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MANUSCRIPT RELEASES

Strengthened against Temptation to Withdraw and Establish Private Practice--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 motives 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. . . . [1MR73.01] p. 1, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. *Ms.* 5, 1908, pp. 2, 5. ("The Medical Missionary Work, February 23, 1908.) [1MR73.02] p. 2, Para. 1, [1908MS].

With Upraised Hand --"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 19:7, 8). [1MR120.01] p. 2, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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" (Exodus 19:9). *Letter* 198, 1908, p. 3. (To Our Brethren in Oakland, June 16, 1908.) [1MR120.02] p. 2, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. Cooperate 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. *Ms* 59, 1908, p. 15. ("The New England Sanitarium," 1908.) [1MR136.03] p. 2, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. *Letter* 54, 1908, p. 4. (To Elder W. T. Knox, January 21, 1908.) [1MR155.03] p. 2, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [1MR171.01] p. 2, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [1MR171.02] p. 3, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [1MR171.03] p. 3, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. . . . 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. [1MR171.04] p. 3, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 men on vantage ground, that he might become a partaker of the divine nature. [1MR172.01] p. 3, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [1MR172.02] p. 3, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [1MR172.03] p. 3, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. *Letter 94, 1908, pp. 1-3. (To Elder S. N. Haskell, March 29, 1908.)* [1MR172.04] p. 3, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. . . . [1MR172.05] p. 3, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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. . . . [1MR173.01] p. 4, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The enemy is ever seeking to scatter briers 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. [1MR173.02] p. 4, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [1MR173.03] p. 4, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. *Letter 106, 1908, pp. 1-4. (To Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, April 2, 1908.)* [1MR173.04] p. 4, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [1MR192.01] p. 4, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. *Ms. 11, 1908, p. 7.* ("The Regions Beyond," February 15, 1908.) [1MR192.02] p. 4, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. *Letter 50, 1908, pp. 2, 3.* (To James Edson White, February 5, 1908.) [1MR241.01] p. 5, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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" (2 Thessalonians 3:13). "Always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Let us beware lest self-sufficiency become mingled with our efforts to gain eternal life. [1MR261.02] p. 5, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. *Letter 198, 1908, p. 4.* (To "Our Brethren in Oakland," June 16, 1908.) [1MR261.03] p. 5, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Principles of Early Days Important Today-- 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. *Ms. 73, 1908, p. 1.* ("Counsels Repeated," June 19, 1908.) [1MR294.03] p. 5, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 Sebastapol. 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. *Letter 146, 1908, pp. 1, 2. (To Mrs. H. G. Bree, May 9, 1908.)* [1MR325.03] p. 5, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [1MR325.04] p. 5, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [1MR325.05] p. 5, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [1MR325.06] p. 6, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. *Letter 154, 1908, p. 1. (To Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, May 19, 1908.)* [1MR326.01] p. 6, Para. 2, [1908MS].

We have long wanted to move our Conference school from Healdsburg, and have kept inquiring of the Lord, "What shall we do?" [1MR326.02] p. 6, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 far seen. [1MR326.03] p. 6,

Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [1MR326.04] p. 6, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [1MR326.05] p. 6, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [1MR326.06] p. 6, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [1MR326.07] p. 6, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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. [1MR327.01] p. 6, Para. 9, [1908MS].

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. [1MR327.02] p. 7, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We drove over the grounds, but did not examine them thoroughly. We were in the midst of mountain scenery, and

in the spacious grounds surrounding the house were many and beautiful trees. At some distance from the Castle stood a large stone winery, now being used as stables for cattle. There were some fruit trees on the place, and near to the main building a hot spring which fed an artificial pool. There was an abundance of pure, soft water, which was conducted by pipes to the different buildings. [1MR327.03] p. 7, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [1MR327.04] p. 7, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [1MR328.01] p. 7, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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." [1MR328.02] p. 7, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"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." [1MR328.03] p. 7, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." [1MR328.04] p. 7, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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." If ever it has been essential that we understand and follow right methods of teaching, and follow the example of Christ, it is now. [1MR328.05] p. 8, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [1MR329.01] p. 8, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [1MR329.02] p. 8, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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). *Letter 322, 1908, pp. 1-5. (To the Members of Our Churches in the California Conference, November 1, 1908.)* [1MR330.01] p. 8, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [1MR330.02] p. 8, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [1MR330.03] p. 9, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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

furnished house with every convenience, I saw that which answered to representations that had been given. [1MR330.04] p. 9, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Brother Covell has made a thorough investigation of the orchard, and says the fruit is excellent. That is an advantage that we can appreciate. [1MR331.01] p. 9, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 \$45,000.00, 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. [1MR331.02] p. 9, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. *Letter 324, 1908, pp. 1-3. (To James Edson White, November 3, 1908.)* [1MR331.03] p. 9, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [1MR331.04] p. 9, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. *Letter 330, 1908, p. 2.* (To Elder S. N. Haskell, November 11, 1908.) [1MR332.01] p. 9, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [2MR78.04] p. 10, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. . . . [2MR79.01] p. 10, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [2MR79.02] p. 10, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [2MR79.03] p. 10, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [2MR79.04] p. 10, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [2MR80.01] p. 10, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [2MR80.02] p. 10, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [2MR80.03] p. 11, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 105, 1908, pp. 1, 3-5. ("Words of Counsel to Our Colored People," Oct. 19, 1908.) [2MR80.04] p. 11, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." Possessing true godliness and 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." 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." [2MR81.01] p. 11, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [2MR81.02] p. 11, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 plow 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. [2MR81.03] p. 11, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 244, 1908, pp. 1, 2. (To Those Recently Assembled at the Oakwood School, Huntsville, Alabama, Aug. 23, 1908.) [2MR82.01] p. 11, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 27, 1908, p. 1. ("Truth to Be Maintained," May 5, 1908.) [2MR96.02] p. 12, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [2MR192.01] p. 12, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 81, 1908, p. 7. ("Words of Explanation and Warning," June

26, 1908.) [2MR192.02] p. 12, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Special Edition of Early Writings-- [In 1908 Elder S. N. Haskell, President of the California Conference, observing what seemed to him to be a minimum of interest of the publishers in endeavoring to supply Early Writings at a low, popular price, proposed that a privately-printed, pocket-size edition could be printed for 20 cents. This could be sold widely and given a good distribution, and at the same time bring Ellen G. White some financial relief. Her first reaction was favorable, but changed after receiving instruction in vision. We quote from two letters written to Elder Haskell.] [2MR312.02] p. 12, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [2MR312.03] p. 12, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [2MR312.04] p. 12, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [2MR312.05] p. 12, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [2MR313.01] p. 13, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. . . . [2MR313.02] p. 13, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [2MR313.03] p. 13, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. . . . [2MR313.04] p. 13, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [2MR313.05] p. 13, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [2MR313.06] p. 13, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 \$30,000 of my indebtedness might be settled in the manner you propose, yet I could not give my consent.-- Letter 94, 1908, pp. 1-3. (To S. N. Haskell, March 29, 1908.) [2MR314.01] p. 13, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [2MR314.02] p. 13, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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. . . . [2MR314.03] p. 14, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Notwithstanding my great necessities, I would be unwilling to make any move that might appear to be unfair to our publishing houses. [2MR314.04] p. 14, Para. 2, [1908MS].

I have, as you well know, invested means largely in the building of meeting-houses, 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. . . . [2MR314.05] p. 14, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. . . . [2MR314.06] p. 14, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. . . . [2MR315.01] p. 14, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [2MR315.02] p. 14, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [2MR315.03] p. 14, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 106, 1908, pp. 1-4. (To Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, April 2, 1908.) [2MR316.01] p. 15, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 220, 1908, p. 1. (To the president of the Florida Conference, July 23, 1908.) [3MR187.01] p. 15, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There is a great work to be done in the cities and villages that is not being done.--Letter 316, 1908, p. 1. (To A. G. Daniells and those officially connected with him, Oct. 25, 1908.) [3MR219.02] p. 15, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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." Isa. 60:1-5. [3MR283.01] p. 15, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Let us bear all these words in mind; for our faith and expectation must be enlarged to look for the fulfillment of these glorious promises. [3MR283.02] p. 15, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"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? [3MR283.03] p. 15, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"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. [3MR283.04] p. 15, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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." [3MR284.01] p. 15, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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. [3MR284.02] p. 16, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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." Isa. 60:11. [3MR284.03] p. 16, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [3MR284.04] p. 16, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Thy gates shall be open continually." Invite the people in. Go in 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. [3MR285.01] p. 16, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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." Isa 60:12, 13. [3MR285.02] p. 16, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [3MR285.03] p. 16, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"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. [3MR285.04] p. 16, Para. 7, [1908MS].

It is the workers in the churches who are to bring about these conditions that are so much desired. [3MR285.05] p. 16, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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. [3MR285.06] p. 17, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [3MR286.01] p. 17, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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 exactors 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." Isa. 60:16-19. [3MR286.02] p. 17, Para. 3, [1908MS].

How is this great work of reformation to be brought about? In the next chapter we are told: [3MR286.03] p. 17, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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." Isa. 61:1,2. [3MR286.04] p. 17, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [3MR287.01] p. 17, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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? [3MR287.02] p. 17, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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, beside women and children. [3MR287.03] p. 18, Para. 1, [1908MS].

There are people all around us who are just as much in darkness as are the heathen in faraway 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. [3MR287.04] p. 18, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [3MR288.01] p. 18, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. . . . [3MR288.02] p. 18, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [3MR288.03] p. 18, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. Some of us are so delicate that we are afraid to ask these men for means to help sustain the work of the Lord. [3MR288.04] p. 18, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 can not be saved ourselves, for we have not gained the 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. [3MR289.01] p. 18, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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." Matt. 25:34. Whom is it prepared for? For the obedient--those who keep His commandments to do His will. [3MR289.02] p. 19, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. . . . [3MR289.03] p. 19, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 113, 1908, pp. 1-8. ("Lessons from the Sixtieth Chapter of Isaiah," Oct. 28, 1908.) [3MR289.04] p. 19, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Breathing, Deep, a Means of Healing.--The physician should teach the patient how to breathe deeply, and this in many cases will be found to be a means of healing.--Ms 83, 1908. [3MR308.02] p. 19, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Calamity of War.--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.--Ms 117, 1908. [3MR312.01] p. 19, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Onion, Great Virtue in Well-cooked.--There is great virtue in well-cooked onions. Ask _____, he can tell you of the good that onions will do.--Letter 348, 1908. [3MR349.02] p. 19, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Scientific Mystery, Do Not Study Subjects of.--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, we 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.--Ms 23, 1908. [3MR355.03] p. 19, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Voice Culture, the Teaching of.--Education includes the important work of voice culture. The students are to be taught to give their reading and recitations such expression as will make them 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.--Ms 83, 1908. [3MR363.03] p. 20, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [3MR427.02] p. 20, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 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.--Letter 184, 1908, pp. 1, 2. (To Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbutt, June 2, 1908.) [3MR427.03] p. 20, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 schools, 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. [4MR30.01] p. 20, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [4MR30.02] p. 20, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Some of those in the Madison school should keep always the object in view of learning the best methods of educating the colored people.--Letter 48a, 1908, pp. 1, 2. (To J. S. Washburn, February 4, 1908.) [4MR31.01] p. 20, Para. 6, [1908MS].

There is a work to be done for both 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. [4MR31.03] p. 20, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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 church 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. [4MR31.03] p. 21, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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." 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.--Letter 304, 1908, pp. 2, 3. (To "Our Churches in Washington," D. C., October 19, 1908.) [4MR32.01] p. 21, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Those white people who appreciate the ministry of Christ in their behalf, can not cherish prejudice against their colored brethren.--Ms 107, 1908, p. 4. ("The Color Line," October 21, 1908.) [4MR32.02] p. 21, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Some time ago I had light that you, J. S. Washburn, 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 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. [4MR53.02] p. 21, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 48a, 1908. (To J. S. Washburn, February 4, 1908.) [4MR53.03] p. 21, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. . . . [4MR100.03] p. 21, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 105, 1908, pp. 2, 3, 5. ("Words of Counsel to Our Colored People," typed October 19, 1908.) [4MR100.04] p. 21, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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 bought as a speculation. [4MR109.01] p. 22, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [4MR109.02] p. 22, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Competent managers and teachers of ability will be needed; for this school is to be conducted on a high spiritual plane, after the order of the schools of the prophets.-- Letter 368, 1908, pp. 1, 2. (To Elders Cottrell, Haskell, and Knox, December 17, 1908.) [4MR109.03] p. 22, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [4MR109.04] p. 22, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [4MR110.01] p. 22, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 is to be 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.--Ms 29, 1908, pp. 1, 2. ("The Aim of Our School Work." To the teachers in council, typed May 15, 1908.) [4MR110.02] p. 22, Para. 6, [1908MS].

I am so glad to get an opportunity to write to you, even though I may be able to send only a short letter. . . . [4MR185.03] p. 23, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 in 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. [4MR185.04] p. 23, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [4MR185.05] p. 23, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 Guidebook. 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." 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. . . . [4MR186.01] p. 23, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Be of good courage in the Lord; make Him your trust.--Letter 216, 1908, pp. 1, 2, 4. (To Mrs. Mabel Workman. Also addressed to Mabel's husband, Wilfred Workman, for the salutation is, "My Dear Grandchildren," July 17, 1908.) [4MR186.02] p. 23, Para. 5, [1908MS].

If we keep our minds stayed upon Christ, He will come unto us as the rain, as the former and latter rain upon the earth. As the Sun of righteousness, He will arise with healing in His wings. We may grow as the lily, revive as the corn, and grow as the vine. By constantly looking to and patterning after Christ, as our personal Saviour, we shall grow up into Him in all things. Our faith will grow, our conscience will be sanctified. We will more and more become like Christ in all our works and words. Thank God, we shall believe His Word. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."--Letter 106, 1908, p. 5. (To Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, April 2, 1908.) [4MR355.03] p. 23, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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.--Ms. 73, 1908, p. 3. ("Counsels Repeated," typed June 19, 1908.) [4MR385.03] p. 24, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 190, 1908, p. 2. (To Brother and Sister Simpson, June 15, 1908.) [5MR53.01] p. 24, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 43, 1908, p. 7. (Sermon, "Lessons from the Fifty-eighth of Isaiah," March 14, 1908.) [5MR81.03] p. 24, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 117, 1908, p. 2. ("A Message to Our Churches in California," December 17, 1908.) [5MR85.01] p. 24, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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." [5MR88.02] p. 24, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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.-- Ms 99, 1908, p. 3. ("The Buena Vista Property as a Probable School Location," typed September 23, 1908.) [5MR88.03] p. 24, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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.--Ms. 25, 1908, p. 2. ("A Plea for Aggressive Work," typed May 5, 1908.) [5MR110.03] p. 25, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 71, 1908, p. 1. (To Workers in Washington, typed June 19, 1908.) [5MR142.02] p. 25, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 230, 1908, p. 1, 2. (To Elder A. T. Jones, July 25, 1908.) [5MR150.02] p. 25, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [5MR210.02] p. 25, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [5MR210.03] p. 25, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. I bid you be of good courage. In your labors, do not wait for some great and wonderful opening, but seize 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. [5MR210.04] p. 25, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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, every one 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 for ever and ever" (Daniel 12:1-3). The Lord is about to do a short and effectual work in the earth. . . . [5MR211.01] p. 26, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. (Acts 10:1-35 quoted) [5MR211.02] p. 26, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [5MR211.03] p. 26, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 simplicity and Bible goodness 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. [5MR212.01] p. 26, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Preach the gospel" is the word given of God. 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. [5MR212.02] p. 26, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [5MR212.03] p. 26, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." [5MR212.04] p. 26, Para. 7, [1908MS].

(John 3:31-35 quoted.)--Ms. 1, 1908, pp. 1-6. ("Work Among

the Jews," February 3, 1908.) [5MR213.01] p. 27, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Lord had 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. . . . [5MR278.03] p. 27, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 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. [5MR278.04] p. 27, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 injured. This training for medical-missionary work is one of the grandest objects for which any school can be established. . . . [5MR279.01] p. 27, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. These men under the special light the Lord has given, are not to be hindered in any way, for the Lord is leading them. [5MR279.02] p. 27, Para. 5, [1908MS].

It would have been pleasing to God, if, while the Madison school has been doing its work, similar schools had been established in different parts of the Southern field. . . . [5MR279.03] p. 27, Para. 6, [1908MS].

There is plenty of land lying waste in the South that might have been improved as the land about the Madison School has been improved. The time is soon coming when God's people, because of persecution, will be scattered in many countries. Those who have received an all-round education will have the advantage where 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. . . . [5MR279.04] p. 27, Para. 7, [1908MS].

To all who would mark out a certain definite course for their brother to pursue, the Lord says, Stand out of the way. Satan and his emissaries are doing enough of this kind of work. We are altogether too near the close of this earth's history to seek to block the wheels of the chariot of truth. God's workers are to come into line, to pray together, to counsel together. And whenever it is impossible for them to gather for counsel, God will instruct through His Spirit those who sincerely desire to serve Him.--Letter 32a, 1908, pp. 1-4, 8. ("To Those Bearing Responsibilities in Washington and Other Centers," January 6, 1908.) [5MR279.05] p. 27, Para. 8, [1908MS].

To Shine Without Superficial Attempt. 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. . . . [5MR345.01] p. 28, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.--Manuscript 31, 1908, pp. 2, 4. ("Deeper Consecration," May 17, 1908.) [5MR345.02] p. 28, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Are God's People Prepared for False Miracles? 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?--Manuscript 81, 1908, p. 7. ("Words of Exhortation and Warning," June 26, 1908.) [5MR351.01] p. 28, Para. 3, [1908MS].

No one who will be satisfied with a low standard should have the responsibility of training 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.--Letter 148, 1908, pp. 2, 3. (To Dr. E. R. Caro, May 12, 1908.) [5MR356.02] p. 28, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." 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.--Ms 37, 1908, p. 6. ("Abiding in Christ," Sermon, March 10, 1908.) [6MR28.01] p. 28, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 25, 1908, p. 6. ("A Plea for Aggressive Work," typed May 5, 1908.) [6MR57.03] p. 28, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [6MR58.01] p. 28, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [6MR58.02] p. 29, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [6MR58.03] p. 29, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [6MR58.04] p. 29, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 heart 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. [6MR59.01] p. 29, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The promise is that if we follow on to know the Lord, we shall know that "His going forth is prepared as the morning." 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. [6MR59.02] p. 29, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [6MR59.03] p. 29, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [6MR60.01] p. 30, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [6MR60.02] p. 30, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." [6MR60.03] p. 30, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 352, 1908. (To Elder S. N. Haskell, December 16, 1908.) [6MR60.04] p. 30, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I was not able to go to the campmeeting held in Fresno. The heat there was intense, and Brother Haskell wired me from there he could not advise me to come. . . . [6MR152.03] p. 30, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Elder Haskell and his wife have worked diligently in Fresno, and the Spirit of the Lord was 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.--Letter 310, 1908, p. 1. (To Edson White, September 30, 1908.) [6MR152.04] p. 30, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 32, 1908, p. 10. ("To our Brethren in Positions of Responsibility," January 6, 1908.) [6MR283.02] p. 30, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 288, 1908, p. 4. (To Elder G. W. Reaser, September 29, 1908.) [6MR283.03] p. 31, Para. 1, [1908MS].

A Home Church School Described: 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. [7MR19.02] p. 31, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 cooperate 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. [7MR19.03] p. 31, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [7MR20.01] p. 31, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [7MR20.02] p. 31, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 fault-finding, 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. [7MR20.03] p. 32, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [7MR21.01] p. 32, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [7MR21.02] p. 32, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 cooperate with the teacher, laboring earnestly for the salvation of their children. If parents will realize the importance of these small educating centers, cooperating 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.--Ms 33, 1908. ("Home Schools," May 17, 1908.) [7MR21.03] p. 32, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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."-- Ms 15, 1908, p. 5. ("The Need of Watchfulness," typed March 30, 1908.) [7MR45.01] p. 32, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 13, 1908, pp. 2, 3. ("An Appeal for the Madison School," March 25, 1908.) [7MR195.03] p. 33, Para. 1, [1908MS].

I have been referred to case after case where men have spoken just such messages [righteousness by faith] 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.--Letter 222, 1908, p. 3. (To D. H. Kress, July 23, 1908.) [7MR196.01] p. 33, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Let our workers study the epistle of Jude; for he speaks of the conditions that will be met in our day. . . . [7MR196.02] p. 33, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 330, 1908, pp. 5, 7. (To S. N. Haskell, November 11, 1908.) [7MR196.03] p. 33, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. Oh, 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.--Letter 356, 1908, p. 5. (To Marian S. Crawford, December 13, 1908.) [7MR196.04] p. 33, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 neighbour

as thyself." [7MR329.02] p. 33, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." Here is the mark to which we are to endeavor to attain. [7MR329.03] p. 33, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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."--Letter 50, 1908, p. 2. (To J. E. White, February 5, 1908.) [7MR329.04] p. 34, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 278, 1908, p. 2. (To Sister Kerr, February 21, 1908.) [7MR381.01] p. 34, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 cooperation 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.--Ms 73, 1908, pp. 1, 2. ("Counsels Repeated," typed June 19, 1908.) [7MR381.02] p. 34, Para. 3, [1908MS].

A much higher tone should have been given to the work, a more spiritual, healthful influence exerted. The Lord does not call to the position of shepherd those who do not carry a burden for the sheep of the flock. God says of such, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." [7MR404.02] p. 34, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 68, 1908, pp. 2, 3. (To S. N. Haskell and wife, February 5, 1908.) [7MR404.03] p. 34, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [7MR404.04] p. 34, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 88, 1908, pp. 5, 6. (To H. W. Cottrell and S. N. Haskell, February 16, 1908.) [7MR405.01] p. 34, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [7MR405.02] p. 35, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 122, 1908, pp. 3, 4. (To S. N. Haskell, April 26, 1908.) [7MR405.03] p. 35, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 this habit. [7MR406.01] p. 35, Para. 3, [1908MS].

You and Sister Haskell are united in doing a sacred work. You hold positions of grave responsibility. Sister Haskell is fully justified in always speaking respectfully to you. I know that you honor and respect one another. Let this honor and respect be revealed in all your words. Let your words and works glorify God. A word to the wise is sufficient. You are the Lord's workers, laborers together with Him. Ever strive to meet His approval. There is many a battle for you to fight. [7MR406.02] p. 35, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I wrote 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.--Letter 212, 1908, p. 1. (To S. N. Haskell and wife, July 15, 1908.) [7MR406.03] p. 35, Para. 5, [1908MS].

