on the books for sale, except the Bible Readings.²³*LtMs, Ms 142, 1908, par. 5*

Now when I had hired money to help a very little in the purchasing of the Paradise Valley [Sanitarium], and then they stated they did not want it (but finally gave terms what they would do), the instructions given me from the highest source was, "You have suffered enough in this kind of dealing." I must not do this, for the people who had worked with me would not feel that justice was done me or them by passing over the property to other parties at a large reduction. Then were matters opened before me distinctly that

the books I had written while laboring to establish the work in Australia and in Europe were not to be discounted to the meager sum I have received. I was not amenable to those officers and parties that handled my books. The Lord gave me the truth in clear lines to give to His flock who needed the very instruction they contained.²³*LtMs, Ms 142, 1908, par. 6*