My soul is burdened and distressed, because of the way in which the work of our cause in _____ has in some respects been managed for the past three years. It has been laid out before me that there has been a lack of spiritual discernment. . . . [8MR8.01] p. 35, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The men composing the Conference Committee should be men of ability. They are called by God to take their place in the work, . . . to build up the cause of God in right lines. [8MR8.02] p. 35, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [8MR8.03] p. 36, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 these new converts would have brought additional revenue to the cause of God in their tithes and offerings. [8MR8.04] p. 36, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The character of the economy which has often been revealed in the effort to save up means, is an offense to God. He says, "The gold and the silver is Mine." Religious and spiritual interests must not be narrowed down and subordinated to the accumulation of means in the conference treasury, that the officers may stand high in the estimation of the people as good financiers. The Lord looks beneath the surface to the outcome, and He does not approve of such financiering.--Ms 17, 1908. ("The Work in California," February 15, 1908.) [8MR8.05] p. 36, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 292, 1908, p. 1. (To J. E. White, October 5, 1908.) [8MR18.02] p. 36, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 240, 1908, p. 2. (To S. N. Haskell, August 16, 1908.) [8MR19.01] p. 36, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 340, 1908, pp. 2, 3. (To S. N. Haskell, December 9, 1908.) [8MR21.01] p. 36, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Sister Helen Graham has been with us for several years. She is W. C. White's stenographer, and is excellent help in the office. . . . [8MR21.02] p. 36, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Miss Mary Steward is one of my staff workers. In the office each worker has a separate room, for in almost every room a typewriter is being run.--Letter 356, 1908, pp. 1, 2. (To Marion Stowell-Crawford, December 13, 1908.) [8MR21.03] p. 36, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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. [8MR103.02] p. 36, Para. 9, [1908MS].

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 [George W.] 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 for the privilege of having him with us.--Letter 356, 1908, p. 3. (To Marion Stowell-Crawford, December 13, 1908.) [8MR103.03] p. 37, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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, pray for, and encourage one another.--Ms 47, 1908, p. 2. ("As Little Children," Sermon, May 7, 1908.) [8MR197.04] p. 37, Para. 2, [1908MS].

I am instructed to say to the _____ 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. [8MR267.01] p. 37, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 fulfillment of the promise, 'The prayer of faith shall save the sick.'" 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. [8MR267.02] p. 37, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [8MR267.03] p. 37, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [8MR267.04] p. 37, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"And He went out 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. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, 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). [8MR268.01] p. 37, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [8MR268.02] p. 38, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 158, 1908, pp. 3-5. (To J. E. White, May 14, 1908.) [8MR269.01] p. 38, Para. 2, [1908MS].

He [Christ] 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. . . . [8MR290.03] p. 38, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Then [after the third temptation] 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" (Luke 4:8).--Ms 92, 1908, pp. 6, 8. ("Lessons From the Fifteenth Chapter of John," Talk, August 22, 1908.) [8MR290.04] p. 38, Para. 4, [1908MS].

My soul is burdened and distressed, because of the way in which the work of our cause in _____ has in some respects been managed for the past three years. It has been laid out before me that there has been a lack of spiritual discernment. . . . [8MR306.01] p. 38, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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I am so thankful that ever since I was fifteen years old, the Lord has permitted me to have a part in His work.--Ms 39, 1908, p. 6. (Sermon, March 11, 1908.) [8MR343.01] p. 39, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Refuge for Jewish Converts.--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.-- Letter 62, 1908, p. 1. (To G. W. Reaser, Feb. 2, 1908.) [9MR17.01] p. 39, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Fresno Church Encouraged to Take Special Offering for Refuge for Jewish Converts.-- 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. . . . [9MR17.02] p. 39, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I ask you to study this whole chapter (Romans 11) 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.-- *Letter 60, 1908*, pp. 1-3. (To S. N. Haskell, February 3, 1908.) [9MR17.03] p. 39, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [9MR105.01] p. 40, Para. 1, [1908MS].

I wrote to _____, 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. [9MR105.02] p. 40, Para. 2, [1908MS].

To you also I say that this subject [The identity of the "DAILY" of Daniel 8.] should not be agitated at this time. No, 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. [9MR105.03] p. 40, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [9MR105.04] p. 40, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [9MR106.01] p. 40, Para. 5, [1908MS].

I leave these words with you, praying that you will keep heart and mind in simplicity, and depend fully on God.-- Letter 250, 1908, pp. 1,2. (To S. N. Haskell, August 29, 1908.) [9MR106.02] p. 40, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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.-- Letter 172, 1908, p. 5. (To the Officers of the General Conference, May 26, 1908.) [9MR114.01] p. 40, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Cultivate Broad Views-- 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. [9MR155.03] p. 41, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.-- *Manuscript 21*, 1908, p. 1. [9MR155.04] p. 41, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It has been presented to me that I must speak to you [A. T. Jones], 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. [9MR277.01] p. 41, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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.
[9MR277.02] p. 41, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [9MR277.03] p. 41, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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.
[9MR278.01] p. 41, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"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, which will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise

foretold of these 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" (Acts 3:19-25). [9MR278.02] p. 41, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [9MR278.03] p. 42, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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).-- *Letter 230*, 1908, pp. 1,2. (To A. T. Jones, July 25, 1908.) [9MR278.04] p. 42, Para. 2, [1908MS].

As you pray and believe, you become a partaker of the divine nature, and have gained a wonderful victory.-- Manuscript 92, 1908, p. 6. ("Lessons From the Fifteenth Chapter of John," Parlor Talk Given at Glendale Sanitarium August 22, 1908.) [9MR380.01] p. 42, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Cooperation Between Schools and Sanitariums--In company with Dr. Rand, Elder Knox, Brother George Manuel, and W.C. White, I have just visited a place that is for sale about two miles from our home [Elmshaven, California]. The road to this place is rough and will need to be improved if a school is established there. [10MR259.02] p. 42, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 establishing our schools 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.

[10MR259.03] p. 42, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 field 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. [10MR259.04] p. 42, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 within 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. [10MR259.05] p. 42, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [10MR260.01] p. 43, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [10MR260.02] p. 43, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. 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. [10MR260.03] p. 43, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [10MR260.04] p. 43, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [10MR261.01] p. 43, Para. 5, [1908MS].

It is Satan's purpose to attract men and women to the cities, and to gain this 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. [10MR261.02] p. 43, Para. 6, [1908MS].

We should carry a continual burden as we see the fulfillment 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. [10MR261.03] p. 43, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. (Matthew 7:13-14 quoted.) [10MR261.04] p. 44, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [10MR262.01] p. 44, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [10MR262.02] p. 44, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [10MR262.03] p. 44, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [10MR262.04] p. 44, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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.
[10MR263.01] p. 44, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 lifework 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. [10MR263.02] p. 44, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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? [10MR263.03] p. 45, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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, 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 heavenward, round after round. 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.--Ms. 85, 1908, pp. 1-6. ("Cooperation Between Schools and Sanitarium," June 30, 1908.) [10MR263.04] p. 45, Para. 2, [1908MS].

On May 22, 1908, while Prescott was still editor of the *Review and Herald*, Ellen White addressed him, sounding a

warning: [10MR334.01] p. 45, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [10MR334.02] p. 45, Para. 4, [1908MS].

You are inclined to catch hold of some minor matter which you consider 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. (Letter 166, 1908) [10MR334.03] p. 45, Para. 5, [1908MS].

And then Ellen White warns and counsels: 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. [10MR334.04] p. 45, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." (Ibid.) [10MR334.05] p. 45, Para. 7, [1908MS].

A few days later she addressed another message to Elder Prescott in which she made mention of his involvement in pressing his views on the question of "the daily" of Daniel chapter 8. She cautioned: [10MR334.06] p. 46, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. . . . I write this to caution you. (Letter 224, 1908.) [10MR334.07] p. 46, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Cautions to Elder Prescott (To W. W. Prescott)--I have been shown your peril during the time of your connecting with Dr. E. J. Waggoner. You both came to the conference of 1891, 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. [10MR358.03] p. 46, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [10MR358.04] p. 46, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 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." . . . [10MR359.01] p. 46, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Elder 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.--Letter 224, 1908, pp. 1-4 (June 24, 1908). [10MR359.02] p. 46, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Prescott in Danger of Making Shipwreck of Faith (To W. W. Prescott)--There are constant dangers besetting the pathway of God's servants, and these dangers we may learn to avoid. At times, Elder Prescott, you have come very near making shipwreck of your faith. Only the grace of God and the confidence you have had in the messages He has sent through the Spirit of Prophecy have held you back. I was shown that although you have had many years of experience in the cause of God, you are still in danger of making grave mistakes. You will be inclined to catch hold of some minor matter which you consider to be important, and place great weight upon it. At such times Satan is waiting and watching for an opportunity to influence your mind and through you to work upon many other minds, leading them to questioning and doubt. The Lord has not called you to such a work as this. Upon some questions silence will reveal a spirit of wisdom and discretion.--Letter 166, 1908, p. 2 (May 22, 1908). [10MR361.01] p. 47, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Bible to Be the Foundation of Education in SDA Schools--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.--Ms. 49, 1908, p. 6. ("Lessons From the Experiences of Pentecost," May 9, 1908.) [11MR160.01] p. 47, Para. 2, [1908MS].

SDA Schools and Degrees--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.--Letter 382, 1908, p. 4. (To G. A. Irwin, Dec. 23, 1908.) [11MR165.03] p. 47, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Madison School an Example of Combining Physical Labor With Book Study--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. [11MR181.03] p. 47, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Lord in His providence has brought about the establishment of the Madison school through the efforts of Brethren Sutherland and [P. T.] 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 400 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 the results of the efforts put forth at that place we can see; The Lord's blessing has rested upon their efforts. [11MR182.01] p. 47, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [11MR182.02] p. 48, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 168, 1908, pp. 3, 4. (To J. E. White and wife, May 26, 1908.) [11MR182.03] p. 48, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Why Sanitariums Are Established--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.--Ms. 43, 1908, p. 11. ("Lessons From the Fifty-eighth of Isaiah," March 14, 1908.) [11MR188.02] p. 48, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The Work of the Madison School--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. [11MR190.03] p. 48, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. . . . [11MR190.04] p. 48, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. . . . [11MR191.01] p. 48, Para. 6, [1908MS].

It is a sin for one who knows the truth of God to fold his hands and leave his work for another to do. It is a sin for any to criticize and find fault with those who in their manner of working do not exactly meet their mind. Let none blame or censure the men who have labored at Madison. In the place of complaining at your brother's work, take up your own neglected work. Instead of picking flaws in your

brother's character, search your own heart, confess your sins, and act honestly with God. Let there be condemnation of self for the work that lies undone all about you. Instead of placing impediments in the way of those who are trying to accomplish something in the South, let your eyes be opened to see that time is passing, and that there is much for you to do. . . . [11MR191.02] p. 48, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Brethren Sutherland and [P. T.] 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. [11MR191.03] p. 49, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. . . . [11MR192.01] p. 49, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [11MR192.02] p. 49, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. . . . [11MR193.01] p. 49, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 32, 1908, pp. 4-10. (To Brethren in Positions of Responsibility, January 6, 1908.) [11MR193.02] p. 49, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Cooperation Between Schools and Sanitariums--The question has been asked if it would be well to establish our college [Pacific Union 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. . . . [11MR194.03] p. 50, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. In the primary school 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. [11MR195.01] p. 50, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [11MR195.02] p. 50, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. . . . [11MR195.03] p. 50, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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.-- Ms. 85, 1908, pp. 1-3. ("Cooperation Between Schools and Sanitariums," June 30, 1908.) [11MR195.04] p. 50, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Doctrine of Spiritual Affinities a Departure From the Faith--I have been shown your peril during the time of your connecting with Dr. E. J. Waggoner. You both came to the [General] Conference [session] 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. [12MR62.03] p. 50, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 224, 1908, p. 1. (To W. W. Prescott, June 24, 1908.) [12MR63.01] p. 50, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Holy Spirit Needed--The Holy Spirit is greatly needed in our schools. This divine agency comes to the world as Christ's representative. He is not only the faithful and true witness to the Word of God, but He is the searcher of the thoughts and purposes of the heart. He 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; His transforming influence was to bring even the thoughts into harmony with the will of God and establish a living connection between earth and heaven. [12MR147.03] p. 51, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 cooperation with the Master Teacher, the spirit of selfishness will be expelled, and wonderful transformations will take place.--Ms 69, 1908, p. 3. ("Teacher, Know Thyself," June 19, 1908.) [12MR148.01] p. 51, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Sanitarium, California--July 1, 1908--Elder W. W. Prescott, Takoma Park.--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. [12MR223.01] p. 51, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [12MR223.02] p. 51, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [12MR223.03] p. 51, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. 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 minds would be unfavorably impressed, and many who should be seeking most earnestly for the saving grace of Christ would be drawn into controversy? 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. [12MR224.01] p. 51, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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.

[12MR224.02] p. 52, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.

[12MR225.01] p. 52, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [12MR225.02] p. 52, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Study the 78th Psalm; it is worthy of our earnest consideration. A solemn work is before us, and the people of God should be far in advance of where they now stand in an understanding of eternal realities. What we need now is fishers of men. Let us as a people arouse to our duty to explain the truths of the Word to those who know them not. Begin earnest, self-sacrificing efforts for those who are perishing in their sins. Those who sow the seeds of truth will reap a rich harvest. The amount of good done by unselfish effort no human mind can estimate.--Letter 226, 1908. [12MR225.03] p. 52, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Lakeport a Good Place to Escape Pressures--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.--Letter 152, 1908. (Written from Sanitarium, California, to Mrs. L. M. Hall, Battle Creek, Michigan, May 12, 1908.) [12MR262.01] p. 52, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Beautiful Scenery and Visits to the Hurlbutt and Workman Homes--Last Sunday morning, between four and five o'clock, we started on our journey to Lake County. We first drove to Caligstoga, 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. [12MR262.02] p. 53, Para. 1, [1908MS].

W. C. White drove with me in the single buggy, Brother James leading the way in the platform wagon, in which were Professor E. A. Sutherland and Sara Mccenterfer and the luggage. [12MR263.01] p. 53, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [12MR263.02] p. 53, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 a 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. [12MR263.03] p. 53, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [12MR263.04] p. 53, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [12MR263.05] p. 53, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [12MR264.01] p. 53, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [12MR264.02] p. 53, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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. [12MR264.03] p. 54, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We could hope that sometime this place among the fir and hemlock, the birch and pines, 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. [12MR264.04] p. 54, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [12MR264.05] p. 54, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. Oh, 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. [12MR265.01] p. 54, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 29 years old working as a nurse at the sanitarium; another daughter of about 18 helps the mother in the home. There is a son about 15 years old and a little girl of 11. Mabel, Willie White's second daughter, is married to the eldest son of the family, and another is bookkeeper at Healdsburg College. [12MR265.02] p. 54, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Mabel and her husband are at Washington, where he is attending school and educating himself for a teacher and builder. [12MR265.03] p. 54, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [12MR265.04] p. 54, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [12MR266.01] p. 55, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [12MR266.02] p. 55, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [12MR266.03] p. 55, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 our 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. [12MR266.04] p. 55, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I hope you will think about what I have told you in this letter about my journey to Lake County. I feel that the trip has done me good.--Letter 118, 1908. (Written from Sanitarium, California, to the J. E. Whites--Edson and Emma--Edgefield, Tennessee, April 23, 1908.) [12MR266.05] p. 55, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Orlando To Be a Training Center for Medical Missionaries--
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 buildings that seem to be suitable for a sanitarium. [12MR310.01] p. 55, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [12MR310.02] p. 55, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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, care, and anxiety that would be required in the work of erecting the buildings ourselves. [12MR310.03] p. 55, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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 harvest field. [12MR310.04] p. 55, Para. 9, [1908MS].

Not long ago I wrote a letter to our people in Indiana, regarding their effort to establish a sanitarium in Lafayette. I will send a copy to you, because I desire our people in Florida to have the same encouragement and counsel.--Letter 220, 1908. (Written from Sanitarium, California, July 23, 1908, to the president of the Florida Conference.) [12MR311.01] p. 56, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Medical Missionary Work Is the Right Hand of the Gospel--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 Lafayette. The circumstances connected with the beginning of this work at Lafayette are certainly very encouraging. If the churches in Indiana will unite heartily to carry to completion this good work that has been begun, very many will be benefited thereby. [12MR311.02] p. 56, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [12MR311.03] p. 56, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [12MR312.01] p. 56, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [12MR312.02] p. 56, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [12MR312.03] p. 56, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The apostle Paul declares to us that we are not our own, that we are bought with a price. 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.

[12MR313.01] p. 57, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.

[12MR313.02] p. 57, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [12MR313.03] p. 57, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Study again and again the counsel given in *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, regarding "God's Design in Our Sanitariums."--Letter 218, 1908. [12MR314.01] p. 57, Para. 4, [1908MS].

(Written November 23, 1908, from Sanitarium, California, to J. D. Rice, Oakland California.) 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. [13MR384.01] p. 57, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [13MR384.02] p. 57, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 instruction. [13MR384.03] p. 57, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [13MR385.01] p. 58, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [13MR385.02] p. 58, Para. 2, [1908MS].

My brother and sister, light has been given me for you during the past night. You are to stand firmly to carry forward your appointed work--a work that will be blessed of God if you will walk humbly with Him. You have raised up a church in Richmond; you are not to be drawn from your work in that place. Continue to labor for those who appreciate your humble, earnest efforts. God will give you precious

victories. If you follow on to know the Lord, you will know His goings forth are prepared as the morning. Keep fast hold upon your Saviour. He was in sympathy with humanity wherever He found men and women hungering for the Word. I hope you will have courage in the Lord as you draw nigh to the needy and the afflicted as well as to those who possess worldly advantages. [13MR385.03] p. 58, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 of joy come to souls ready to perish. The Lord will certainly water the seed that is sown in hope and faith. [13MR386.01] p. 58, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 Counselor." [13MR386.02] p. 58, Para. 5, [1908MS].

I pray that the Lord will help you, and give you wisdom and strength for your work.--Letter 342, 1908. [13MR386.03] p. 58, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [14MR136.01] p. 59, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [14MR136.02] p. 59, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. I bid you be of good courage. In your labors, do not wait for some great and wonderful opening, but seize 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. [14MR136.03] p. 59, Para. 3, [1908MS].

We are close to the time spoken of by Daniel the prophet: "At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" [Dan. 12:1-3]. [14MR136.04] p. 59, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [14MR137.01] p. 59, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. The apostle writes: [Acts 10:1-

35, quoted]. [14MR137.02] p. 59, Para. 6, [1908MS].

I present to you this experience in which the Lord wrought for one who feared His name. We can learn from this duty 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. [14MR137.03] p. 59, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [14MR138.01] p. 60, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"Preach the gospel," is the word given of God. 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. [14MR138.02] p. 60, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [14MR138.03] p. 60, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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." [John 3:31-35, quoted.]--Manuscript 1, 1908. [14MR138.04] p. 60, Para. 4, [1908MS].

(Written December 15, 1908, to "Dear Brother and Sister [Metcalfe] Hare.") [14MR339.01] p. 60, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 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. [14MR339.02] p. 60, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Again, there is great virtue in well-cooked onions. Ask Edson White; he can tell you of the good that onions will do. [14MR339.03] p. 60, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [14MR339.04] p. 60, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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. [14MR340.01] p. 61, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [14MR340.02] p. 61, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." 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, thou good and faithful servant, . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [14MR340.03] p. 61, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 fullness 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. [14MR341.01] p. 61, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [14MR341.02] p. 61, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 [can] counterwork the influence that has hurt the cause of health reform and made us all ashamed. [14MR341.03] p. 62, Para. 1, [1908MS].

It is your privilege to cure this evil. You can become acquainted with the unbelieving [people in the South], 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. [14MR342.01] p. 62, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 the lines of health reform has 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. [14MR342.02] p. 62, Para. 3, [1908MS].

I shall hope to see you when we visit Washington, if God will that we go there. We do not know what the future will bring forth, or determine anything certainly. [14MR342.03] p. 62, Para. 4, [1908MS].

May the Lord bless you and guard you and teach you, is my

prayer.--Letter 348, 1908. [14MR342.04] p. 62, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 99, 1908, p. 7. [17MR31.06] p. 62, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 men before the Father, He would live His life on earth as every human being must, accepting its adversities 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. [17MR31.07] p. 62, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Christ in the weakness of humanity was to meet the temptations of one possessing the power 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.--Ms 117, 1908, pp. 3, 4. [17MR32.01] p. 63, Para. 1, [1908MS].

(Written July 14, 1908, from Sanitarium, California, to Charles I. Hirschmiller.)--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. [John 3:14-18, quoted.] [17MR83.01] p. 63, Para. 2, [1908MS].

You can see from these Scriptures that it is no virtue in anyone 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]. [17MR83.02] p. 63, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 claiming His saving grace. This is your only remedy--belief in the sacrifice that has been made in your behalf. [17MR83.03] p. 63, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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, and trusting it fully. [17MR84.01] p. 63, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [17MR84.02] p. 63, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." [17MR84.03] p. 63, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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" [Heb. 13:5]. Therefore you may say with humility, yet with firm confidence, "This God is my God forever and ever." [17MR84.04] p. 64, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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" [Prov. 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. [17MR85.01] p. 64, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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" [John 1:29]. 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. [17MR85.02] p. 64, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [17MR85.03] p. 64, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing 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" [Phil. 4:4-7]. [17MR85.04] p. 64, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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?--Letter 206, 1908. [17MR86.01] p. 64, Para. 6, [1908MS].

(Written February 10, 1908, from Sanitarium, California.)--
-"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 nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money" [Isa. 52:1-3].
[17MR162.01] p. 64, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The Lord has instructed me to say to our churches: There is no safety in placing confidence in human wisdom or strength. [Isa. 28: 9-17, quoted.] [17MR162.02] p. 65, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 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" [Isa. 33:14-17]. [17MR162.03] p. 65, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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, "or with what comparison shall we compare it?" 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. [17MR162.04] p. 65, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The prophet continues: [Isa. 33:20-24; 65:18-25, quoted]. [17MR163.01] p. 65, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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." 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. [17MR163.02] p. 65, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 lifegiving 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. [17MR163.03] p. 65, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [17MR164.01] p. 65, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Speaking to His church Christ said, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." 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. [17MR164.02] p. 66, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 cooperate with the divine. Men may pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven"; but if they fail of acting out this prayer in their lives, their petitions will be fruitless. [17MR164.03] p. 66, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." 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.
[17MR164.04] p. 66, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 instill in the hearts of men and women the belief that God is arbitrary and harsh in His dealings with His creatures. [17MR165.01] p. 66, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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.--Manuscript 9, 1908.
[17MR165.02] p. 66, Para. 5, [1908MS].

(Written December 17, 1908, from Sanitarium, California, to "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. [19MR376.01] p. 66, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [19MR376.02] p. 67, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [19MR376.03] p. 67, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." [19MR376.04] p. 67, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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, surely will be taken in Satan's snare. [19MR377.01] p. 67, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The angels of God have been holding the four winds that they shall not blow. John writes: [Rev. 7:1-4, 9-17, quoted.] [19MR377.02] p. 67, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 364, 1908. [19MR377.03] p. 67, Para. 6, [1908MS].

(Written January 6, 1908, from "Elmshaven," Sanitarium, California, 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. [20MR99.01] p. 67, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [20MR99.02] p. 67, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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 of men and women [who] 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. [20MR99.03] p. 67, Para. 9, [1908MS].

This matter has been presented to me again and again. I now bear my testimony in the name of the Lord to those whom it concerns: Wherever you are, withhold your forbiddings. The work of God is not to be thus trammelled. [20MR99.04] p. 68, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [20MR99.05] p. 68, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 medical 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. [20MR99.06] p. 68, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [20MR100.01] p. 68, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [20MR100.02] p. 68, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The school at Madison not only educates in a knowledge of the Scriptures, but it gives a practical training that fits the student to go forth as a self-supporting missionary to the field to which he is called. In his student days he is taught how to build, simply and substantially, how to cultivate the land and care for the stock. All these lines are of great educational value. To this is added the knowledge of how to treat the sick and care for the injured. This training for medical missionary work is one of the grandest objects for which any school can be established. There are many suffering from disease and injuries who, when relieved of pain, will be prepared to listen to the truth. Our Saviour was a mighty healer. In His name there may be many miracles wrought in the South and in other conferences, through the instrumentality of the trained medical missionary. Therefore, centers for training must be formed. [20MR100.03] p. 68, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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

special light the Lord has given are not to be hindered in any way, for the Lord is leading them. [20MR100.04] p. 69, Para. 1, [1908MS].

It would have been pleasing to God if, while the Madison school has been doing its work, similar schools had been established in different parts of the Southern field. No soul should be left in darkness if by any possible means he can be enlightened. [20MR100.05] p. 69, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There is plenty of land lying waste in the South that might have been improved as the land about the Madison school has been improved. The time is soon coming when God's people, because of persecution, will be scattered in many countries. Those who have received an all-round education will have the advantage wherever they are. The Lord reveals divine wisdom in thus leading His people to the training of all their faculties and capabilities for the work of disseminating truth. [20MR101.01] p. 69, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [20MR101.02] p. 69, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I am instructed to say to those who have means to loan or to give: Help the work at Madison. You have no time to lose. Satan will soon rise up to create hindrances; plenty of them. I am instructed to say to these men: Follow the instruction of the Lord. Let the work go forward while it may. This is no time for weakness to be woven into our experience. Do not spend money for story magazines and cheap literature, now so often found in your homes; but take your means--that which you have invested in houses and lands and bank stock--and say, I will use this in employing men and women to give the last message of warning to the world. The workers at Madison are capable of giving right instruction, and they should be encouraged. This is a work that the Lord will approve. [20MR101.03] p. 69, Para. 5, [1908MS].

When the Holy Spirit is allowed to mold our hearts and lives, there will be much more confidence expressed in the workers who are now struggling with difficulties in hard places. Each worker needs to take his own individual case

before the Lord, and examine himself, instead of examining the fancied shortcomings of his brother. We each need to realize our own weakness and be constantly on guard. Satan is watching to take us unawares, and many are ignorant of their own defects of character. [20MR101.04] p. 69, Para. 6, [1908MS].

We need to read and understand the message of Ezekiel 2: [Verse 1-8, quoted]. [20MR101.05] p. 69, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Again the prophet writes: [Eze. 3:16-21, quoted]. [20MR101.06] p. 70, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [20MR101.07] p. 70, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [20MR102.01] p. 70, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [20MR102.02] p. 70, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [20MR102.03] p. 70, Para. 5,

[1908MS].

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. [20MR102.04] p. 70, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [20MR102.05] p. 70, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [20MR102.06] p. 70, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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. [20MR102.07] p. 71, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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," 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. [20MR103.01] p. 71, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." [20MR103.02] p. 71, Para. 3, [1908MS].

To all who would mark out a certain definite course for their brother to pursue, the Lord says, Stand out of the way. Satan and his emissaries are doing enough of this kind of work. We are altogether too near the close of this earth's history to seek to block the wheels of the chariot of truth. God's workers are to come into line, to pray together, to counsel together. And whenever it is impossible for them to gather for counsel, God will instruct through His Spirit those who sincerely desire to serve Him.--Letter 32a, 1908. [20MR103.03] p. 71, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [20MR264.01] p. 71, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [20MR264.02] p. 71, Para. 6,

[1908MS].

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. God has so clearly specified His claims upon the seventh day, that no soul need be in darkness. [20MR264.03] p. 71, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [20MR264.04] p. 72, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [20MR264.05] p. 72, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [20MR264.06] p. 72, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [20MR265.01] p. 72, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. 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, enquire 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" [Matt. 10:5-11, 16]. [20MR265.02] p. 72, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [20MR265.03] p. 72, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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, were 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. [20MR265.04] p. 72, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [20MR265.05] p. 73, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. 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. [20MR266.01] p. 73, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." "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." Servants of God, you have great advantages, which you should appreciate. [20MR266.02] p. 73, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 which shall believe on Me through their word; that

they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." [20MR266.03] p. 73, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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? [20MR267.01] p. 73, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [20MR267.02] p. 74, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [20MR267.03] p. 74, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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.--Ms 5, 1908. [20MR267.04] p. 74, Para. 3, [1908MS].

(Written in July, 1908, from St. Helena, California, to 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. [20MR352.01] p. 74, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [20MR352.02] p. 74, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [20MR352.03] p. 74, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [20MR352.04] p. 75, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Oh, 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. [20MR352.05] p. 75, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 cooperated with the human instrument. [20MR353.01] p. 75, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [20MR353.02] p. 75, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [20MR353.03] p. 75, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [20MR353.04] p. 75, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 cooperate. [20MR353.05] p. 76, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [20MR354.01] p. 76, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [20MR354.02] p. 76, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 reasons. 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. [20MR354.03] p. 76, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 campground 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. [20MR354.04] p. 76, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 239, 1908. [20MR355.01] p. 77, Para. 1, [1908MS].

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

May 6, 1908 "Follow Me, and I Will Make You Fishers of Men".--And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed

upon Him to hear the word of God, He stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake; but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And He sat down, and taught the people out of the ship." [ST 05-06-08 para. 01] p. 77, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The discourse ended, Jesus turned to Peter, and bade him launch out into the sea, and let down his net for a draft; but Peter was disheartened. All night he had taken nothing. During the lonely hours he had thought of the fate of John the Baptist, who was languishing alone in his dungeon. He had thought of the prospect before Jesus and His followers, and of the ill-success of the mission to Judea, and the malice of the priests and rabbis. Even his own occupation had failed him; and as he watched by the empty nets, the future had seemed dark with discouragement. "Master," he said, "we have toiled all night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net." [ST 05-06-08 para. 02] p. 77, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Night was the only favorable time for fishing with nets in the clear waters of the lake. After toiling all night without success, it seemed hopeless to cast the net by day; but Jesus had given the command, and love for their Master moved the disciples to obey. Simon and his brother together let down the net. As they attempted to draw it in, so great was the quantity of fish enclosed that it began to break. They were obliged to summon James and John to their aid. When the catch was secured, both the boats were so heavily laden that they were in danger of sinking. [ST 05-06-08 para. 03] p. 77, Para. 4, [1908MS].

But Peter was unmindful now of boats or lading. This miracle, above any other he had ever witnessed, was to him a manifestation of divine power. In Jesus he saw One who held all nature under His control. The presence of Divinity revealed his own unholiness. Love for his Master, shame for his own unbelief, gratitude for the condescension of Christ, above all, the sense of his uncleanness in the presence of infinite purity, overwhelmed him. While his companions were securing the contents of the net, Peter fell at the Saviour's feet exclaiming, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." [ST 05-06-08 para. 04] p. 77, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Altho Peter said to Christ, "Depart from me," he still clung to the Saviour's knees, feeling that he could not be parted from Him. "And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." When they had brought their ships to land, Peter and his companions forsook all, and followed Jesus. Thus were these humble fishermen called by the God of heaven to their lifework. [ST 05-06-08 para. 05] p. 77, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Every one who in living faith follows Jesus, with an eye single to His glory, will see of the salvation of God just as surely as these discouraged fishermen saw their boats filled by the miraculous draft. It was because Christ was in the ship that they were successful in their efforts to catch fish. The indwelling presence of the Saviour is equally necessary in the work of winning souls. [ST 05-06-08 para. 06] p. 78, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In order to save the fallen race, Christ, the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, clothed His divinity with humanity, and came to this earth as our Redeemer. Here He lived as a Man among men, meeting the temptations that we must meet, and overcoming thru strength from above. By His sinless life He demonstrated that thru the power of God it is possible for man to withstand Satan's temptations. [ST 05-06-08 para. 07] p. 78, Para. 2, [1908MS].

We may endeavor to resist temptation in our own strength, doing our best to overcome; but we shall meet with disappointment after disappointment. And thus it is in our efforts to win men and women to the Saviour. Dependence on our own wisdom will result in repeated failure, causing us much anxiety and sorrow. This was the condition of mind in which Christ found the fishermen on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, after their night of unrewarded labor. [ST 05-06-08 para. 08] p. 78, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Long had the fishermen toiled that night; often had they been disappointed, as time and again the net was drawn up empty. But now, at the bidding of the Divine One, they launched out into the deep, and once more cast their net into the sea. And what an abundance of fish they gathered! The sight of the miraculous draft swept away their unbelief, and they were ready to respond to the Saviour's invitation to follow Him, and learn to be fishers of men.

[ST 05-06-08 para. 09] p. 78, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The breaking net, the sinking ship, the surprise and gratitude of Peter and his companions, their willingness to follow the Saviour and to do His bidding--all these are object-lessons for us in the work of soul-saving. However long and faithfully we may toil in our human strength, we can hope for no results for good; but as soon as we welcome Christ into the heart, He works with and thru us for the salvation of souls. [ST 05-06-08 para. 10] p. 78, Para. 5, [1908MS].

God has promised to cooperate with those who choose to labor in harmony with His purpose. We are to do our utmost to act our part faithfully, in order that He may demonstrate to the world what He can do thru us. "Ye are laborers together with God," He declares. It is God that gives success to human endeavor. Without His presence with us, our efforts would amount to nothing. We are simply channels thru which His blessings flow to our fellow beings. From every one in whose heart Christ is an abiding presence, will go forth a power that will influence others to accept the Saviour as their Redeemer. *By Mrs. E. G. White.* [ST 05-06-08 para. 11] p. 78, Para. 6, [1908MS].

May 20, 1908 Our Comfort in Trial.--God sees and tenderly sympathizes with those who are tempted. He hears the voice of supplication and distress. Not a groan, not a tear, not a sigh, escapes His notice. Christ came to this world to work out the plan of redemption in man's behalf, to show him how to overcome the temptations of the enemy. Will God, then, withhold from His children anything that will perfect their characters? If He did not love us, this great sacrifice would not have been made. [ST 05-20-08 para. 01] p. 78, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ. Whatever comes to him comes from the Saviour, who surrounds him with His presence. Nothing can touch him except by the Lord's permission. All our sufferings and sorrows, all our temptations and trials, all our sadness and griefs, all our persecutions and privations, in short, all things work together for good. All experiences and circumstances are God's workmen whereby good is brought to

us. [ST 05-20-08 para. 02] p. 79, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The gift of Christ is our pledge of help in trouble, and of victory in conflict. In Christ is the strength of His people; for to Him all power has been given. "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 not faint." [ST 05-20-08 para. 03] p. 79, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In the darkest hour, let faith pierce the cloud surrounding you; for Christ is behind, and He does all things well. We have a covenant-keeping God, who knows all our necessities, a God who unites with His majesty the gentleness and tenderness of the shepherd. He has pledged Himself to supply all our need. Have faith in Him; for His honor is at stake. He will not alter the thing that has gone out of His mouth. He will fulfil His promise. Absolute power is His, and no obstacle can stand before Him. His understanding is infinite; He can not err. He is never in perplexity in regard to the means that He will employ. He says, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee. . . . I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee." [ST 05-20-08 para. 04] p. 79, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Nothing of the world can make sad those whom Jesus makes glad by His presence. In perfect acquiescence there is perfect peace. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusted in Thee." Our lives may seem a tangle; but as we commit our lives to the keeping of the Master-worker, He will bring out the pattern of life and character that will be to His own glory. [ST 05-20-08 para. 05] p. 79, Para. 4, [1908MS].

As thru Jesus we enter into rest, heaven begins here. We respond to His invitation, "Come, learn of Me," and in thus coming, we begin the life eternal. Heaven is a ceaseless approaching to God thru Christ. The longer we are in the heaven of bliss, the more and still more of glory will be revealed to us; and the more we know of God the more intense will be our happiness. As we walk with Jesus in this life, we may be filled with His love, satisfied with His presence. All that human nature can bear, we may

receive here. But what is this compared with the hereafter! There "are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." *By Mrs. E. G. White.* [ST 05-20-08 para. 06] p. 79, Para. 5, [1908MS].

June 3, 1908 True Happiness in Service.--The man whose experience is least to be envied is the one who shuts up his sympathies within his own heart. Those who get the most good out of life, who feel the truest satisfaction, are those who receive to give. Those who live for self are always in want; for they are never satisfied. There is no Christianity in shutting our sympathies up in our own selfish hearts. We are to bring brightness and blessing into the lives of others. The Lord has chosen us as His channels thru which to communicate His blessings. [ST 06-03-08 para. 01] p. 80, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Lord has provided for every one pleasure that may be enjoyed by rich and poor alike,--the pleasure found in cultivating pureness of thought and unselfishness of action, the pleasure that comes from speaking sympathizing words and doing kindly deeds. From those who perform such service, the light of Christ shines forth to brighten lives darkened by shadows. [ST 06-03-08 para. 02] p. 80, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Christ bound men to His heart by the ties of love and devotion; and by the same ties He bound them to their fellow men. With Him love was life, and life was service. "Freely ye have received," He said, "freely give." [ST 06-03-08 para. 03] p. 80, Para. 3, [1908MS].

It was not on the cross only that Christ sacrificed Himself for humanity. As "He went about doing good," every day's experience was an outpouring of His life. In one way only could such a life be sustained. Jesus lived in dependence upon God and communion with Him. To the secret place of the Most High, under the shadow of the Almighty, men now and then repair; they abide for a season, and the result is manifest in noble deeds; then their life fails, the communion is interrupted, and the lifework marred. But

the life of Jesus was a life of constant trust, sustained by continual communion; and His service for heaven and earth was without failure or faltering. [ST 06-03-08 para. 04] p. 80, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." Looking upon men in their suffering and degradation, Christ perceived ground for hope where appeared only despair and ruin. Wherever there existed a sense of need, there He saw opportunity for uplifting. Souls tempted, defeated, feeling themselves lost, ready to perish, He met, not with denunciation, but with blessing. [ST 06-03-08 para. 05] p. 80, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The beatitudes were His greeting to the whole human family. Looking upon the vast throng gathered to listen to the Sermon on the Mount, He seemed to have forgotten for the moment that He was not in heaven, and He used the familiar salutation of the world of light. From His lips flowed blessings as the gushing forth of a long-sealed fountain. [ST 06-03-08 para. 06] p. 80, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Turning from the ambitious, self-satisfied favorites of this world, He declared that those were blessed who, however great their need, would receive His light and love. To the poor in spirit, the sorrowing, the persecuted, He stretched out His arms, saying, "Come unto me, . . . and I will give you rest." [ST 06-03-08 para. 07] p. 80, Para. 7, [1908MS].

In every human being He discerned infinite possibilities. He saw men as they might be, transfigured by His grace,--in "the beauty of the Lord our God." Looking upon them with hope, He inspired hope. Meeting them with confidence, He inspired trust. Revealing in Himself man's true ideal, He awakened, for its attainment, both desire and faith. In His presence, souls despised and fallen realized that they still were men, and they longed to prove themselves worthy of His regard. In many a heart that seemed dead to all things holy were awakened new impulses. To many a despairing one there opened the possibility of a new life. [ST 06-03-08 para. 08] p. 81, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Every true, self-sacrificing worker is willing to spend and be spent for the sake of others. Christ says, "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life

in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honor." By earnest, thoughtful efforts to help where help is needed, the true Christian shows his love for God and for his fellow beings. He may lose his life in service; but when Christ gathers His jewels to Himself, he will find it again. [ST 06-03-08 para. 09] p. 81, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There are many souls in perplexity, weighed down by a load of guilt. They desire to be delivered from sin. They have wandered from the springs of true happiness, and have poisoned their lives by drinking of the murky waters of transgression. They need the help of a friendly, outstretched hand. Teach them how to reach upward, how to live so that they will gain the respect of their fellow men. Altho the will has been depraved and weakened, there is hope for them in Christ. He will waken in their hearts higher impulses and holier desires. [ST 06-03-08 para. 10] p. 81, Para. 3, [1908MS].

They need to hear words of encouragement, that they may lay hold of the hope set before them in the Gospel. The promises of God's word will be to them as the leaves of the tree of life. Patiently continue your efforts, until with grateful joy the trembling hand grasps the hope of redemption thru Christ. [ST 06-03-08 para. 11] p. 81, Para. 4, [1908MS].

It is the one who has been tempted and tried, and whose hope was well-nigh gone, but who was saved by hearing a message of love, who can best understand the message of soul-saving. He whose heart is filled with the love of Christ, because he has been sought for by the Saviour, and brought back to the fold, knows how to work for others. He can point sinners to the Lamb of God. He has given himself without reserve to God, and has been accepted in the Beloved. The hand that in his weakness he held out for help has been grasped. By the ministry of such ones many prodigals will be brought to the Father, to present themselves before Him in contrition and penitence. *By Mrs. E. G. White.* [ST 06-03-08 para. 12] p. 81, Para. 5, [1908MS].

June 10, 1908 Unreserved Surrender.--Those who would at last be received into heaven as members of the royal family must here give themselves--body, soul, and spirit--to the

service of Him who paid the price of their redemption. All that we have and are belongs to the Lord. "Ye are not your own," the apostle declares; "for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [ST 06-10-08 para. 01] p. 81, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Christ declares, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory, and the Father's, and of the holy angels." [ST 06-10-08 para. 02] p. 82, Para. 1, [1908MS].

By the casting of grain into the earth, the Saviour represents His sacrifice for us. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die," He says, "it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Only thru the sacrifice of Christ, the Seed, could fruit be brought forth for the service of God. [ST 06-10-08 para. 03] p. 82, Para. 2, [1908MS].

So with all who bring forth fruit as workers together with Christ, self-love, self-interest, must perish; the life must be cast into the furrow of the world's need. But the law of self-sacrifice is the law of self-preservation. The husbandman preserves his grain by casting it away. So the life that will be preserved is the life that is freely given in service to God and man. [ST 06-10-08 para. 04] p. 82, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The fulfilment of the promise that we shall be joint-heirs with Christ rests upon our willingness to deny self. When Christ takes possession of His kingdom, it will be those who on this earth have followed Him in self-denial and self-sacrifice that will receive the reward of everlasting life. [ST 06-10-08 para. 05] p. 82, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ's call to sacrifice and unreserved surrender means crucifixion of self. In order to obey it, we must have unquestioning faith in Him as the perfect example, and a clear realization that we are to represent Him to the world. The characters of those who work for Christ are to

be conformed to His character. They are to work in His lines; they are to live His life. His call to unreserved surrender is to be to them supreme. They are to allow no earthly tie or interest to prevent them from giving Him the homage of their hearts and the service of their lives. Earnestly and untiringly they are to labor with God to save perishing souls from the power of the tempter. [ST 06-10-08 para. 06] p. 82, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Those who are thus connected with Christ learn constantly of Him, passing thru the successive stages of progress in Christian experience. Difficulty and perplexity come to them that they may learn more perfectly the will and way of Christ. But they pray and believe, and by exercise their faith increases. [ST 06-10-08 para. 07] p. 82, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"Take My yoke upon you," Christ said, as in human nature He lived and worked upon this earth. Constantly He wore the yoke of submission, meeting the difficulties that human beings must meet, bearing the trials that they must bear. The enemy will constantly assault as he assaulted Christ, bringing against us strong temptation. But for every one there is a way of escape. "Take My yoke upon you," Christ says, "and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [ST 06-10-08 para. 08] p. 82, Para. 7, [1908MS].

God's true workers accept their calling with an understanding of the conditions on which they serve the Master who was crucified for them. They stand ready to go where God sends them. They hold their possessions at His disposal, regarding themselves as stewards of His grace. Such Christians Christ counts worthy of a place in His kingdom. Their hearts throb in unison with the heart of Christ. Hearing the Macedonian cry, they say, "Lord, here am I; send me." Desire ripens into earnest endeavor as they move forward in His strength. They delight to testify of their loyalty to Him whose goodness they can never repay. Their hearts are filled with thanksgiving to Him whose mercies are too numerous to be numbered; and their great desire is to do something for Him who loves them and calls them His friends. *By Mrs. E. G. White.* [ST 06-10-08 para. 09] p. 83, Para. 1, [1908MS].

July 8, 1908 Teaching Lessons of Purity.--It is the

mother's privilege to bless the world by her influence, and in doing this, she will bring joy to her own heart. She may make straight paths for the feet of her children, thru sunshine and shadow, to the glorious heights above. But it is only when she seeks in her own life to follow the teachings of Christ, that the mother can hope to form the character of her children after the divine Example. [ST 07-08-08 para. 01] p. 83, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The world teems with corrupting influences. Fashion and custom exert a strong power over the young. From their infancy children should be taught lessons of purity. Mothers can not begin too early to fill the minds of their children with pure, holy thoughts. And one way of doing this is to keep everything about them clean and pure. [ST 07-08-08 para. 02] p. 83, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Mothers, if you desire your children's thoughts to be pure, let their surroundings be pure. Let their sleeping-rooms be scrupulously neat and clean. Teach them habits of order and neatness. See that they have a daily bath, followed by friction until their bodies are aglow. Tell them that God does not like to see His children with unclean bodies and ragged garments. Then go farther and speak of inward purity. Let it be your constant effort to uplift and ennoble your children. [ST 07-08-08 para. 03] p. 83, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Order is Heaven's first law, and the Lord desires His people to give in their homes a representation of the order and harmony which pervade the heavenly courts. Truth never places her delicate feet in the path of uncleanness and impurity. Truth does not make men and women coarse or rough or untidy. It raises all who accept it to a higher level. Under Christ's influence, a work of constant refinement goes on. [ST 07-08-08 para. 04] p. 83, Para. 5, [1908MS].

We are living in the last days. Soon Christ is coming for His people, to take them to the mansions He is preparing for them. But nothing that defiles can enter those mansions. Heaven is pure and holy, and those who pass thru the gates of the city of God must be clothed with inward and outward purity. They must be without "spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." The charge to us is, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters,

saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." [ST 07-08-08 para. 05] p. 83, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Influence of Association. God's word places great stress upon the influence of association, even upon men and women. How much greater is its power upon the developing mind and character of children and youth! The company they keep, the principles they adopt, the habits they form, will decide the question of their usefulness here, and of their future eternal interest. [ST 07-08-08 para. 06] p. 84, Para. 1, [1908MS].

It is a terrible fact, and one that should make the hearts of parents tremble, that in so many of the schools and colleges to which the youth are sent for mental culture and discipline, influences prevail which misshape the character, divert the mind from life's true aims, and debase the morals. Thru contact with the irreligious, the pleasure-loving, and the corrupt, many, many youth lose the simplicity and purity, the faith in God, and the spirit of self-sacrifice that Christian fathers and mothers have cherished and guarded by careful instruction and earnest prayer. [ST 07-08-08 para. 07] p. 84, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Many who enter school with the purpose of fitting themselves for some line of unselfish ministry become absorbed in secular studies. An ambition is aroused to win distinction in scholarship and to gain position and honor in the world. The purpose for which they entered school is lost sight of, and the life is given up to selfish and worldly pursuits. And often habits are formed that ruin the life both for this world and for the world to come. [ST 07-08-08 para. 08] p. 84, Para. 3, [1908MS].

As a rule, men and women who have broad ideas, unselfish purposes, noble aspirations, are those in whom these characteristics were developed by their association in early years. In all His dealings with Israel, God urged upon them the importance of guarding the associations of their children. All the arrangements of civil, religious, and social life were made with a view to preserving the children from harmful companionship, and making them, from their earliest years, familiar with the precepts and principles of the law of God. The object-lesson given at

the birth of the nation was of a nature deeply to impress all hearts. Before the last terrible judgment came upon the Egyptians in the death of the firstborn, God commanded His people to gather their children into their own homes. The doorpost of every house was marked with blood, and within the protection assured by this token all were to abide. So to-day parents who love and fear God are to keep their children under "the bond of the covenant,"--within the protection of those sacred influences made possible thru Christ's redeeming blood. *By Mrs. E. G. White.* [ST 07-08-08 para. 09] p. 84, Para. 4, [1908MS].

July 15, 1908 Christ's Example in Prayer.--Prayer is communion with God. It is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him. [ST 07-15-08 para. 01] p. 84, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Jesus Himself, while He dwelt among men, was often in prayer. Prayer went before and sanctified every act of His ministry. It was by prayer that He was braced for duty and for trial. He is a brother in our infirmities, and was "in all points tempted like as we are;" but as the Sinless One, His nature recoiled from evil; He endured struggles and torture of soul in a world of sin. His humanity made prayer a necessity and a privilege. [ST 07-15-08 para. 02] p. 84, Para. 6, [1908MS].

To the believing Jews in Jerusalem in the time of Christ, Olivet was a frequent resort for devotion. The hills and valleys about Jerusalem, now so bleak and bare, were then studded with olive groves and orchards, and here the faithful in Israel would often go to search the Scriptures and to pray. The Garden of Gethsemane was among the places thus frequented. It was to this place, when the city of Jerusalem was hushed in the silence of midnight, that Jesus often repaired for communion with His Father. When those to whom He had ministered all the day went every man to his house, Jesus, we read, "went unto the Mount of Olives." He would sometimes take His disciples with Him to this place of retirement, that they might join their prayers with His. In prayer Christ had power with God, and prevailed. Morning by morning, and evening by evening, He received grace that He might impart to others. Then, His soul replenished with grace and fervor, He would set forth to minister to the

souls of men. [ST 07-15-08 para. 03] p. 85, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We should not think that Christ's need of prayer in His human life lessens His dignity as our Redeemer. He came to be our Example in all things. He identified Himself with our weakness that we might identify ourselves with His strength. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet He did not yield in a single instance to the sins that were proving the ruin of the sons of men. Thru prayer and communion with God, we, like Him, are to come forth refreshed and strengthened for the battles of life. [ST 07-15-08 para. 04] p. 85, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In the Saviour's last recorded prayer for His disciples, we are given an inspiring view of the divine and human that combined in the nature of Christ. Behold the kneeling form in the shadow of Olivet! As a humble suppliant the Saviour pleads for strength for Himself and for His disciples in the coming struggle. With strong crying and tears He pleads in behalf of those whom He has called out from the world to give the message of salvation to men. "I have given them Thy word; and the world hath hated them," He pleads. "I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth." "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word." [ST 07-15-08 para. 05] p. 85, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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." [ST 07-15-08 para. 06] p. 85, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Son of God, now at the Father's right hand, still pleads as man's intercessor. He still retains His human nature, is still the Saviour of mankind. We need to appreciate more than we do the precious privilege we have of presenting our petitions to Him as He presented His prayers to the Father. "I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. . . . If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he

ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" [ST 07-15-08 para. 07] p. 85, Para. 5, [1908MS].

It is only at the altar of God that we kindle the taper with holy fire. It is only the divine light that will reveal the littleness, the incompetence, of human ability, and give clear, distinct views of the perfection and purity of Jesus Christ. It is only as we behold Jesus that we desire to become like Him. Only as we view His righteousness do we hunger and thirst to possess it. Only as we ask in earnest prayer and with the humility and simplicity of a little child, can God grant us our heart's desire. Such prayer is heard and answered. The Lord is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to those who earnestly desire it than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children. Christ has promised the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth and righteousness and holiness. The Spirit of God is not given by measure to those who earnestly seek for it, who by faith stand upon the promises of God. They plead the pledged word of God, saying, "Thou hast said it. I will take Thee at Thy word." [ST 07-15-08 para. 08] p. 86, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Comforter is given that He may take of the things of Christ and show them unto us, that He may present in their rich assurance the words that fell from His lips, and convey them with living power to the soul who is obedient, who is emptied of self. It is then that the soul receives the image and superscription of the Divine. Then Christ is formed within, the hope of glory. *By Mrs. E. G. White.* [ST 07-15-08 para. 09] p. 86, Para. 2, [1908MS].

July 22, 1908 "God Is Our Refuge".--In his long life, David found on earth no resting-place. In his manhood a hunted fugitive, finding refuge in the rocks and caves of the wilderness, he wrote: "O God, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee: My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee In a dry and thirsty land, where no water is. . . . Thou hast been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice." "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; For I shall yet praise Him, Who is the health of my countenance, And my God." "God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." [ST 07-22-08 para. 01] p. 86, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In the ninety-first psalm is a most wonderful description of the coming of the Lord to bring the wickedness of the wicked to an end, in which He gives to those who have chosen Him as their Redeemer the assurance of His love and protecting care: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, And under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; Nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, And ten thousand at thy right hand; But it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold And see the reward of the wicked. "Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, Even the Most High, thy habitation: There shall no evil befall thee, Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, To keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under foot. Because He hath set His love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him." [ST 07-22-08 para. 02] p. 86, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The time has come when the righteous should understand that the judgments of God are to fall upon all those who transgress His law, but that those who walk humbly before Him will triumph with holy gladness, realizing constantly that they are under the assuring protection of His everlasting covenant of love. As Jehovah is holy, He requires His people to be holy, pure, undefiled; for "without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Those who worship Him in sincerity and truth will be accepted by Him. So long as God's people, in this time of peril, are sincere

and upright, pure and undefiled, and trust alone in the One who is all-wise, all-merciful, and full of compassion, they walk in safe paths, and will not be turned aside. God is their defense, their front-guard and rearward. [ST 07-22-08 para. 03] p. 87, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Slighting God's Mercies. At any moment God could withdraw from the impenitent the tokens of His wonderful mercy and love. O, that human agencies would consider what will be the sure result of their ingratitude to Him, their disregard of the infinite Gift of Christ to the world! Loving transgression more than obedience, the blessings of God, which they enjoy but do not appreciate, will become the occasion of their eternal ruin. Choosing to engage in worldly amusements and sinful pleasures rather than to check themselves in a course of sin and live for the honor of God, they learn too late what it means to be without God, without hope. Then they learn what they have lost by choosing to stand in rebellion to His commandments. In the past they have defied His power, rejected His overtures of mercy. When His judgments fall upon them they realize that they have lost happiness, life--eternal life in the heavenly courts. Surely they will say, "Our life was full of madness against God, and now we are lost." [ST 07-22-08 para. 04] p. 87, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In the time when God's judgments are falling without mercy, O, how enviable to the wicked will be the position of those who abide "in the secret place of the Most High,"--the pavilion in which the Lord hides all who have loved Him and obeyed His commandments. But when probation has ended, the door of mercy is closed to the wicked. No more prayers in their behalf are answered. [ST 07-22-08 para. 05] p. 87, Para. 3, [1908MS].

There Is Yet Time. But this time has not yet come. Mercy's sweet voice is still heard. The Lord is still calling sinners to come to Him. As the light of truth reaches their hearts, will they repent and be converted? Will they, in humility, in meekness and lowliness of heart, come to the foot of the cross to learn of Jesus? Will they say to Him, "I will wash mine hands in innocency; so will I compass Thine altar, O Lord: that I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all thy wondrous works"? [ST 07-22-08 para. 06] p. 87, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The righteous understand God's government, and will

triumph with holy gladness in the everlasting protection and salvation that Christ thru His merits has secured for them. Great joy will come to them in that day when every man shall receive according to his works; and songs of joy will burst from their lips as they recall all that God has done for His people. [ST 07-22-08 para. 07] p. 87, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Until that day of final triumph comes, it is the privilege of every trusting believer to join in the song: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, My heart shall not fear: Though war should rise against me, Even then will I be confident. One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple; For in the day of trouble He shall keep me secretly in His pavilion: In the covert of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall lift me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me; And I will offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord." *By Mrs. E. G. White.* [ST 07-22-08 para. 08] p. 88, Para. 1, [1908MS].

August 12, 1908 The Grace of God.--The grace of God is the chief theme of the Gospel. God's grace is the manifestation of His love--a love that makes it possible, thru Christ, for fallen man to be saved, makes possible the union and cooperation of humanity with divinity. [ST 08-12-08 para. 01] p. 88, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Not because we first loved Him did Christ love us; but "while we were yet sinners," He died for us. He does not treat us according to our desert. Altho our sins have merited condemnation, He does not condemn us. Year after year He has borne with our weakness and ignorance, with our ingratitude and waywardness; notwithstanding our wanderings, our hardness of heart, our neglect of His Holy word, His hand is stretched out still. [ST 08-12-08 para. 02] p. 88, Para. 3, [1908MS].

At what infinite cost to the Father and to the Son was the merciful, wondrous provision made for our redemption!

Christ stepped down from His high estate as Commander in the heavenly courts; and laying aside His royal robe and kingly crown, clothed his divinity with humanity, and came to this earth, that He might dwell with us and give to men and women grace to overcome as He overcame. The disobedience of Adam in believing the falsehood of Satan cost the life of the Son of God; but notwithstanding the great and immeasurable cost, the love and goodness of God shine forth brighter than even at the first creation. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." [ST 08-12-08 para. 03] p. 88, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Lord God thru Jesus Christ holds out His hand all the day long in invitation to the sinful and the fallen. He will receive all. He welcomes all. It is His glory to pardon the chief of sinners. He will take the prey from the mighty; He will deliver the captive; He will pluck the brand from the burning; He will lower the golden chain of His mercy to the lowest depths of human wretchedness and woe, and lift up the debased soul defiled with sin. [ST 08-12-08 para. 04] p. 88, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Every human being is the object of loving interest to Him who gave His life that He might bring men back to God. Souls guilty and helpless, liable to be destroyed by the arts and snares of Satan, are cared for as a shepherd cares for the sheep of his flock. [ST 08-12-08 para. 05] p. 88, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The Saviour's example is to be the standard of our service for the tempted and the erring. The same interest and tenderness and longsuffering that He has manifested toward us, we are to manifest toward others. "As I have loved you," He says, "that ye also love one another." If Christ dwells in us, we shall reveal His unselfish love toward all with whom we have to do. As we see men and women in need of sympathy and help, we shall not ask, "Are they worthy?" but "How can I benefit them?" [ST 08-12-08 para. 06] p. 89, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The wonderful example of the life of Christ, the matchless tenderness with which He entered into the feelings of the oppressed, His joy over those who rejoiced in His love, can not fail to have a deep influence upon the character of all who follow Him in sincerity. Learning of Him, they will give their sympathy, not grudgingly, but liberally; by kindly words and acts they will try to make the path easy

for weary feet. By the grace of God revealed in human kindness and love, many things that appear formidable will be overcome. Self-renunciation will be the law of the life. [ST 08-12-08 para. 07] p. 89, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It is Christ's desire that His children shall reach this place. He longs to reveal thru them the treasure of His grace. He says to them, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." And He says this because He knows that it is possible for them to reach perfection. The life that He lived in this world, they can live. He met the foe single-handed, as they must meet him. He asked for and received power to enable Him to overcome in conflict. And those who walk in God's way have the same power. The same angels that ministered to Christ minister to those also who shall be heirs of salvation. [ST 08-12-08 para. 08] p. 89, Para. 3, [1908MS].

It is our own character and experience that determine our influence upon others. In order to convince others of the power of Christ's grace, we must know its power in our own hearts and lives. The Gospel we present for the saving of souls must be the Gospel by which our own souls are saved. Only thru a living faith in Christ as a personal Saviour is it possible to make our influence felt in a skeptical world. If we would draw sinners out of the swift-running current, our own feet must be firmly set on the Rock, Christ Jesus. [ST 08-12-08 para. 09] p. 89, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The badge of Christianity is not an outward sign, not the wearing of a cross or a crown, but it is that which reveals the union of man with God. By the power of His grace manifested in the transformation of character the world is to be convinced that God has sent His Son as its Redeemer. No other influence that can surround the human soul has such power as the influence of an unselfish life. The strongest argument in favor of the Gospel is a loving and lovable Christian. [ST 08-12-08 para. 10] p. 89, Para. 5, [1908MS].

To every one who becomes a partaker of His grace, the Lord appoints a work for others; and the grace of God in all its fulness and efficiency is promised to those who engage in His service. The love that is bestowed by the Holy One is to be manifested by them to others. As we study the life of Christ, talk of Him, become more and more able to behold

Him; as we avail ourselves of His grace, and receive the blessings He proffers us, we shall have something with which to help others. That which is good in the world will be stronger for our words and our presence, while evil will be made to appear as it is. *By Mrs. E. G. White.* [ST 08-12-08 para. 11] p. 89, Para. 6, [1908MS].

September 23, 1908 The Saviour's Characteristics.--The plan of redemption, by which the merciful divine-human Redeemer rescued man from the thralldom of sin, is beyond the comprehension of men or of angels. It is a mystery so surpassing, so grand, so sublime, that we can never hope fully to understand it. Christ's sacrifice for fallen man has no parallel. It is the most exalted, sacred theme on which we can meditate. Every heart that is enlightened by the grace of God is constrained to bow with inexpressible gratitude and adoration before the Redeemer for His infinite sacrifice. [ST 09-23-08 para. 01] p. 90, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In His earthly life, Jesus of Nazareth differed from all other men. His entire life was characterized by disinterested benevolence and the beauty of holiness. In His bosom existed the purest love, free from every taint of selfishness and sin. From the beginning of His ministry, men began more clearly to comprehend the character of God. [ST 09-23-08 para. 02] p. 90, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Up to the time of Christ's first advent, men worshiped cruel, despotic gods. Even the Jewish mind was reached through fear rather than love. Christ's mission was to reveal to men that God is not a despot, but a Father, full of mercy and love for His children. He spoke of God by the endearing name of "Father." In answer to the anxious questionings of Joseph and Mary, after they had found Him in the temple, He said, "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" He did not refer to Joseph, His earthly father. It was not Joseph's business in which He was engaged with the doctors of the law. [ST 09-23-08 para. 03] p. 90, Para. 3, [1908MS].

To give a true representation of the tender, loving, pitying care exercised by His Father, Jesus gave the parable of the prodigal son. Tho His children err and stray from Him, if they repent and return, He will receive them with a joy greater than the earthly parent feels in the recovery of a long-lost son. In all the sufferings and

afflictions of men, there is an Eye to pity, a Heart to love. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." God's tenderest care is exercised over us. He pities us in our weakness and in our sorrow. We may be despondent, even despairing; the heavy clouds of affliction may be over us; but there is light ahead. Beyond the gloom is a sympathetic, compassionate Friend, One who does not willingly grieve or afflict the children of men. [ST 09-23-08 para. 04] p. 90, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" The Saviour taught this principle to make mankind happy, for in no other way can happiness come. God gives to men and women the boon of life, not merely to enable them to gain wealth and worldly advantages, but that they may improve the higher powers, by doing the work He has entrusted to mankind, the work of searching out and relieving the necessities of their fellow men. Man should not work for his own selfish interest, but for the interest of every one about him, blessing others by his influence and kindly deeds. This purpose of God is exemplified in Christ's life. [ST 09-23-08 para. 05] p. 90, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The Saviour declared, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." The incident of the good Samaritan is given as an illustration of our duty to those in need of sympathy and help. The Jews had been instructed by their leaders to despise the Samaritans; but Jesus showed that one of this hated class was far in advance of the priests in the performance of deeds of compassion, mercy, and benevolence. The Levites, chosen to fill sacred, holy offices among God's favored people, did not improve the opportunity. The Samaritan, scorned by priest and Levite, despised by the Jews as a member of a despised race, was pointed out by Christ as one who obeyed the law of human kindness and who showed true mercy. His compassionate act the Saviour extols, and stamps with the seal of divine approval. [ST 09-23-08 para. 06] p. 90, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Christ carried out in His life His own divine teachings. He was absorbed in the work He came to perform; His devotion to the work of saving the lost was manifest on all occasions. While He rebuked sin with severity, He ever showed tender love for the sinner. In Him were blended the

wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove. His zeal never led Him to become passionate. He manifested consistency without obstinacy, benevolence without weakness, tenderness and sympathy without sentimentalism. He was highly social, yet He possessed a reserved dignity that did not encourage undue familiarity. His temperance never led to bigotry or austerity. He was not conformed to this world, yet He was not indifferent to the wants of the least among men. [ST 09-23-08 para. 07] p. 91, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The feeding of the five thousand is an illustration of Christ's tender solicitude. The multitude, forgetting the wants of nature, had listened with deepest interest to His ministry of truth; but He, like a pitying father, was mindful of their needs. Often hungry Himself, He was awake to the necessities of others. Calling His disciples to Him, He said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with Me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way." The Saviour remembered that after His long fast in the wilderness of temptation, He had fainted, and that angels had ministered to Him. Without hesitation He wrought a miracle to feed the thousands who had followed Him in order that they might hear the gracious words proceeding from His lips. [ST 09-23-08 para. 08] p. 91, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The Saviour's example is to be the standard of our service for the tempted and the erring. The same interest and tenderness and longsuffering that He has manifested toward us, we are to manifest toward others. "As I have loved you," He says, "that ye also love one another." If Christ dwells in us, we shall reveal His unselfish love toward all with whom we have to do. *By Mrs. E. G. White.* [ST 09-23-08 para. 09] p. 91, Para. 3, [1908MS].

October 21, 1908 A Warfare.--The new man in Christ is born to conflict, toil, and labor, born to engage in the good fight of faith. The warfare in which he is engaged is a hand-to-hand struggle, and will require to exercise of every energy. He must meet human beings of power and influence who are on Satan's side of the controversy; he must also meet unseen agencies of evil. "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." But

there is a power within his reach through which he can obtain the victory in every onset, power to make him more than conqueror over every temptation. [ST 10-21-08 para. 01] p. 91, Para. 4, [1908MS].

A *Wily Foe*. Satan watches his opportunity, when the Christian is unguarded, to seize from him the precious graces, but it is the privilege of the follower of Christ to obtain strength from God to hold every precious gift. He will often have severe conflict with the powers of darkness in order to retain them; or if he has lost a heavenly grace through lack of watchfulness, he will have a struggle to regain it. Fervent and effectual prayer will be regarded in heaven. When the servants of God take the shield of faith for their defense and the sword of the Spirit for war, they will succeed. When truth in its simplicity and strength prevails among believers, and is brought to bear against the spirit of the world, it will be evident that between Christ and Belial there is no concord. [ST 10-21-08 para. 02] p. 91, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The triumph of Christianity is dependent on the influence of its adherents. Manfully the Christian is to fight the good fight of faith. Lawfully he is to strive, never relaxing his efforts, day by day seeking for greater power to help those around him. His words are to be right words, pure and true, fraught with sympathy and love, his actions right actions, a help and a blessing to the weak. Never is he to grow weary in his work. He will meet with trial, but he must always be brave and cheerful, bringing joy and courage into other lives. [ST 10-21-08 para. 03] p. 92, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Obedience and faith must characterize us as the servants of Christ. Our Redeemer unfolded before His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things of the chief priests and elders, and be killed, and be raised from the dead the third day. He was already standing under the shadow of the cross. He fully comprehended the great work He came to do, and He would have His disciples understand the greatness of this work, and the responsibilities which would rest upon them in the performance of their duty in carrying forward His work when He should leave them. He said to them, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever shall save his life shall lose it; . . . for what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose his

own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works." [ST 10-21-08 para. 04] p. 92, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Loyalty Demanded. Those who hesitate to devote themselves unreservedly to God make poor work of following Christ. They follow Him at such a distance that they do not really know whether they are following in His footsteps or in those of the enemy. Why are we so slow to give up our interest in the things of this world, and take Christ for our only portion? Why should we wish to keep the friendship of our Lord's enemies and follow their customs and be led by their opinions? There must be an entire, unreserved surrender to God, a forsaking and turning away from the love of the world and earthly things, or we can not be His disciples. [ST 10-21-08 para. 05] p. 92, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The life and Spirit of Christ are the only standard of excellence and perfection, and our only safe course is in following His example. He will guide us by His counsel, and afterward receive us to glory. We must strive diligently and be willing to suffer much, in order to walk in the footsteps of our Redeemer. God is willing to work for us, to give us of His free Spirit, if we will strive for it, live for it, believe for it. Then we can walk in the light as He is in the light. We can feast upon His love, and drink in of His rich fulness. [ST 10-21-08 para. 06] p. 92, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Our country claims of fathers and mothers their sons; it demands that brothers and husbands be given up to leave their homes for the field of carnage and bloodshed. They must face peril, endure privation and hunger, weariness and loneliness; they must make long marches, footsore and weary, through heat of summer and through winter's cold; they run the risk of life. They are compelled to follow the commander. Sometimes they are not even allowed time to eat. And all this severe experience is in consequence of sin. There is an enemy to meet, an enemy to be resisted. Enemies of our country will destroy her peace and bring disaster and ruin, unless driven back and repulsed. "Conquer or die," is the motto. [ST 10-21-08 para. 07] p. 92, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Thus it is with the Christian warfare. We have an enemy that we must meet, who is never off his guard one moment. The claims of our country are not higher than the claims of God. If hardships are borne and trials are endured by our soldiers fighting in behalf of their country to obtain the mastery and bring to obedience the rebellious, how much more willingly should the soldiers of Christ endure privation, self-denial, and taxation for His sake! *By Mrs. E. G. White.* [ST 10-21-08 para. 08] p. 93, Para. 1, [1908MS].

November 4, 1908 *The Plan of Redemption.--When Sin Entered.* The fall of man filled all heaven with sorrow. The world that God had made was blighted with the curse of sin and inhabited by beings doomed to misery and death. There appeared no escape for those who had transgressed the law. Angels ceased their songs of praise. Throughout the heavenly courts there was mourning for the ruin that sin had wrought. [ST 11-04-08 para. 01] p. 93, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The Son of God, heaven's glorious Commander, was touched with pity for the fallen race. His heart was moved with infinite compassion as the woes of the lost world rose up before Him. But divine love had conceived a plan whereby man might be redeemed. The broken law of God demanded the life of the sinner. In all the universe there was but One who could, in behalf of man, satisfy its claims. Since the divine law is as sacred as God Himself, only one equal with God could make atonement for its transgression. None but Christ could redeem fallen man from the curse of the law, and bring him again into harmony with Heaven. Christ would take upon Himself the guilt and shame of sin--sin so offensive to a holy God that it must separate the Father and the Son. Christ would reach to the depths of misery to rescue the ruined race. [ST 11-04-08 para. 02] p. 93, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Before the Father He pleaded in the sinner's behalf, while the host of heaven awaited the result with an intensity of interest that words can not express. Long continued was that mysterious communing--"the counsel of peace"--for the fallen sons of men. The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth; for Christ is a lamb "foreordained before the foundation of the world"; yet it was a struggle, even with the King of the universe, to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race. But "God so

loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." O, the mystery of redemption! the love of God for a world that did not love Him! Who can know the depths of that love which "passeth knowledge"? Through endless ages, immortal minds, seeking to comprehend the mystery of that incomprehensible love, will wonder and adore. [ST 11-04-08 para. 03] p. 93, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The plan by which alone man's salvation could be secured involved all heaven in its infinite sacrifice. The angels could not rejoice as Christ opened before them the plan of redemption; for man's salvation must cost their loved Commander unutterable woe. With what wonder and grief did they listen to His words as He told them how He must descend from heaven's purity and peace, its joy and glory and immortal life, and come in contact with the degradation of earth, to endure its sorrow, shame, and death. He would appear upon earth and humble Himself as a man, and by his own experience become acquainted with the sorrows and temptations which man would have to endure. All this would be necessary in order that He might succor those who should be tempted. He must be delivered into the hands of wicked men, and be subjected to every insult and torture that Satan could inspire them to inflict. He must die the cruelest of deaths, lifted up between the heavens and the earth as a guilty sinner. He must endure anguish of soul, the hiding of His Father's face, while the guilt of transgression--the weight of the sins of the whole world--should be upon Him. [ST 11-04-08 para. 04] p. 93, Para. 5, [1908MS].

How gladly would the angels have given themselves to die in place of their Commander if the sacrifice could have been accepted in behalf of man! But only He who created man had power to redeem him; yet the angels were to have a part to act in the plan of redemption. Christ was to be made "a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death." As He should take human nature upon Him, they were to minister to Him in His sufferings. They were also to be ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who should be heirs of salvation. They would guard the subjects of grace from the power of evil angels, and from the darkness thrown around them by Satan. [ST 11-04-08 para. 05] p. 94, Para. 1, [1908MS].

By His death, Christ would ransom many, and would destroy

him who had the power of death. He would recover the kingdom which man had lost, and the redeemed were to inherit it with Him, and dwell therein forever. Sin and sinners would be blotted out, never more to disturb the peace of heaven or earth. [ST 11-04-08 para. 06] p. 94, Para. 2, [1908MS].

What wonder that joy, inexpressible joy, filled heaven! The glory and blessedness of a world renewed outmeasured even the anguish and sacrifice of the Prince of Life. Through the celestial courts echoed the first strains of that song which was to ring out above the hills of Bethlehem--"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." With a deeper gladness now than in the rapture of the new creation, "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." [ST 11-04-08 para. 07] p. 94, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The First Promise of Salvation. To man the first intimation of redemption was communicated in the sentence pronounced upon Satan in the garden. The Lord declared, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." This sentence, uttered in the hearing of our first parents, was to them a promise. While it foretold war between man and Satan, it declared that the power of the great adversary would finally be broken. Adam and Eve stood as criminals before the righteous Judge, awaiting the sentence which transgression had incurred; but before they heard of the life of toil and sorrow which must be their portion, or of the decree that they must return to dust, they listened to words that could not fail to give them hope. Tho they must suffer from the power of their mighty foe, they could look forward to final victory. [ST 11-04-08 para. 08] p. 94, Para. 4, [1908MS].

A Complete Restoration. Not only man but the earth also had by sin come under the control of the wicked one, and was to be restored by the plan of redemption. At his creation, Adam was placed in dominion over the earth. But by yielding to temptation, he was brought under the power of Satan, and the dominion which he held passed to his conqueror. Thus Satan became "the god of this world." He had usurped that dominion over the earth which had been originally given to Adam. But Christ, by His sacrifice paying the penalty of sin, would not only redeem man, but recover the dominion which he had forfeited. [ST 11-04-08

para. 09] p. 94, Para. 5, [1908MS].

All that was lost by the first Adam will be restored by the second. The prophet says, "O Tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto Thee shall it come, even the first dominion." And the apostle Paul points forward to the "redemption of the purchased possession." God created the earth to be the abode of holy, happy beings. That purpose will be fulfilled when, renewed by the power of God, and freed from sin and sorrow, it shall become the eternal abode of the redeemed. "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." [ST 11-04-08 para. 10] p. 94, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The sacrificial offerings were ordained by God to be to man a perpetual reminder and a penitential acknowledgment of his sin, and a profession of his faith in the promised Redeemer. They were intended to impress upon the fallen race the solemn truth that death is the result of sin, the transgression of the law of God. To Adam the offering of the first sacrifice was a most painful ceremony. His hand must be raised to take life, which God alone could give. It was the first time he had ever witnessed death, and he knew that had he been obedient to God, there would have been no death of man or beast. As he slew the innocent victim, he trembled at the thought that his sin must shed the blood of the spotless Lamb of God. This scene gave him a deeper and more vivid sense of the greatness of his transgression, which nothing but the death of God's dear Son could expiate. And he marveled at the infinite goodness that would give such a ransom to save the guilty. A star of hope illumined the dark and terrible future, and relieved it of its utter desolation. [ST 11-04-08 para. 11] p. 95, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Law the Point of Issue. From the first, the great controversy had been upon the law of God. Satan had sought to prove that God was unjust, and that His law was faulty, and that the good of the universe required it to be changed. In attacking the law, he aimed to overthrow the authority of its Author. In the controversy it was to be shown whether the divine statutes were defective and subject to change, or perfect and immutable. [ST 11-04-08 para. 12] p. 95, Para. 2, [1908MS].

When Satan was thrust out of heaven, he determined to make

the earth his kingdom. When he had tempted and overcome Adam and Eve, he claimed that by virtue of this conquest, the fallen race were his rightful subjects, and the world was his. By sin the human race had been alienated from God, they were brought into sympathy with Satan, and were ready to unite with him in rebellion against God's law. Christ undertook to redeem man and rescue the world from the grasp of Satan. [ST 11-04-08 para. 13] p. 95, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The law of God could not be set aside even to save lost man. The well-being of the universe demanded that the divine government should be maintained. But in His infinite love and mercy, the Creator sacrificed Himself. In His Son, God Himself bore the penalty of transgression, "that He might be just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus." Thus man, redeemed from Satan's power, and brought again into harmony with God, might be restored to "the first dominion." In this world the great controversy was to be decided. The plan of redemption was to be wrought out on the very field that Satan claimed as his. *By Mrs. E. G. White.* [ST 11-04-08 para. 14] p. 95, Para. 4, [1908MS].

December 9, 1908 Saved Through Faith.--"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." [ST 12-09-08 para. 01] p. 95, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Faith is trusting God--believing that He loves us and knows best what is for our good. Thus, instead of our own, it leads us to choose His way. In place of our ignorance, it accepts His wisdom; in place of our weakness, His strength; in place of our sinfulness, His righteousness. Our lives, ourselves, are already His; faith acknowledges His ownership and accepts its blessing. Truth, uprightness, purity, have been pointed out as secrets of life's success. It is faith that puts us in possession of these principles. Every good impulse or aspiration is the gift of God; faith receives from God the light that alone can produce true growth and efficiency. [ST 12-09-08 para. 02] p. 95, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Wonderful is the work that God designs to accomplish through His servants that His name may be glorified. It is His purpose to manifest through them the principles of His kingdom. Through the humble receiver of His promises, God allows His blessings to flow out freely to the world. Every believer in whose heart Christ abides through belief of the

truth will be a representative of the Saviour to show forth God's love before all with whom he comes in contact. Through faith he will lay hold of divine strength, and become a laborer together with God, a blessing to himself and to his fellow men. [ST 12-09-08 para. 03] p. 96, Para. 1, [1908MS].

It is a mistake to suppose that we must feel ourselves accepted of God before we can appropriate the promises of His word. Faith must not rely upon feeling, but upon the promises of God. Faith takes hold of the divine word; whereas feeling often eclipses faith in a "Thus saith the Lord." "If thou wilt enter into life," Christ says, "keep the commandments." 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." God bids us walk by faith in a "Thus saith the Lord," and stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. [ST 12-09-08 para. 04] p. 96, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The Lord says, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble." He invites us to present to Him our perplexities and necessities, and our need of divine help. He bids us be instant in prayer. As soon as difficulties arise, we are to offer to Him our sincere, earnest petitions. By our importunate prayers we give evidence of our strong confidence in God. The sense of our need leads us to pray earnestly, and our heavenly Father is moved by our supplications. [ST 12-09-08 para. 05] p. 96, Para. 3, [1908MS].

If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision. Whatever may be our situation, we have a Guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counselor; whatever our sorrow, bereavement, or loneliness, we have a sympathizing Friend. If in our ignorance we make missteps, Christ does not leave us. His voice, clear and distinct, is heard saying, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." "He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper." [ST 12-09-08 para. 06] p. 96, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Lord declares that He will be honored by those that draw nigh to Him. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." The arm of Omnipotence is outstretched to lead us onward

and still onward. Go forward, the Lord says; I will send you help. It is for My name's glory that you ask, and you shall receive. I will be honored before those who are watching for your failure. They shall see My word triumph gloriously. "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." [ST 12-09-08 para. 07] p. 96, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The Lord will give precious victories to those who put their faith in Him and seek to become one with Him, enabling them to work out His righteous will. What joy it gives to parents to bestow good gifts upon their children! Yet the Saviour says, "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." The Father is 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, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Whatever we ask in Christ's name, and in accordance with His will, He gives us. But 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 we ask for we shall receive. [ST 12-09-08 para. 08] p. 96, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The world's Redeemer came to our world to live the life of humanity, that humanity through faith in Him, might lay hold of divinity, and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. The agencies of Satan are always at work to hinder the work that will make man successful over the powers of darkness; but this should not discourage us or cause us to cease our efforts. Christ was tempted in all points like as we are, yet He did not fail nor become discouraged. Ever before His mind was the result of His mission. He knew that truth would finally triumph in the great contest with evil. To His disciples He says, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." A life of sanctification and joy in believing is held out to every soul who in faith will claim the promises of the word of God, and draw upon divine strength for the work of overcoming. It is the privilege of the Christian to wax strong under difficulties. If the religious life is constantly sustained by relying on the Author and Finisher of our faith, God will give a rich experience. A true discerning of Christ will lead to a true confiding in Him, and this will give comfort and courage and hope in Him. [ST

12-09-08 para. 09] p. 97, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Let a living faith run like threads of gold through the performance of even the smallest duties. Then all the daily work will promote Christian growth. There will be a continual looking unto Jesus. Love for Him will give vital force to everything that is undertaken. Thus through the right use of our talents, we may link ourselves by a golden chain to the higher world. This is true sanctification; for sanctification consists in the cheerful performance of daily duties in perfect obedience to the will of God. By *Mrs. E. G. White*. [ST 12-09-08 para. 10] p. 97, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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January 2, 1908 The Return of the Exiles--No. 9. Joshua and the Angel.--Satan and his army were greatly discomfited and alarmed by the steady advancement made by the builders of the temple. The hosts of evil determined to put forth untiring effort to weaken and depress God's people by holding before them their imperfections of character. Satan well knew that if those who had long suffered because of transgression, could again be induced to disregard God's commandments, they would be brought once more under the bondage of sin. But the Lord, in infinite pity, strengthened his chosen people "with good words and comfortable words." In this crisis, he gave to his people a most forcible and impressive illustration of the work of Satan and the work of Christ, and the power of our Mediator to vanquish the accuser of his people. This is recorded in the third chapter of the prophecy of Zechariah. [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 1] p. 97, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In holy vision the prophet beholds Joshua the high priest, "clothed with filthy garments," standing before the Angel of the Lord, entreating the mercy of God in behalf of his people who are in deep affliction. Satan stands at his right hand to resist him. Because Israel had been chosen to preserve the knowledge of God in the earth, they had been, from their first existence as a nation, the special objects of Satan's enmity, and he had determined to cause their destruction. He could do them no harm while they were obedient to God; therefore he had bent all his power and cunning to enticing them into sin. Ensnared by his temptations, they had transgressed the law of God, and thus separated from the Source of their strength, and had been

left to become the prey of their heathen enemies. They were carried into captivity to Babylon, and there remained for many years. Yet they were not forsaken of the Lord. His prophets were sent to them with reproofs and warnings. The people were awakened to see their guilt; they humbled themselves before God, and returned to him with true repentance. Then the Lord sent them messages of encouragement, declaring that he would deliver them from their captivity, and restore them to his favor. It was this that Satan was determined to prevent. A remnant of Israel had already returned to their own land, and Satan was seeking to move upon the heathen nations, who were his agents, to destroy them utterly. [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 2] p. 97, Para. 4, [1908MS].

As Joshua humbly pleads for the fulfilment of God's promises, Satan stands up boldly to resist him. He points to the transgressions of Israel as a reason why that people should not be restored to the favor of God. He claims them as his prey, and demands that they be given into his hands to be destroyed. [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 3] p. 98, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The high priest can not defend himself or his people from Satan's accusations. He does not claim that Israel are free from fault. In his filthy garments, symbolizing the sins of the people, which he bears as their representative, he stands before the Angel, confessing their guilt, yet pointing to their repentance and humiliation, relying upon the mercy of a sin-pardoning Redeemer, and in faith claiming the promises of God. [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 4] p. 98, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Then the Angel, who is Christ himself, the Saviour of sinners, put to silence the accuser of his people, declaring, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" Israel had long remained in the furnace of affliction. Because of their sins they had been well-nigh consumed in the flame kindled by Satan and his agents for their destruction; but God had now set his hand to bring them forth. In their penitence and humiliation the compassionate Saviour will not leave his people to the cruel power of the heathen. "A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench." [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 5] p. 98, Para. 3, [1908MS].

As the intercession of Joshua is accepted, the command is given, "Take away the filthy garments from him," and to Joshua the Angel declares, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." "So they set a fair miter upon his head, and clothed him with garments." His own sins and those of his people were pardoned. Israel were clothed with "change of raiment,"--the righteousness of Christ imputed to them. The miter placed upon Joshua's head was such as was worn by the priests, and bore the inscription, "Holiness to the Lord," signifying that notwithstanding his former transgressions, he was now qualified to minister before God in his sanctuary. [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 6] p. 98, Para. 4, [1908MS].

After thus solemnly investing him with the dignity of the priesthood, the Angel declared, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by." He would be honored as the judge or ruler over the temple and all its services; he should walk among attending angels, even in this life, and should at last join the glorified throng around the throne of God. [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 7] p. 98, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the Branch." Here is revealed the hope of Israel. It was by faith in the coming Saviour that Joshua and his people received pardon. Through faith in Christ they were restored to God's favor. By virtue of his merits, if they walked in his ways and kept his statutes, they would be "men wondered at," honored as the chosen of Heaven among the nations of the earth. Christ was their hope, their defense, their justification and redemption, as he is the hope of his church today. [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 8] p. 98, Para. 6, [1908MS].

As Satan accused Joshua and his people, so in all ages he accuses those who are seeking the mercy and favor of God. In the Revelation he is declared to be "the accuser of our brethren," "which accused them before our God day and night." The controversy is repeated over every soul that is rescued from the power of evil, and whose name is registered in the Lamb's book of life. Never is one

received from the family of Satan into the family of God without exciting the determined resistance of the wicked one. Satan's accusations against those who seek the Lord are not prompted by displeasure at their sins. He exults in their defective characters. Only through their transgression of God's law can he obtain power over them. His accusations arise solely from his enmity to Christ. Through the plan of salvation, Jesus is breaking Satan's hold upon the human family, and rescuing souls from his power. All the hatred and malignity of the arch-rebel is stirred as he beholds the evidence of Christ's supremacy, and with fiendish power and cunning he works to wrest from him the remnant of the children of men who have accepted his salvation. [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 9] p. 99, Para. 1, [1908MS].

He leads men into skepticism, causing them to lose confidence in God and to separate from his love; he tempts them to break his law, and then he claims them as his captives, and contests the right of Christ to take them from him. He knows that those who seek God earnestly for pardon and grace will obtain it; therefore he presents their sins before them to discourage them. He is constantly seeking occasion against those who are trying to obey God. Even their best and most acceptable services he seeks to make appear corrupt. By countless devices, the most subtle and the most cruel, he endeavors to secure their condemnation. Man can not meet these charges himself. In his sin-stained garments, confessing his guilt, he stands before God. But Jesus our Advocate presents an effectual plea in behalf of all who by repentance and faith have committed the keeping of their souls to him. He pleads their cause, and vanquishes their accuser by the mighty arguments of Calvary. His perfect obedience to God's law, even unto the death of the cross, has given him all power in heaven and in earth, and he claims of his Father mercy and reconciliation for guilty man. To the accuser of his people he declares, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan." These are the purchase of my blood, brands plucked from the burning. Those who rely upon him in faith receive the comforting assurance, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." All that have put on the robe of Christ's righteousness will stand before him as chosen and faithful and true. Satan has no power to pluck them out of the hand of Christ. Not one soul that in penitence and faith has claimed his protection, will Christ permit to pass under

the enemy's power. His word is pledged: "Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me." The promise given to Joshua is made to all: "If thou wilt keep my charge, . . . I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by." Angels of God will walk on either side of them, even in this world, and they will stand at last among the angels that surround the throne of God. [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 10] p. 99, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The fact that the acknowledged people of God are represented as standing before the Lord in filthy garments should lead to humility and deep searching of heart on the part of all who profess his name. Those who are indeed purifying their souls by obeying the truth will have a most humble opinion of themselves. The more closely they view the spotless character of Christ, the stronger will be their desire to be conformed to his image, and the less will they see of purity or holiness in themselves. But while we should realize our sinful condition, we are to rely upon Christ as our righteousness, our sanctification, and our redemption. We can not answer the charges of Satan against us. Christ alone can make an effectual plea in our behalf. He is able to silence the accuser with arguments founded not upon our merits, but on his own. [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 11] p. 100, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Yet we should never be content with a sinful life. It is a thought that should arouse Christians to greater zeal and earnestness in overcoming evil, that every defect in character, every point in which they fail to meet the divine standard, is an open door by which Satan can enter to tempt and destroy them; and, furthermore, that every failure and defect on their part gives occasion to the tempter and his agents to reproach Christ. We are to exert every energy of the soul in the work of overcoming, and to look to Jesus for strength to do what we can not do of ourselves. No sin can be tolerated in those who shall walk with Christ in white. The filthy garments are to be removed, and Christ's robe of righteousness is to be placed upon us. By repentance and faith we are enabled to render obedience to all the commandments of God, and are found without blame before him. Those who shall meet the approval of God are now afflicting their souls, confessing their sins, and earnestly pleading for pardon through Jesus their Advocate. Their attention is fixed on him, and when the command is given, "Take away the filthy garments," and

clothe him with "change of raiment," and "set a fair miter upon his head," they are prepared to give him all the glory of their salvation. (To be concluded.) Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 01-02-08 para. 12] p. 100, Para. 2, [1908MS].

January 9, 1908 The Return of the Exiles -- No. 9. Joshua and the Angel. (Concluded)--Zechariah's vision of Joshua and the angel applies with peculiar force to the experiences of God's people in the closing up of the great day of atonement. The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects; he has gained control of the apostate churches. But here is a little company that are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God. All will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law. Those who will be true to God and to duty will be menaced, denounced, and proscribed. They will be betrayed "both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends." [Review and Herald 01-09-08 para. 1] p. 100, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Their only hope is in the mercy of God; their only defense will be prayer. As Joshua was pleading before the Angel, so the remnant church, with brokenness of heart and earnest faith, will plead for pardon and deliverance through Jesus their Advocate. They are fully conscious of the sinfulness of their lives, they see their weakness and unworthiness; and as they look upon themselves, they are ready to despair. The tempter stands by to accuse them, as he stood by to resist Joshua. He points to their filthy garments, their defective characters. He presents their weakness and folly, their sins of ingratitude, their unlikeness to Christ, which has dishonored their Redeemer. He endeavors to affright the soul with the thought that their case is hopeless, that the stain of their defilement will never be washed away. He hopes so to destroy their faith that they will yield to his temptations, turn from their allegiance to God, and receive the mark of the beast. [Review and Herald 01-09-08 para. 2] p. 100, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Satan urges before God his accusations against them,

declaring that they have by their sins forfeited the divine protection, and claiming the right to destroy them as transgressors. He pronounces them just as deserving as himself of exclusion from the favor of God. "Are these," he says, "the people who are to take my place in heaven, and the place of the angels who united with me? While they profess to obey the law of God, have they kept its precepts? Have they not been lovers of self more than of God? Have they not placed their own interests above his service? Have they not loved the things of the world? Look at the sins which have marked their lives. Behold their selfishness, their malice, their hatred toward one another." [Review and Herald 01-09-08 para. 3] p. 101, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The people of God have been in many respects very faulty. Satan has an accurate knowledge of the sins which he has tempted them to commit, and he presents these in the most exaggerated light, declaring, "Will God banish me and my angels from his presence, and yet reward those who have been guilty of the same sins? Thou canst not do this, O Lord, in justice. Thy throne will not stand in righteousness and judgment. Justice demands that sentence be pronounced against them." [Review and Herald 01-09-08 para. 4] p. 101, Para. 2, [1908MS].

But while the followers of Christ have sinned, they have not given themselves to the control of evil. They have put away their sins, and have sought the Lord in humility and contrition, and the divine Advocate pleads in their behalf. He who has been most abused by their ingratitude, who knows their sin, and also their repentance, declares, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan. I gave my life for these souls. They are graven upon the palms of my hands." [Review and Herald 01-09-08 para. 5] p. 101, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The assaults of Satan are strong, his delusions are terrible; but the Lord's eye is upon his people. Their affliction is great, the flames of the furnace seem about to consume them; but Jesus will bring them forth as gold tried in the fire. Their earthliness must be removed that the image of Christ may be perfectly reflected; unbelief must be overcome; faith, hope, and patience are to be developed. [Review and Herald 01-09-08 para. 6] p. 101, Para. 4, [1908MS].

At times, the Lord may seem to have forgotten the perils

of his church, and the injury done to her by those who follow principles which he can not indorse. But God has not forgotten. Nothing in this world is so dear to the heart of God as his church. He marks every action of the members. It is not his will that worldly policy shall corrupt her record as a representative of heaven. Nothing so offends the heart of Christ as injury done those whom he died to save. His heart of love is grieved when the lame are turned out of the way by the crooked paths made by others. God does not leave his people to be overcome by Satan's temptations. He will chastise those who misrepresent him. But he will be gracious to all who sincerely repent. Christ loves his church. He will give all needed help to those who call upon him for strength for the development of Christlike character. [Review and Herald 01-09-08 para. 7] p. 101, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The people of God are sighing and crying for the abominations done in the land. With tears they warn the wicked of their danger in trampling upon the divine law, and with unutterable sorrow they humble themselves before the Lord on account of their own transgressions. The wicked mock their sorrow, ridicule their solemn appeals, and sneer at what they term their weakness. But the anguish and humiliation of God's people is unmistakable evidence that they are regaining the strength and nobility of character lost in consequence of sin. It is because they are drawing nearer to Christ, and their eyes are fixed upon his perfect purity, that they so clearly discern the exceeding sinfulness of sin. Their contrition and self-abasement are infinitely more acceptable in the sight of God than is the self-sufficient, haughty spirit of those who see no cause to lament, who scorn the humility of Christ, and who claim perfection while transgressing God's holy law. Meekness and lowliness of heart are the conditions for strength and victory. The crown of glory awaits those who bow at the foot of the cross. Blessed are these mourners; for they shall be comforted. [Review and Herald 01-09-08 para. 8] p. 102, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The faithful, praying ones are, as it were, shut in with God. They themselves know not how securely they are shielded. Urged on by Satan, the rulers of this world are seeking to destroy them; but could their eyes be opened, as were the eyes of Elisha's servant at Dothan, they would see the angels of God encamped about them, by their brightness and glory holding in check the hosts of darkness. [Review

and Herald 01-09-08 para. 9] p. 102, Para. 2, [1908MS].

As the people of God afflict their souls before him, pleading for purity of heart, the command is given, "Take away the filthy garments" from them, and the encouraging words are spoken, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." The spotless robe of Christ's righteousness is placed upon the tried, tempted, yet faithful children of God. The despised remnant are clothed in glorious apparel, nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of the world. Their names are retained in the Lamb's book of life, enrolled among the faithful of all ages. They have resisted the wiles of the deceiver; they have not been turned from their loyalty by the dragon's roar. Now they are eternally secure from the tempter's devices. Their sins are transferred to the originator of sin. And the remnant are not only pardoned and accepted, but honored. A "fair miter" is set upon their heads. They are to be as kings and priests unto God. While Satan was urging his accusations, holy angels, unseen, were passing to and fro, placing upon them the seal of the living God. These are they that stand upon Mount Zion with the Lamb, having the Father's name written in their foreheads. They sing the new song before the throne, that song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile" for they are without fault before the throne of God." [Review and Herald 01-09-08 para. 10] p. 102, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Now is reached the complete fulfilment of those words of the Angel: "Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the Branch." Christ is revealed as the Redeemer and Deliverer of his people. Now indeed are the remnant "men wondered at," as the tears and humiliation of their pilgrimage give place to joy and honor in the presence of God and the Lamb. "In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem." Mrs. E. G. White.

[Review and Herald 01-09-08 para. 11] p. 103, Para. 1, [1908MS].

January 16, 1908 The Return of the Exiles -- No. 10. "Not by Might, Nor by Power".--Intimately associated with Joshua, the high priest, was Zerubbabel, governor of Judea. It was under the leadership of these two men that the remnant of Israel returned at the close of the seventy years' captivity. They also led out in the re-establishment of the ancient worship at Jerusalem. In the second year of Cyrus, Zerubbabel laid the cornerstone of the temple. It was Zerubbabel and Joshua who, in response to the messages of the Lord through Haggai and Zechariah, "rose up," with courage renewed, and once more "began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem." These men were true leaders, and "the spirit of all the remnant of the people" was largely influenced by the cheerful willingness with which they carried out the Lord's commands. [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 1] p. 103, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Immediately after Zechariah's vision of Joshua and the angel, given to the high priest as a personal testimony for his own encouragement and the encouragement of all the people of God, the prophet received a personal testimony regarding the work of Zerubbabel. "The angel that talked with me," Zechariah declares, "came again, and waked me, as a man that is waked out of his sleep, and said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: and two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 2] p. 103, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"So I answered and spake to the Angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my Lord? . . . Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. . . . [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 3] p. 103, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? . . .

Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth." [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 4] p. 103, Para. 5, [1908MS].

From the two olive trees the golden oil was emptied through the golden pipes into the bowl of the candlestick, and thence into the golden lamps that gave light to the sanctuary. So from the holy ones that stand in God's presence his Spirit is imparted to the human instrumentalities who are consecrated to his service. The mission of the two anointed ones is to communicate to God's people that heavenly grace which alone can make his Word a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 5] p. 104, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In rebuilding the house of the Lord, Zerubbabel had been encompassed with manifold difficulties. In former years, adversaries had "weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building," "and made them to cease by force and power." But the Lord interposed in behalf of the faithful builders, and now he speaks through his prophet, Zechariah, to Zerubbabel, saying, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it." [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 6] p. 104, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Throughout the history of God's people, great mountains of difficulty, apparently insurmountable, have loomed up before those who were advancing in the opening providences of God. Such obstacles to progress are permitted by the Lord as a test of faith. When hedged about on every side, this is the time above all others to trust in God and in the power of his Holy Spirit. We are not to walk in our own strength, but in the strength of the Lord God of Israel. It is folly to trust in man or to make flesh our arm. We must trust in Jehovah; for in him is everlasting strength. The One who, in response to words and deeds of faith, made the way plain before his servant Zerubbabel, is able to clear away every obstacle devised by Satan to hinder the progress of his cause. Through the exercise of persevering faith, every mountain of difficulty may be removed. [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 7] p. 104, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Sometimes God trains his workers by bringing to them disappointment and apparent failure. It is his purpose that

they shall learn to master difficulty. He seeks to inspire them with a determination to make every apparent failure prove a success. [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 8] p. 104, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Oftentimes men pray and weep because of the perplexities and obstacles that confront them. But if they will hold the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end, God will make their way clear. Success will come to them as they struggle against apparently insurmountable difficulties; and with success will come the greatest joy. [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 9] p. 104, Para. 5, [1908MS].

This was true of Zerubbabel; and for his encouragement he was given, through Zechariah, the assurance: "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel, with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth." [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 10] p. 104, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The promise, "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it," was literally fulfilled. "The elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar [the twelfth month], which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king." [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 11] p. 105, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Shortly afterward, the restored temple was dedicated. "The children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy, and offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel." [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 12] p. 105, Para. 2, [1908MS].

This second temple did not equal the first in magnificence, nor was it hallowed by those visible tokens of the divine presence which pertained to the first temple. There was no manifestation of supernatural power to mark its dedication. No cloud of glory was seen to fill the newly erected sanctuary. No fire from heaven descended to consume the sacrifice upon its altar. The shekinah no longer abode between the cherubim in the most holy place; the ark, the mercy seat, and the tables of the testimony were not to be found therein. No voice sounded from heaven to make known to the inquiring priest the will of Jehovah. [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 13] p. 105, Para. 3, [1908MS].

And yet this was the building concerning which the Lord had declared by the prophet Haggai, "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former." "I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts." For centuries afterward the Jews vainly endeavored to show wherein the promise of God, given by Haggai, had been fulfilled; yet eventually, when the Desire of all nations actually appeared and hallowed the precincts of the temple by his personal presence, pride and unbelief had blinded their minds to the true meaning of the prophet's words. The second temple was honored, not with the cloud of Jehovah's glory, but with the living presence of One in whom dwelt all the fulness of the Godhead bodily,--God himself manifest in the flesh. The "Desire of all nations" had indeed come to his temple, when the Man of Nazareth taught and healed in the sacred courts. In the personal presence of Christ during his earthly ministry, and in this only, did the second temple exceed the first in glory. [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 14] p. 105, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Following the dedication of the house of God, the Israelites "set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses. And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month. For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. And the children of Israel, which were come again out of

captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from all the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the Lord God of Israel, did eat, and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the Lord had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 01-16-08 para. 15] p. 105, Para. 5, [1908MS].

January 23, 1908 The Return of the Exiles -- No. 11. In the Days of Queen Esther.--The seventy years' captivity dated from the time when the Babylonian kings began to hold universal sway. God gave Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, much "majesty, and glory, and honor." "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." [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 1] p. 106, Para. 1, [1908MS].

This same universal sway was exercised by Nebuchadnezzar's descendants until, nearly seventy years later, in the days of Belshazzar, because of the wickedness of the nation, the kingdom was "divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." Thus arose the second universal monarchy, Medo-Persia. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 2] p. 106, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It was only about two years afterward that Cyrus, king of Medo-Persia, issued the remarkable decree providing for the restoration of all the Israelites, "the children of the captivity," to their home in the land of Canaan. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 3] p. 106, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Nearly fifty thousand, under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Joshua, took advantage of this providential opportunity to return. These were, however, comparatively speaking, only a few, a mere "remnant," of all the Israelites scattered throughout the provinces of Medo-Persia. Many chose to remain in the land of their captivity, rather than to accompany their brethren, and to assist in restoring the temple services. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 4] p. 106, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Nearly twenty years passed by. Many of the remnant who returned to Judea, had fallen into a backslidden condition, and were doing no more to restore the house of God than were their brethren living elsewhere in the Medo-Persian

realm. But as the result of the appeals of Haggai and Zechariah, the returned exiles repented before God, and labored diligently to complete the temple. The Lord blessed them, and they were greatly prospered. Their efforts were brought to the notice of Darius Hystaspes, who was the monarch ruling at that time; and he was impressed to issue a second decree, fully as favorable as the one issued by Cyrus over twenty years before. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 5] p. 106, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Thus did God, in mercy, provide another wonderful opportunity for the Jews in the Medo-Persian capital, and throughout the provinces, to return to the land whence they had been carried captive. And the Lord not only wrought a change of feeling in the hearts of men in authority, so that they favored the Jews in their realm; but he also inspired Zechariah, his prophetic messenger, to plead with them most earnestly to flee from their Babylonian surroundings, and return to Jerusalem. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 6] p. 106, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the Lord: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the Lord. Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon!" [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 7] p. 106, Para. 7, [1908MS].

How amazing is God's love, how infinite his compassion! He pleads with the wayward to return unto him. "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." [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 8] p. 107, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Lord desired that those who had once named his name, but who now dwelt in Babylon, should become a praise in the earth, to the glory of his name. Nearly a century had passed by since, because of their sins, he had been compelled to allow them to be taken captive to Babylon. And yet their affliction was to be a means of salvation. Through the prophet Ezekiel, the Lord revealed his desire to save the transgressor, even by means of calamity. "I will bring him to Babylon," the Lord declared, "*and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me.*" In tender pity the Lord continued to plead with every suffering captive. Some chose to listen

and to learn; these found salvation in the midst of affliction. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 9] p. 107, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Those who listened to the pleadings of heavenly agencies, and repented with full purpose of heart, are likened by the prophet Ezekiel to "the highest branch of the high cedar," which was to be planted "upon an high mountain and eminent: in the mountain of the height of Israel." A remnant would return; and God gave every captive Israelite in Babylon an opportunity to form a part of this remnant. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 10] p. 107, Para. 3, [1908MS].

It was those "whose spirit God had raised," who returned under the decree of Cyrus. But God ceased not to plead with the ones who voluntarily remained in the land of their exile; and, through manifold agencies, he made it possible for them also to return. But the vast number who failed to respond at the time of the decree of Cyrus, remained unimpressible to later influences working in their behalf. When Zechariah, in unmistakable language, warned them to flee from Babylon without delay, they heeded not the gracious invitation. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 11] p. 107, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Conditions in the Medo-Persian realm rapidly changed. Darius Hystaspes, under whose reign the Jews were shown marked favor, was succeeded by Xerxes the Great, the Ahasuerus of the book of Esther. It was during his reign that the Jews of Medo-Persia, those who had failed of heeding God's warning message to flee for their lives, were called to face a terrible crisis. A few years before, God had provided a way of escape; but this had been passed by, and now all the Jews were brought face to face with death. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 12] p. 107, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Haman the Agagite, an unscrupulous man high in authority in the Medo-Persian realm, was the one through whom Satan sought at this time to counterwork the purposes of God. Haman cherished bitter malice against Mordecai the Jew, a godly man who had done Haman no harm, but had simply refused to show him the reverence that belongs to God alone. Scorning "to lay hands on Mordecai alone," Haman plotted "to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai." [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 13] p. 107, Para. 6,

[1908MS].

Misled by the false statements of Haman, Xerxes the Great was induced to issue an edict providing for the massacre of all the Jews "scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces" of the Medo-Persian kingdom. A certain day was appointed on which the Jews were to be destroyed and their property confiscated. Little did the king realize the far-reaching results that would have accompanied the complete carrying out of this decree. Satan himself, the hidden instigator of the scheme, was planning to rid the earth of those who preserved the knowledge of the true God. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 14] p. 108, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"In every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes." The decrees of the Medes and Persians could not be revoked; apparently there was no hope; all the Israelites were doomed to destruction. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 15] p. 108, Para. 2, [1908MS].

But the plots of the enemy were defeated by a Power that reigns among the children of men. In the providence of God, Esther, a Jewess who feared the Most High, had been made queen of the Medo-Persian kingdom. Mordecai was a near relative of hers. In their extremity, they decided to appeal to King Xerxes in behalf of their people. Esther was to venture into his presence as an intercessor. "Who knoweth," said Mordecai, "whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 16] p. 108, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The crisis that Esther faced demanded earnest, quick action; but both she and Mordecai realized that unless God should work mightily in their behalf, all their own feeble efforts would be unavailing. So Esther took time for communion with God, the source of her strength, and the One in whose hand is the heart of every earthly ruler, to turn it whithersoever he will, as he turneth the rivers of water. "Go," Esther directed Mordecai, "gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law; and if I

perish, I perish." [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 17] p. 108, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The events that followed in rapid succession,--the appearance of Esther before the king, the marked favor shown her, the banquets of the king and the queen with Haman as the only guest, the troubled sleep of the king, the public honor shown Mordecai, and the humiliation and fall of Haman upon discovery of his wicked plot against the Jewish people,--all these are parts of a familiar story. In a marvelous manner God wrought in behalf of his penitent people; and a counter-decree issued by the king, allowing them to fight for their lives, was rapidly communicated to every part of the realm by mounted couriers who were "hasted and pressed on by the king's commandment." "And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them." [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 18] p. 108, Para. 5, [1908MS].

On the day appointed for their destruction, "the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people." Angels that excel in strength had been commissioned by God to protect his people while they gathered themselves together, and "stood for their lives." [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 19] p. 109, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The trying experiences that came to God's people in the days of Esther, were not peculiar to that age alone. The Revelator, looking down the ages to the close of time, declared by inspiration, "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." In the near future we shall see these words fulfilled, as the Protestant churches unite with the world and with the papal power against commandment-keepers. The same spirit that actuated those who persecuted the true church in ages past, will lead Protestants to pursue a similar course toward those who will maintain their loyalty to God. Church and state are now making preparations for the last great conflict. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 20] p. 109, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The decree which is to go forth against the people of God will be very similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews in the time of Esther. The Protestant world today see, in the little company keeping the Sabbath, a Mordecai in the gate. His character and conduct, expressing reverence for the law of God, are a constant rebuke to those who have cast off the fear of the Lord, and are trampling upon his Sabbath; the unwelcome intruder must by some means be put out of the way. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 21] p. 109, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The same masterful spirit that plotted against the faithful in ages past is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and obey his law. Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will combine to cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them. With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith. By false representations and angry appeals, they will stir up the passions of the people. Not having a "thus saith the Scriptures" to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for Sunday laws. Those who fear God can not accept an institution that violates a precept of the decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Esther and Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate his truth and his people. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 22] p. 109, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Mordecai was advanced to the position of honor formerly occupied by Haman. He was "next unto King Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren;" and he sought to promote the welfare of his people. Thus did God bring his chosen people once more into favor at the Medo-Persian court, making possible the carrying out of his purpose to restore them to their own land. But it was not until several years later, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes I, the successor of Xerxes the Great, that any considerable number returned to Jerusalem

to assist their brethren in the restoration, under the leadership and spiritual watchcare of Ezra. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 01-23-08 para. 23] p. 110, Para. 1, [1908MS].

January 30, 1908 The Return of the Exiles -- No. 12. Ezra the Priest, the Scribe.--About seventy years after the return of the first company of exiles under Zerubbabel and Joshua, Artaxerxes Longimanus came to the throne of Medo-Persia. The name of this king is connected with sacred history by a series of remarkable providences. It was during his reign that Ezra and Nehemiah lived and labored. Artaxerxes Longimanus is the one who issued the third and final decree for the restoration of Jerusalem, 457 B. C. While on the throne, he saw the return of a company of Jews under Ezra, the completion of the walls round about Jerusalem by Nehemiah and his associates, the reorganization of the temple services, and great religious reformations instituted by Ezra and Nehemiah. During the long period when Artaxerxes held universal sway, he often showed favor to God's people, and recognized in his trusted and well-beloved Jewish friends, Ezra and Nehemiah, men of God's appointment, raised up for special work. [Review and Herald 01-30-08 para. 1] p. 110, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The experience of Ezra while living among the Jews who remained in Babylon, was so unusual that it attracted the favorable notice of King Artaxerxes, with whom Ezra freely conversed regarding the power of the God of heaven, and his purpose in restoring his people to Jerusalem. Born of the sons of Aaron, Ezra, in addition to his priestly training, had acquired a familiarity with the writings of the magicians, the astrologers, and the so-called wise men of the Medo-Persian realm. But he was not satisfied with his spiritual condition. He longed to be in full harmony with God: he longed for wisdom to carry out God's will. And so he "prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it." This led him to apply himself diligently to a study of the history of God's people, as given in the writings of Old Testament prophets and kings. He was impressed by the Spirit of God to search the historical and poetical books of the Bible, to learn why the Lord had permitted Jerusalem to be destroyed, and his people to be carried captive into a heathen land. [Review and Herald 01-30-08 para. 2] p. 110, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Ezra gave special study to the experiences of God's chosen

people, from the time the promise was made to Abraham, to the deliverance from Egyptian bondage and the exodus. He studied the instruction given them at the foot of Mount Sinai, and throughout the long period of the wilderness-wandering. As he learned more and still more concerning God's dealings with his children, and began to realize how sacred was the law given at Sinai, Ezra's heart was stirred as never before. He experienced a new and thorough conversion, and determined to master the records of Old Testament history, that he might use this knowledge, not for selfish purposes, but to bring blessing and light to his people. Some of the prophecies were about to be fulfilled; he would search diligently for the light that had been obscured. [Review and Herald 01-30-08 para. 3] p. 110, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Ezra took pains with his studies. He endeavored to gain a heart-preparation for the work he believed was appointed him. He sought God earnestly, that he might be a workman of whom his Lord would not be ashamed. He searched out the words that had been written concerning the duties of God's denominated people; and he found the solemn pledge made by the Israelites, that they would obey the words of the Lord; and the pledge that God, in return, had made, promising them his blessing as a reward of obedience. [Review and Herald 01-30-08 para. 4] p. 111, Para. 1, [1908MS].

With painstaking effort Ezra sought to arrive at the true sense of the Old Testament scriptures, and to revive their original meaning. He became thoroughly conversant with the writings of Moses. His desire to please God led him to strive earnestly to learn the true significance of the ten commandments. He searched for all those statements in sacred history that relate to the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, and to the laws written in books, which the Israelites had been directed to preserve carefully as the commands of God. [Review and Herald 01-30-08 para. 5] p. 111, Para. 2, [1908MS].

These laws contained in books were not a new revelation, but a repetition of the ceremonial laws given at Sinai. Before Moses left the children of Israel, at the command of God, to die in the land of Moab, the laws that had formerly been given were repeated and enlarged upon. Some methods for their enforcement were given; some precepts were explained, and the reasons why they had been given were made plain. Upon several occasions the judgments of God had

fallen upon transgressors; the commands that had been transgressed at these times were repeated. Transgressors were to know that disobedience would surely bring the punishment of God. [Review and Herald 01-30-08 para. 6] p. 111, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Ezra inquired into the oracles of God diligently, that he might exert an influence in accordance with the expressed will of God. He felt that, for himself, he must do the will of the Lord; for only as he should bring his mind into harmony with truth could he be taught to labor in harmony with the Word of God. As he learned to yield his mind and will to the control of God, there were brought into his life the principles of true sanctification, which, in latter years, had a molding influence not only upon the minds of the youth who sought his instruction, but upon all others who associated with him. [Review and Herald 01-30-08 para. 7] p. 111, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God chose Ezra to be an instrument of good unto Israel, that the Lord might put honor upon the priesthood, the glory of which had been greatly eclipsed during the captivity. Ezra developed into a man of extraordinary learning, and became "a ready scribe in the law of Moses." These qualifications made him an eminent man in the Medo-Persian kingdom. [Review and Herald 01-30-08 para. 8] p. 111, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Ezra became a mouthpiece for God, educating those about him in the holy principles that govern in heaven. To live according to the commandments of God,--this was the rule of his life, his purpose. He first learned, and then he taught. He learned to conduct his own life in accordance with truth and righteousness; then he set himself to teach Israel the statutes and judgments of God. That which he learned of truth he communicated to others, in order that the same living influence might work in their lives. During the remaining years of his lifetime, whether near the court of the king of Medo-Persia or at Jerusalem, his principal work was that of a teacher. With painstaking care he taught the law of the Lord, and urged the importance of obedience. His example in word and deed carried with it a weight of influence; for the Spirit of God was with him. Teaching thus, he educated his fellow men in the knowledge of truth that would live through eternal ages. (To be Concluded.) Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 01-30-08 para. 9] p. 111, Para. 6, [1908MS].

February 6, 1908 The Return of the Exiles -- No. 12. Ezra the Priest, the Scribe. (Concluded).--The results of Ezra's timely effort to revive an interest in the study of Holy Writ, were given permanency by his painstaking, lifelong work of preserving and multiplying copies of the Old Testament Scriptures. During the captivity, the knowledge of God's will had to some extent been lost. Ezra gathered all the copies of the law that he could find, and had many copies of these made and distributed. The pure Word, thus diligently multiplied and placed in the hands of many people, gave knowledge that was of inestimable value. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 1] p. 112, Para. 1, [1908MS].

As Ezra strove to promulgate the truths he had learned, his capabilities for labor increased and developed. He became a man of piety and zeal, because the truth was a sanctifying power in his soul. He was the Lord's witness to the world of what Bible truth is when revealed in the daily life of the receiver. His life, like the life of Christ, sowed the seeds of truth, by a revelation of the pure principles that can save the soul. Far happier would professed Christians be today if they would in the same way reflect the light of heaven upon the pathway of others, teaching in the life the statutes and judgments that rule in the heavenly courts. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 2] p. 112, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Shall we let the example of Ezra teach us the use we should make of our knowledge of the Scriptures? The life of this servant of God should be an inspiration to us to serve the Lord with heart and mind and strength. We each have an appointed work to do, and this can be accomplished only by consecrated effort. We need first to set ourselves to know the requirements of God, and then to practise them. Then we can sow seeds of truth that will bear fruit unto eternal life. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 3] p. 112, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Ezra's faith that God would do a mighty work for his people, led him to make known to King Artaxerxes his desire to return to Jerusalem that he might revive an interest in the study of God's Word, and assist his brethren in restoring and building up the holy city. Ezra declared that his entire trust was in the God of Israel, who was abundantly able to protect and care for his people. The

king was deeply impressed. He well understood that the Israelites who wished to return, were going to Jerusalem in order that they might serve the living God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth; yet so great was the king's confidence in the integrity of Ezra, that he showed him marked favor. Artaxerxes not only granted him his request, but bestowed rich gifts for the temple service, made him a special representative of the Medo-Persian kingdom, and conferred on him extensive powers to carry out the purposes that were in his heart. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 4] p. 112, Para. 4, [1908MS].

This decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus for the restoring and building of Jerusalem, is the third issued since the close of the seventy years' captivity. It is remarkable for the expressions it contains regarding the God of heaven; for the recognition it gives to the attainments of Ezra; and for the liberality of the grants made to the remnant people of God. Artaxerxes refers to Ezra as "the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of his statutes to Israel;" "a scribe of the law of the God of heaven." The king united with his counselors in offering freely "unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem;" and in addition to the bestowal of rich gifts, he made provision for meeting many heavy expenses by ordering that they be paid "out of the king's treasure house." [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 5] p. 112, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The king's special anxiety was to assist in carrying out the commands of the God of heaven. "Thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counselors," he declared to Ezra, "to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand." And he further decreed: "Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?" [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 6] p. 113, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Artaxerxes arranged for the restoration of the members of the priesthood to their ancient rites and privileges. In giving permission to the Israelites to return, he made particular mention of the priests and Levites, and he added: "We certify you, that, touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll,

tribute, or custom, upon them." He also arranged for the appointment of civil officers to govern the people justly, in accordance with the Jewish code of laws. "Thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God that is in thine hand," he decreed, "set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know them not. And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment." [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 7] p. 113, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Thus, "according to the good hand of his God upon him," Ezra persuaded the king to make abundant provision for the return of all of the people of Israel, and of the priests and Levites, in the Medo-Persian realm, who were minded "of their own free will to go up to Jerusalem." What rejoicing this decree must have brought to those who had been uniting with Ezra in a study of God's purpose concerning his people! The sentiment of the hearts of many is expressed in the words of praise uttered by the servant of the Lord in devout thanksgiving to God for his wonderful providences. "Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers," Ezra exclaimed, "which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem; and hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty princes." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 8] p. 113, Para. 3, [1908MS].

February 6, 1908 A Missionary Education.--In the work of soul saving, the Lord calls together laborers who have different plans and ideas and various methods of labor. But with this diversity of minds, there is to be revealed a unity of purpose. Oftentimes in the past the work which the Lord designed should prosper has been hindered because men have tried to place a yoke upon their fellow workers who did not follow the methods which they regarded as the best. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 1] p. 113, Para. 4, [1908MS].

No exact pattern can be given for the establishment of schools in new fields. The climate, the surroundings, the condition of the country, and the means at hand with which to work, must all bear a part in shaping the work. The blessings of an all-round education will bring success in

Christian missionary work. Through its means souls will be converted to the truth. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 2] p. 113, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"Ye are the light of the world," Christ declares. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." God's work in the earth in these last days is to reflect the light that Christ brought into the world. This light is to dissipate the gross darkness of ages. Men and women in heathen darkness are to be reached by those who at one time were in a similar condition of ignorance, but who have received the knowledge of the truth of God's Word. These heathen nations will accept eagerly the efforts made to instruct them in a knowledge of God. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 3] p. 114, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Very precious to God is his work in the earth. Christ and heavenly angels are watching in every moment. As we draw near to the coming of Christ, more and still more of missionary work will engage our efforts. The message of the renewing power of God's grace will belt the world. Those that will be sealed will be from every nation and kindred and tongue and people. From every country will be gathered men and women who will stand before the throne of God and before the Lamb in worship, crying, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." But before this work can be accomplished, we must experience right here in our own country the work of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 4] p. 114, Para. 2, [1908MS].

God has revealed to me that we are in positive danger of bringing into our educational work the customs and fashions that prevail in the schools of the world. If the teachers are not guarded in their work, they will place on the necks of their students worldly yokes instead of the yoke of Christ. The plan of the schools we shall establish in these closing days of the work is to be of an entirely different order from those we have instituted in the past. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 5] p. 114, Para. 3, [1908MS].

For this reason, God bids us establish schools away from the cities, where without let or hindrance, we can carry on the work of education upon plans that are in harmony with the solemn message that is committed to us for the world. Such an education as this can best be worked out where

there is land to cultivate, and where the physical exercise taken by the students can be of such a nature as to act a valuable part in their character building, and to fit them for usefulness in the fields to which they will go. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 6] p. 114, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God will bless the work of those schools that are conducted according to his design. When we were laboring to establish the educational work in Australia, the Lord revealed to us that this school must not pattern after any schools that had been established in the past. This was to be a sample school. The school was organized on the plans that God had given us, and he has prospered its work. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 7] p. 114, Para. 5, [1908MS].

I have been shown that in our educational work we are not to follow the methods that have been adopted in our older established schools. There is among us too much clinging to old customs, and because of this we are far behind where we should be in the development of the third angel's message. Because men could not comprehend the purpose of God in the plans laid before us for the education of the workers, methods have been followed in some of our schools which have retarded rather than advanced the work of God. Years have passed into eternity with small results that might have shown the accomplishment of a great and sacred work. If the Lord's will had been done by the workers in earth as the angels do it in heaven, much that now remains to be done, would be already accomplished, and noble results would be seen to follow our missionary efforts. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 8] p. 114, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The usefulness learned on the school farm is the very education that is most essential for those who go out as missionaries to many foreign fields. If this training is given with the glory of God in view, great results will be seen. No work will be more effectual than that done by those who, having obtained an education in practical life, go forth to mission fields with the message of truth, prepared to instruct as they have been instructed. The knowledge they have obtained in the tilling of the soil, in the erection of buildings, and in other lines of manual work, and which they carry with them to their field of labor, will make them a blessing even in heathen lands. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 9] p. 115, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Before we can carry the message of present truth in all its fulness to other countries we must first break every yoke. We must come into the line of true education, walking in the wisdom of God, and not in the wisdom of the world. God calls for messengers who will be true reformers. We must educate, educate, to prepare a people who will understand the message, and then give the message to the world. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 02-06-08 para. 10] p. 115, Para. 2, [1908MS].

February 13, 1908 The Return of the Exiles -- No. 13. The Journey to Jerusalem, under Ezra.--The decree of Artaxerxes was made in the seventh year of his reign, B.C. 457. Once more the dispersed of Judah were given opportunity to work out the purpose of God in restoring Zion. In the raising up of Ezra as a leader, God's providence was manifest. Some discerned this, and gladly took advantage of the privilege of returning under circumstances so favorable. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 1] p. 115, Para. 3, [1908MS].

A general place of meeting was designated, and at the appointed time those who were desirous of going to Jerusalem assembled for the long journey. "I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava," says Ezra, "and there abode we in tents three days." [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 2] p. 115, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The number who responded to the call to leave Babylon, was disappointingly small. Ezra had expected that a large number would return. But many of those who had acquired houses and lands, had no desire to sacrifice these possessions. They loved ease and comfort rather than hardship and privation, and were well satisfied to remain. Their example proved a hindrance to many who might otherwise have chosen to cast in their lot with God's people, and advance by faith. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 3] p. 115, Para. 5, [1908MS].

As Ezra looked over the company assembled, he was surprised to find "none of the sons of Levi." Where were the members of the tribe that had been set apart for the sacred service of the temple? To the call, "Who is on the Lord's side?" the Levites should have been the first to respond. During the period of the captivity, and afterward, they had been granted many privileges. They had enjoyed fullest liberty to minister to the spiritual needs of their

Jewish brethren in Babylon. Synagogues had been built, in which the priests conducted the worship of God, and instructed the people. The observance of the Sabbath, and the performance of sacred rights peculiar to the Jewish faith, had been freely allowed. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 4] p. 115, Para. 6, [1908MS].

But with the passing of the years after the close of the captivity, conditions changed, and many new responsibilities rested upon the leaders in Israel. The temple at Jerusalem had been rebuilt and dedicated, and more priests were needed to carry on its services. There was pressing need of men of God to act as teachers of the people. And besides, the Jews remaining in Babylon were in danger of having their religious liberty restricted. Through the prophet Zechariah, as well as by their late experience in the troublous times of Esther and Mordecai, God had plainly warned his people to flee from Babylon. The time had come when it was perilous to dwell longer in the midst of heathen influences. In view of these changed conditions, the priests in Babylon should have been quick to discern in the call, "Who is on the Lord's side?" a special call to them to return to Jerusalem. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 5] p. 116, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The king and his princes had done more than their part in opening the way for every one who feared God to return. They had provided abundant means for carrying forward the work of God; but where were the men? The sons of Levi failed at a time when their presence was greatly needed at Jerusalem, and when the influence of their decision to return would have led many others to follow their example. Their strange indifference is a sad revelation of the attitude of the Israelites in Babylon toward God's purposes for his people. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 6] p. 116, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Once again Ezra addressed the Levites in Babylon with the words, "Who is on the Lord's side?" To emphasize the importance of quick action, he chose nine "chief men," and two "men of understanding," as special messengers to return and persuade their brethren to accompany them to Jerusalem. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 7] p. 116, Para. 3, [1908MS].

While the travelers tarried, these trusted messengers hastened back to "Iddo the chief," and "his brethren the

nethinims," with the plea, "Bring unto us ministers for the house of our God." This entreaty was heeded; a few halting souls made final decision to return. Ezra acknowledged with gratitude that "by the good hand of our God," his messengers succeeded in returning to the camp quickly with about forty priests, and two hundred twenty nethinims,--men upon whom he could depend as wise ministers and good teachers and helpers. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 8] p. 116, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Those who expected to return with Ezra were now ready to start. Before them was a journey that would occupy several months. The men were taking with them their wives and children, and their substance, besides large treasures for the temple and its service. Ezra was aware that enemies lay in wait by the way to attack, plunder, and destroy him and his company; yet he had asked from the king no armed force for their protection. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 9] p. 116, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Before setting out on the journey, he sought the protection of the Most High. "I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava," says Ezra, "that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to ask of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance." Earnest prayer was offered to God for his blessing upon the undertaking. Says Ezra: "I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him." [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 10] p. 116, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Under ordinary circumstances, it would have been wholly right and proper for Ezra to accept the offer of an armed escort. But in this instance, he had expressed himself to King Artaxerxes so freely regarding his steadfast confidence in the protecting care of the God of Israel, that he was ashamed to ask the king for protection. He believed that in view of all that had been said regarding the true God, the faith of the king in the power of God would be strengthened if the Israelites, on their part, would exercise faith. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 11] p. 117, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In this matter, Ezra and his companies discerned an

opportunity to magnify the name of God before the heathen; and so they determined to put their trust wholly in him. They knew that if they kept the law of the Lord continually before them, and practised this law, they would be protected by the breastplate of righteousness. They realized that if they wilfully chose to violate even one precept of the decalogue, they would be like a soldier without a breastplate,--unprotected from the assaults of Satan. "So we fasted," said Ezra, "and besought our God for this: and he was entreated of us." [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 12] p. 117, Para. 2, [1908MS].

By prayer and fasting, by self-examination and confession of sin, they sought to come into harmony with God and his holy law. They pleaded with the Lord to purge them from their sins. All harshness and impatience of spirit were put away. Self was crucified; the Lord God was exalted, and he alone. They knew that their strength was to be gained not in wealth, not in the power and influence of idolatrous men, but in the favor of God. Through conformity to his will, they hoped for success. They could not afford to lessen their influence over men, in behalf of the truth, by allowing unsanctified traits of character to obtain the mastery. Nor could they afford to create in the minds of their heathen friends a single doubt as to the sincerity of the profession of faith made by God's commandment-keeping people. They well knew that if they succeeded in their important mission, it would be because they had complied with the requirements of God, thus making it possible for his blessing to accompany them. Under these peculiar circumstances, they asked for no guard of soldiers. The heathen must not be given occasion to ascribe to the strength of man the glory that belonged to God alone. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 13] p. 117, Para. 3, [1908MS].

But the blessing of God does not take the place of prudence and forethought. As a special precaution in safeguarding the treasure, Ezra "separated twelve of the chief of the priests,"--proved men, wise men of opportunity, men of faithfulness and determined fidelity,--"and weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counselors, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered." These men were solemnly charged to act as vigilant stewards over the treasure entrusted to their care. "Ye are holy unto the Lord," Ezra

declared; "the vessels are holy also; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the Lord God of your fathers. Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the Lord. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 14] p. 117, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God." [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 15] p. 118, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The care exercised by Ezra in providing for the transportation and safekeeping of the Lord's treasure, is an object lesson worthy of thoughtful study. Only those whose trustworthiness had been proved, were chosen; and they were instructed plainly as to their responsibility before God. In the appointment of faithful officers to act as treasurers of the Lord's goods, Ezra recognized the necessity and value of order and organization in connection with the work of God. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 16] p. 118, Para. 2, [1908MS].

During the few days that the Israelites had tarried to seek the Lord for protection and guidance, every provision was completed for the long journey. "We departed from the river of Ahava," Ezra writes, "on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way." They were on the way about four months, reaching Jerusalem "on the first day of the fifth month," in the seventh year of Artaxerxes. The multitude that accompanied Ezra--several thousand in all, including women and children--necessitated a slow journey, but all were preserved in safety. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 17] p. 118, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The Lord wrought for the returning Jews. Even their enemies were restrained from doing them harm. None were able to intercept them, and their journey was a prosperous one. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 18] p. 118, Para. 4, [1908MS].

This experience is a lesson to all those who have set their faces toward the New Jerusalem. The Christian pilgrim is to make his journey one of trust in the keeping power of

God. There will always be enemies, emissaries of Satan, on the alert to hurt and destroy every soul who is not on guard, and who has not provided himself with the Christian armor of righteousness and peace. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 19] p. 118, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Fellow pilgrim, let strict faithfulness and determined fidelity characterize your every act. Let every step of the journey to the New Jerusalem be taken with eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. Those who will keep the way of the Lord, in strict obedience, will have the guardianship of heavenly angels as they travel Zionward. All self-seeking, all dissension and strife, will be put away. Unity and harmony will prevail. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 20] p. 118, Para. 6, [1908MS].

May we take these experiences in the history of Israel to heart, consecrate ourselves anew to God, and live to the honor and glory of his name. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 02-13-08 para. 21] p. 118, Para. 7, [1908MS].

February 20, 1908 The Return of the Exiles--No. 14. A Revival and a Reformation.--The coming of Ezra and his company to Jerusalem brought courage and hope into the hearts of many who had long labored under trying difficulties. Since the first company of exiles had returned with Zerubbabel and Joshua, over seventy years before, much had been accomplished in the work of restoration. The temple had been finished; the walls of the city had been partially repaired. Yet much remained undone. At times, the people had become disheartened, and had well-nigh ceased all effort to restore the city. Even during the years of comparative peace following the troublous times of Queen Esther, but little was done to upbuild the wall. [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 1] p. 119, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The indifference of many of the Israelites who had returned, is directly traceable to their violation of the plain precepts of the law given at Sinai. Some who had returned, remained faithful; but many of their children and children's children, lost sight of the law of heaven. The Mosaic code, given for the good of the people, was sadly disregarded. Sin was in the camp. Even some of the men who had been entrusted with sacred responsibilities, lived in open sin. Their course of action largely neutralized the efforts of others to advance the cause of God; for so long

as flagrant violations of God's law were allowed to go on unrebuked, the blessing of heaven could not rest richly upon the people. [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 2] p. 119, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In the providence of God, those who returned with Ezra had sought the Lord earnestly, before undertaking their journey. They had humbled themselves before God, confessing their sins, and imploring forgiveness. With agony of soul they had pleaded for divine guidance and blessing. The experiences through which they had just passed, led them to realize that in God alone was their strength, and that sin, by separating them from the source of their power, would leave them weak and defenseless. Many of them had become strong in faith; and as these mingled with the discouraged and the indifferent, their influence for good was a powerful factor in the work of reform instituted soon afterward by Ezra. [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 3] p. 119, Para. 3, [1908MS].

On the fourth day after the arrival at Jerusalem, the treasures of silver and gold, with the vessels for the service of the sanctuary, were delivered by the treasurers in the hands of the temple officers. Every article was examined "by number and by weight." The delivery of the treasures was made in the presence of witnesses, with the utmost exactitude. Nothing had been lost. The care exercised in this transaction is an object lesson of the care with which the Lord would be pleased to have the affairs of his cause conducted at all times and in every place. [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 4] p. 119, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The children of the captivity who had returned with Ezra, "offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel," for a sin offering, and as a token of gratitude and thanksgiving for the protection of holy angels during their journey. "And they delivered, the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river; and they furthered the people, and the house of God." [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 5] p. 119, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Ezra's arrival at Jerusalem was opportune. His brethren were in great need of the influence of his presence. Soon after his return, some of the chief men of Israel approached him with a serious complaint. Some of "the

people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites," had so far lost sight of the holy character of the commands of Jehovah given them through Moses, that they had intermarried with the surrounding heathen peoples. "They have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons," Ezra was informed, "so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people" of heathen lands; "yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass." [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 6] p. 120, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In his study of the causes that led to the Babylonish captivity, Ezra had learned that the terrible apostasy of Israel was largely traceable to their mingling with the surrounding nations. Had they obeyed God's command to keep separate from the heathen, they would have been spared many sad and humiliating experiences. And so, when the servant of God was informed that notwithstanding the plain lessons of the past, men of prominence in Israel had dared transgress the laws given them as a safeguard against apostasy, his heart was made inexpressibly sad. "When I heard this thing," he says, "I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished. [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 7] p. 120, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"Then were assembled unto me every one that trembleth at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice." The servant of God suffered intense agony of soul over the commission of sins so grievous by those who had had great light and privileges. [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 8] p. 120, Para. 3, [1908MS].

At the time of the evening sacrifice, Ezra arose, and, once more rending his garment and his mantle, he fell upon his knees, and unburdened his soul in earnest supplication to God. Spreading out his hands unto the Lord, he exclaimed, "O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens." [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 9] p. 120, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Ezra remembered the goodness of God in again giving his people a foothold in their native land, and he was

overwhelmed with righteous indignation and with grief at the thought of their ingratitude. [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 10] p. 120, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"Since the days of our fathers," the humble suppliant continued, "have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. And now for a little space grace hath been showed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 11] p. 120, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets. . . . And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping? O Lord God of Israel, thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we can not stand before thee because of this." [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 12] p. 121, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Ezra's language in this petition is that of true humiliation of soul, the contrition that prevails with God in prayer. Only the prayer of the humble enters into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. "Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off." "To this man will I look," saith the Lord, "even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 13] p. 121, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The sorrow of Ezra and of his associates over the evils that had insidiously crept into the very heart of the Lord's work, wrought repentance. Many of those who had sinned, were deeply affected. "The people wept very sore." They had begun to realize, in a limited degree, the heinousness of sin, and the horror with which God regards it. The sacredness of the law spoken at Sinai was brought clearly before their minds, and many trembled at the thought of their transgressions. [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 14] p. 121, Para. 3, [1908MS].

One of the company, Shechaniah by name, acknowledged that all the words spoken by Ezra were true. "We have trespassed against our God," he confessed, "and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing." Shechaniah proposed that all who had transgressed, should make a covenant with God to forsake their lives of sin, and to be adjudged "according to the law." "Arise," he bade Ezra, "for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it." [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 15] p. 121, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word." [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 16] p. 121, Para. 5, [1908MS].

This was the beginning of a wonderful reformation. With infinite patience and tact, and with careful consideration for the rights and welfare of every individual concerned, Ezra and his associates labored to lead the repentant of Israel into a right way of living. Above all things else, Ezra was a teacher of the law; and as he gave personal attention to the examination of every case, he sought to impress upon the mind of the sinner the holiness of the law of heaven, and the blessings to be gained through obedience to this law. (To be concluded.) Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 02-20-08 para. 17] p. 121, Para. 6, [1908MS].

February 27, 1908 The Return of the Exiles -- No. 14. A Revival and a Reformation (Concluded).--Wherever Ezra labored, there sprang up a revival in the study of the Holy Scriptures. Teachers were appointed to instruct the people; the law of the Lord was exalted and made honorable. The books of the prophets were searched, and the prophecies foretelling the coming of the Messiah brought hope and

comfort to many a sad and weary heart. [Review and Herald 02-27-08 para. 1] p. 122, Para. 1, [1908MS].

More than two thousand years have passed by since Ezra "prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it;" yet this long lapse of time has not lessened the influence of his pious example. Throughout the centuries, the record of his life of consecration has been an inspiration to many who have determined to "seek the law of the Lord, and to do it." His steadfastness of purpose, his careful methods of study, his diligence in teaching the Holy Scriptures to the common people, his unwavering trust in God, his abhorrence of sin, his patience and kindly consideration in dealing with the erring,--these and other striking characteristics of his life have had an ennobling influence on the lives of many who have been impressed by the Holy Spirit to emulate his example. Ezra's motives were high and holy; all that he did was actuated by an intense love for souls. And to the end of time, the compassion and tenderness that he ever revealed toward those who had sinned either wilfully or through ignorance, should be an object lesson to all who seek to bring about reforms. God desires his servants to be as firm and unyielding as a rock, where right principles are involved; and yet, withal, they are to manifest the kindly sympathy and the forbearance revealed in the lives of Ezra and of Christ. Like Ezra, they are to teach transgressors the words of life, which contain principles that are the foundation of all rightdoing. [Review and Herald 02-27-08 para. 2] p. 122, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In this age of the world, when Satan is seeking through manifold agencies to blind the eyes of the people against the binding claims of the law of God, there is need of Ezras,--of men who can cause many to "tremble at the commandment of our God." There is need of true reformers who will point transgressors to the great Lawgiver, and teach them that the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. There is need of men mighty in the Scriptures; men whose every word and act exalts the law of Jehovah; men who, in this time of apostasy and unbelief, labor to strengthen the faith of their fellow men in the law and the prophets. Teachers are needed, O, so much! to inspire hearts with reverence and love for the Holy Scriptures, which have been given for the admonition of us upon whom the ends of the world are come. [Review and Herald 02-27-08 para. 3] p. 122, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Often has the cause of God languished because of a lack of reverence for the precepts of Holy Writ. Often has the name of God been brought into dishonor by those who, while professing to be Christians, have neglected the study of the Word, and have allowed grievous sins to come into their lives. [Review and Herald 02-27-08 para. 4] p. 122, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God calls for a revival and a reformation. The words of the Bible, and the Bible alone, should be echoed from the pulpits of our land. In the sermons of many pulpits of today there is not that divine manifestation which awakens the conscience and brings life to the soul. The hearers can not say, "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?" There are many who are crying out for the living God; many who are longing for the bread of life. Let the Word of God speak to the people. Let them hear the voice of him whose word can renew the soul unto everlasting life. [Review and Herald 02-27-08 para. 5] p. 122, Para. 5, [1908MS].

God's servants are now to proclaim faithfully his Word in all lands, to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; for the Lord has "set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." [Review and Herald 02-27-08 para. 6] p. 123, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Today God is sending to his people the comforting message: "Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him." [Review and Herald 02-27-08 para. 7] p. 123, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"There shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel

in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.
[Review and Herald 02-27-08 para. 8] p. 123, Para. 3,
[1908MS].

"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. [Review and Herald 02-27-08 para. 9] p. 123, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 02-27-08 para. 10] p. 123, Para. 5, [1908MS].

March 5, 1908 Eternal Riches.--Christ's teachings are of a character to impress the mind with the superiority of eternal things, and to impregnate the present life with the interests of eternity. [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 1] p. 123, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth," the Saviour declared, "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." [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 2] p. 123, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"No man can serve two masters." As Christ visited the places where worldly gain was occupying men's thoughts and energies, and marked the worshipers at the shrine of Mammon, he said, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" With the confidence of one who knew, he said, "Ye can not serve God and Mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for

they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 3] p. 123, Para. 8, [1908MS].

"Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek) for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 4] p. 124, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Lord looks with pity on those who allow themselves to be burdened with household cares and business perplexities. They are cumbered with much serving, and neglect the one thing essential. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness," the Saviour says, "and all these things shall be added unto you." That is, Look away from this world to the eternal. Put forth your most earnest endeavors to obtain those things upon which God places value, and which Christ gave his precious life that you might secure. His sacrifice has thrown open wide to you the gates of heavenly commerce. Lay up your treasure beside the throne of God, by doing with his entrusted capital the work that he desires done in the winning of souls to a knowledge of the truth. This will secure you eternal riches. [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 5] p. 124, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The possession of the Word of God places great responsibilities upon us; for it makes us accountable for the means that he entrusts to us. It is a great privilege to have money to invest in the cause of God; and that man is blessed who desires to place it where instead of ministering to selfish desires, it will help to work out the purposes of God. The offerings made to help carry out the plan of salvation, bring joy to the giver and glory to the One for whose sake they are made. [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 6] p. 124, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten

Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God gave Christ to the world. The Son of God laid aside his royal robe and kingly crown, and leaving his high command in heaven, came to earth as a man. Through the years of childhood and youth and manhood he was subject to poverty and to all the temptations that beset the human race. [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 7] p. 124, Para. 4, [1908MS].

When we think of the great gift of heaven for the redemption of a sinful world, and then consider the offerings that we can make, we shrink from drawing a comparison. The demands that might be made upon a whole universe could not compare with that one gift. Immeasurable love was expressed when one equal with the Father came to pay the price for the souls of men, and bring to them eternal life. Shall those who profess the name of Christ see no attraction in the world's Redeemer, be indifferent to the possession of truth and righteousness, and turn from the heavenly treasure to the earthly? [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 8] p. 124, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. But every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 9] p. 125, Para. 1, [1908MS].

This gospel message is one of the most precious passages in the New Testament. When it is accepted, it yields in the lives of the receiver good deeds whose value is far above that of diamonds and gold. It has power to bring gladness and consolation into the earthly life, and to bestow eternal life upon the believer. O that we might have our understanding so enlightened by grace that we could take in its full meaning! The Father is saying to us, I will bestow upon you a treasure more precious than any earthly possession, a treasure that will make you rich and blessed forever. [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 10] p. 125, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In this life our possessions are limited, but the great treasure that God offers in his gift to the world, is unlimited. It comprehends every human desire, and goes far

beyond our human calculations. In the great day of final decision, when every man shall be judged according to his deeds, every voice of self-justification will be hushed; for it will be seen that in his gift to the human race the Father gave all he had to give, and that they are without excuse who have refused to accept the gracious offering. [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 11] p. 125, Para. 3, [1908MS].

We have no enemy without that we need to fear. Our great conflict is with unconsecrated self. When we conquer self, we are more than conquerors through him who has loved us. My brethren, there is eternal life for us to win. Let us fight the good fight of faith. Not in the future, but now, is our probation. While it lingers, "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things,"--the things which now so often serve Satan's purpose as snares to deceive and destroy,--"shall be added unto you." God's chosen ones must be gold, not wood, hay, and stubble. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 03-05-08 para. 12] p. 125, Para. 4, [1908MS].

March 12, 1908 Words to Teachers and Students.--We have been instructed again and again that the character of the education that has long been current, can not stand the test of the Word of God. The subject of education is one that should interest every Seventh-day Adventist. The Lord says to us, Seventh-day Adventists are not to place themselves under the counsel and instruction of teachers who know not the truth for this time. The molding and fashioning of minds should not be left to men who have not comprehended the importance of a preparation for that life which measures with the life of God. [Review and Herald 03-12-08 para. 1] p. 125, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Some among our teachers have been charmed by the sentiments of infidel authors. In a representation given me I saw one holding in his hand one of these books and recommending it to our teachers as a book from which real help could be obtained along educational lines. Another was holding in his hand books of an altogether different character. He placed his hand upon the one who had recommended the infidel author, and said, "Advice of the kind you have given is opening the door for Satan with his sophistries to find easy entrance to your schools. These

books contain sentiments that your students should be instructed to avoid. Human minds are easily charmed with studies that lead to infidelity. These books produce in the minds of the students a distaste for the study of the Word of God, which is eternal life to all who follow its instruction. Such books are not to find entrance in any school where the youth are being taught to be learners of the greatest of teachers." [Review and Herald 03-12-08 para. 2] p. 125, Para. 6, [1908MS].

With solemn voice the Speaker continued: "Do you find with these authors that which you can recommend as essential to true higher education? Would you dare recommend their study to students who are ignorant of their true character? Wrong habits of thought, when once accepted, become a despotic power that fastens the mind as in a grasp of steel. If many who have received and read these books had never seen them, but had accepted the words of the divine Teacher in their place, they would be far in advance of where they now are in a knowledge of the divine truths of the Word of God, which make men wise unto salvation. These books have led thousands where Satan led Adam and Eve--to a knowledge that God forbade them to have. Through their teachings, students have turned from the Word of the Lord to fables." [Review and Herald 03-12-08 para. 3] p. 126, Para. 1, [1908MS].

I am instructed to say to students, In your search for knowledge, climb higher than the standard set by the world; follow where Jesus has led the way. And to teachers I would say, Beware how you sow the seeds of unbelief in human hearts and minds. Cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit. The crowning glory of Christ's attributes was his holiness. The angels bow before him in adoration exclaiming, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. He is declared to be glorious in his holiness. Study the character of God. By beholding Christ, by seeking him in faith and prayer, you may become like him. [Review and Herald 03-12-08 para. 4] p. 126, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The standard of education in our schools is lowered as soon as Christ ceases to be the pattern of teachers and students. Teachers are to understand that their work is not to be confined to the knowledge contained in textbooks; it is to reach higher, far higher than it does. A course of self-discipline is to educate them to conform the character to the divine similitude. Self dies hard, but when the teachers have that wisdom that cometh from above, they will

discern the true object of our educational work, and reforms will be made that will give the youth a training that is according to the Lord's plan of development and growth, and will fit them to become members of the family of heaven. [Review and Herald 03-12-08 para. 5] p. 126, Para. 3, [1908MS].

We need now to work in spiritual lines, seeking to purify ourselves from every defect of character. Christ must be formed within, the hope of glory. He must be received by every individual who would have an individual experience. We are to be rooted and grounded and established in the faith by the teachings of the Word. The truth has power to sanctify the receiver, and this work of sanctification will be accomplished for us as we have an individual knowledge of Christ, and learn to link up with him, and to walk by faith and prayer. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 03-12-08 para. 6] p. 126, Para. 4, [1908MS].

March 19, 1908 A Message to the Churches.--Sanitarium, Cal., Feb. 10, 1908.--"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." [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 1] p. 126, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 breast. 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 this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they 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. [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 2] p. 127, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which 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 precious cornerstone, 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." [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 3] p. 127, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 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 defense 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." [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 4] p. 127, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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, "or with what comparison shall we liken it?" 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. [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 5] p. 127, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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 taken 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 a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship 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." [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 6] p. 127, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"Be ye glad and rejoice forever in that 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 her, 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. [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 7] p. 128, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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. [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 8] p. 128, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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." [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 9] p. 128, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 can not see the kingdom of God." 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. [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 10] p. 128, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. The truth that is not lived, that is not imparted to others, loses its lifegiving 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. [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 11] p. 128, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 12] p. 128, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Speaking to his church, Christ said, "And I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." The professed Christian who is not a Christian in practise, 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. [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 13] p. 129, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 cooperate with the divine. Men may pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven;" but if they fail of acting out this prayer in their lives, their petitions will be fruitless. [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 14] p. 129, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." 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. [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 15] p. 129, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 16] p. 129, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. Ellen G. White.

[Review and Herald 03-19-08 para. 17] p. 129, Para. 5, [1908MS].

March 26, 1908 Teaching the Sabbath Truth.--The days in which we live are times that call for constant vigilance, times in which God's people should be awake to do a great work in presenting the light on the Sabbath question. They should arouse, and warn the inhabitants of the world that Christ is soon coming the second time with power and great glory. [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 1] p. 129, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Satan is actively at work in every place, calling men and women to his service. He is working vigilantly to bring in his soul destroying theories. Shall we be less earnest and active than he? God forbid; while the enemy of truth is using his powers to deceive and discourage, and to destroy the power of the messages that God would have come to his people, let those who have received the light discern the signs of the times and the fulfilment of prophecy, and arouse to earnest effort. O that I could say something to arouse those who profess to be the people of God to believe that the word of God is to stand forever! [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 2] p. 130, Para. 1, [1908MS].

This is a time for the Lord's servants to work with undiminished zeal to carry the third angel's message to all parts of the world. The work of this message is spreading far and near; yet we should not feel satisfied, but hasten to carry to thousands more the truth regarding the perpetuity of the law of Jehovah. From all our institutions of learning, from our publishing houses, from our sanitariums, the message is to be proclaimed. The people of God everywhere are to be aroused to cooperate in the great, grand work represented by the first, second, and third angel's messages. This last warning to the inhabitants of the earth is to make men see the importance God attaches to his holy law. So plainly is the truth to be presented, that no transgressor, hearing it, shall fail to discern the importance of obedience to the Sabbath commandment. [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 3] p. 130, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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. [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 4] p. 130, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Six days may work be done; but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 5] p. 130, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." There are abundant evidences of the immutability of God's law. It was written with the finger of God, never to be obliterated, never to be destroyed. The tables of stone are hidden by God, to be produced in the great judgment day, just as he wrote them. [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 6] p. 130, Para. 5, [1908MS].

I am instructed to say to our people, Gather together from the Scriptures the proofs that God has sanctified the Sabbath, and let the words of the Lord be read before the congregations, showing that all who turn aside from a plain "Thus saith the Lord" will be condemned. The Sabbath has been the test of the loyalty of God's people in all ages. "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever," the Lord declares. [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 7] p. 130, Para. 6, [1908MS].

In giving the word of God to the people, there is nothing to be argued. The word of the Lord is given for the observance of the seventh day; let this word be given to the people, and not the words of men. In so doing you throw the burden of responsibility upon those who reject it; and the arguments of opposers are arguments against the specifications of the word. While you exalt a "Thus saith the Lord," the controversy is not with the worker, but with God. [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 8] p. 131, Para. 1, [1908MS].

There is work for all to do in order that the simple truths of the Word of God may be made known. The words of Scripture should be printed and published just as they read. It would be well if the nineteenth and the greater portion of the twentieth chapters of Exodus, with verses twelve to eighteen of the thirty-first chapter, were printed just as they stand. Crowd these truths into small books and pamphlets, and let the word of God speak to the people. When a discourse concerning the law is preached that is right to the point, if you have any means of doing so, get it into a printed leaflet. Then when those who plead for Sunday laws meet you, place these leaflets in their hands. Tell them that you have no discussion over the Sunday question; for you have a plain "Thus saith the Lord" for the keeping of the seventh day. [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 9] p. 131, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The apostle Jude writes: "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. . . . Remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how that they told you that 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." [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 10] p. 131, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The people who profess to believe in the soon coming of Christ to judge the earth, should be thoroughly aroused to the situation. They should examine their own hearts and lives, to see if they stand in the position to which Jude, the servant of Christ, calls them. Physicians and ministers should be assured that they are themselves keeping the commandments of God; for this they must do if they would be saved in his kingdom. If we lose heaven, we lose everything. Then let us, in this time of proving, weed out from our characters everything that would exclude us from the city of God. Let us remember that our hearts and minds

are to be purified by obedience to the truth. [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 11] p. 131, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I urge my brethren and sisters to read their Bibles as they have never yet read them. The evidences that we are in the last days are being given us right in our own ranks. Some who have become self-sufficient, and have rejected the counsel of the Lord, are being left to follow their own human judgment. Let those who have been influenced by the words and works of such, discern the signs of the times, and see in these men the very ones of whom the apostles have warned us. And as we see these predictions being fulfilled before our eyes, may we be led to a more earnest study of the Scriptures, and to a determination to believe and to teach the word of the living God. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 03-26-08 para. 12] p. 131, Para. 5, [1908MS].

April 2, 1908 "Stablished in the Faith".--A message from the Lord has been given me for the churches that claim to believe the truth for these days. I am bidden to say to you, Study carefully the parable of the talents. This parable, spoken by the lips of the greatest of teachers, was given us as an object lesson. [Review and Herald 04-02-08 para. 1] p. 132, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The light of present truth is a precious talent lent to God's people by him who is truth. It is not to be hoarded, but constantly imparted. The Lord desires that his professed people shall themselves profit by the truths received. It is given, first for their own development--of heart and mind and affections; then for the help and enlightenment of those in the darkness of unbelief. [Review and Herald 04-02-08 para. 2] p. 132, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In this age the Lord is sending his servants with no ordinary message, but with special truths that must come before believers of every rank and tongue. Many of our church members have never studied fully into the more sure word of prophecy, and do not understand the facts that have made us what we are. All should bring into exercise the powers of the intellect, that they may clearly understand the different phases of present truth, and especially the subjects of prophecy which were opened to us when the message of Christ's soon coming was first heralded. [Review and Herald 04-02-08 para. 3] p. 132, Para. 3, [1908MS].

We are living in a time when, the Word of God declares, Satan will come down with great power, to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. He will work with such subtilty and power that, if it were possible, he would deceive the very elect. God's professed people need to heed the danger signals, and ever be on the watch. [Review and Herald 04-02-08 para. 4] p. 132, Para. 4, [1908MS].

A great danger threatens us in the influence of some who have not followed on step by step to know the Lord. False doctrines have come into our ranks in some places, doctrines that are creating a careless neglect to keep the way of the Lord. There are among us men who in the past God has used to his name's glory, but who are now being ensnared by Satan's deceptions. Many who once prized the truth, because they have refused to heed the instruction God has sent, have become independent and full of self-justification. These men are not to be entrusted as guides for us or for our youth. [Review and Herald 04-02-08 para. 5] p. 132, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, are these." [Review and Herald 04-02-08 para. 6] p. 132, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The Jews flattered themselves that in spite of departure from him, the Lord would protect from injury their temple and those who worshiped in it. They put their trust in outward advantages, and overlooked the necessity of purity of character, which alone God could bless. "Trust ye not in lying words," the prophet declared, "saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these. For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor; if ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, forever and ever." [Review and

Herald 04-02-08 para. 7] p. 132, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh. For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: but this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. And they harkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: yet they harkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers." [Review and Herald 04-02-08 para. 8] p. 133, Para. 1, [1908MS].

When men's hearts are softened and subdued by the working of the Holy Spirit, they will give heed to counsel; but when they turn away from the admonitions of the Lord, their hearts gradually become hardened until all their religious service is tainted with self. When men thus turn away from reproofs and warnings because they do not want to hear or receive truth that condemns their course of action, the Lord leaves them to be led by other influences. Because they refuse the truth, he allows them to accept falsehoods which become snares to their own destruction. They are given over to blindness of eyes and hardness of heart. [Review and Herald 04-02-08 para. 9] p. 133, Para. 2, [1908MS].

I call upon our churches to heed the warnings that have been coming to us for years. Let us remember that God lives and reigns, and let this thought lead us to walk humbly and trustingly before him. Our chief study should be how we can best glorify God. The servant of God whose life and character reflect most of the likeness of Christ is the one who will bring to God the greatest honor. [Review and Herald 04-02-08 para. 10] p. 133, Para. 3, [1908MS].

My brethren and sisters, keep your lamps trimmed and burning. If you will cling steadfastly to a "Thus saith the Lord," you will learn the science of true education. Those teachings and questions that arise that have not for their

authority a "Thus saith the Lord," let them be unrepeated by you. We need, dear people of God, a modest simplicity, and a great increase of faith. We need to have the soul temple cleansed, that the Holy Spirit may come in and take up his abode with us. We are to stand forth in the world to the praise of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. [Review and Herald 04-02-08 para. 11] p. 133, Para. 4, [1908MS].

There comes to our people at this time the exhortation and warning: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 04-02-08 para. 12] p. 133, Para. 5, [1908MS].

April 9, 1908 "Unto One of the Least".--"And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 1] p. 134, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The occasion was one on which Christ was surrounded by a large company of people. In the crowd were Pharisees and Sadducees, priests and lawyers, there in the hope of catching something in Christ's words that they might report to the Jewish authorities, and thus cause his work to cease. It was at the suggestion of these enemies that the lawyer asked the Saviour the question, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 2] p. 134, Para. 2, [1908MS].

As an open book Christ read the heart of the plotters, and looking at the lawyer, he asked, "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" And the lawyer answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." "Thou hast answered right," said Christ; "this do, and thou shalt live." [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 3] p. 134, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The lawyer had not obeyed this precept, and he knew it;

but, desiring to justify himself, he asked, "Who is my neighbor?" [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 4] p. 134, Para. 4, [1908MS].

In reply Christ related an incident with which many of those present were familiar. "A certain man," he said, "went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 5] p. 134, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked at him, and passed by on the other side. [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 6] p. 134, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 7] p. 134, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"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." [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 8] p. 134, Para. 8, [1908MS].

In the word-picture which the Saviour draws for his hearers, a sharp contrast is drawn. A certain man in his journey is attacked by thieves, robbed and wounded, and then left by the roadside to die. A priest, passing that way, comes to the place where the man lies, and though seeing his need, passes on without rendering any aid. Another passes, a Levite, whose special office it was to care for the sick and suffering, but he, as he looks at the wounded man, does not think of his duty, but of self. He sees, where the clothing has been stripped from the man, that his naked body is bruised and bleeding; but instead of giving the help it is in his power to give, he hurries from the scene, leaving the sufferer to his misery. [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 9] p. 134, Para. 9, [1908MS].

Then a certain Samaritan comes to the place. And when he sees him, he has "compassion on him." He binds up his

wounds; and when he has done all that he can for the sufferer in such a place, he sets him on his own beast, and, walking beside, leads the way to the nearest tavern. There he cares for the sick man through the night, and in the morning, places him in the care of the keeper of the inn, asking him to care for him until his return, when he will surely repay him. [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 10] p. 135, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Samaritan fulfilled his duty to his fellow man. The priest and the Levite, in whose hearts selfishness reigned, proved themselves unkind and unmerciful. Self is a hard tyrant, and while this power rules in the life, we can not do unto others as we would have them do to us. To fulfil the golden rule, the life must be transformed, the human nature must become a partaker of the divine. [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 11] p. 135, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The people had listened with intense interest to the narrative, and when at its close the Saviour asked, "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among thieves?" Many joined with the lawyer in answering, "He that showed mercy on him." Then said Jesus to the lawyer, "Go, and do thou likewise." [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 12] p. 135, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The parable of the good Samaritan outlines true missionary work, and in this work God's people are all to have a part. No one is excused who neglects the duty he owes to his fellow men. In doing this work we fulfil the law of God. The Lord has pledged himself to bless those who fulfil his command to love him supremely and their neighbor as themselves. [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 13] p. 135, Para. 4, [1908MS].

It is not talk, it is not profession, or claims to piety and godliness, that are of value with God, but it is the work of righteousness that reveals a Christlike character. To obey the law of God means to be quick to see the necessities of our fellow beings, and quick to help them without stopping to inquire, Do they believe the same doctrines that I believe? To obey God's law means to act as God's helping hand in relieving the necessities of suffering humanity, no matter what the religious belief of those in need. Those who do this work, and who are loyal to the principles of God's truth, are living the gospel. [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 14] p. 135, Para. 5,

[1908MS].

The Lord takes careful notice of deeds of compassion and mercy shown by men to their fellow men. In his book of remembrance is written down every deed of mercy performed. "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." [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 15] p. 135, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The Saviour devoted more time and labor to healing the afflicted of their maladies than to preaching. His last injunction to his apostles, his representatives on the earth, was that they lay hands on the sick that they might recover. When the Master shall come again, he will commend those who have visited the sick and relieved the necessities of the afflicted. "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat," he will say to those at his right hand. "I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 04-09-08 para. 16] p. 135, Para. 7, [1908MS].

April 16, 1908 "So Have I Sent Them".--God has given me a message for his people. Those who claim to be Bible Christians, if they are daily under the converting power of the Holy Spirit, will cherish a spirit of brotherly kindness. Their words and actions will testify that they are followers of the lowly Jesus; their lives will be marked by a spirit of service. [Review and Herald 04-16-08 para. 1] p. 136, Para. 1, [1908MS].

There are among church members those whose habits and practises reveal that they have not come out fully from under the banner of rebellion. Brethren and sisters, this ought not so to be. The Lord wants us to appreciate the privilege we have of being good and of doing good. He wants us to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. It is our privilege to sit at the feet of him in whom is no sin, then to go forth to labor with him for the uplifting of our fellow men. [Review and Herald 04-16-08

para. 2] p. 136, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The blood-bought souls of Jesus Christ are to recognize the right of every man to be a sharer in the blessings of the gospel. Our fellow men have personal and social rights; they have claims upon our sympathy and love. The Lord makes a demand upon our services to help the needy and oppressed to the utmost of our ability. We are to learn to value souls as Christ values them, aside from all difference of circumstance and rank. Brethren, let us carry a burden for the weak and poor. Let us give them proof of our sympathy. And let us not withhold our encouragement from those who are laboring in hard portions of the Master's vineyard. [Review and Herald 04-16-08 para. 3] p. 136, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Every true Christian will be a missionary; for he will look upon himself as the servant of Christ. In that wonderful prayer of Christ recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John, the Saviour prayed, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." As Christ was a missionary from a higher world to this, so his followers are to be missionaries, teaching the truth of the gospel by precept and example, showing men and women how to live righteous and godly lives in this present evil world. [Review and Herald 04-16-08 para. 4] p. 136, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"For this cause came I into the world," Christ declared to Pilate, "that I should bear witness unto the truth." No true disciple of Christ can be silent in regard to the message of truth. As missionaries of the cross, they will lift up Christ as the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. [Review and Herald 04-16-08 para. 5] p. 136, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth," the Saviour prayed. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." [Review and Herald 04-16-08 para. 6] p. 136,

Para. 6, [1908MS].

When the light that God sends to his people is appreciated, they will not walk in darkness. For them the true Light shines, and not for them alone, but for those also with whom they are brought into association. "A city that is set on a hill," Christ said, "can not 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." [Review and Herald 04-16-08 para. 7] p. 137, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Brethren, does your light shine to all that are in the house? Or do you seek to hide your light when you are in the presence of worldlings? Remember that light is given you that through you others may receive its blessings. You are to let it shine in the words you speak, in the spirit you manifest, in the deeds you do. The light of truth received by you should make you Christ's representative, wherever you are. [Review and Herald 04-16-08 para. 8] p. 137, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The knowledge of the truth for this time brings with it a wonderful responsibility. It calls for the revelation of the grace of obedience, and a rising up from our former selfishness to a life of service for Christ. It appeals to us to be wholly on the Lord's side, to take our position for truth and righteousness. We all need to engage in the work of self-examination if we would be ready to meet the Lord when he comes. We need to learn to be Christians in the home, in every walk of life, to take up the cross, and bear it after Christ. [Review and Herald 04-16-08 para. 9] p. 137, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In our endeavors to form characters after the divine similitude, we shall meet with trial. There will be crosses to be borne, but in these experiences we may have the sympathies and help of heavenly angels. They are sent forth to minister unto them that shall be heirs of salvation. My brethren and sisters, lift the cross of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Cling closely to the precious Saviour. Let your daily life bring honor to God. By your words and your works reveal that you have one great object in view. Christ is soon coming, and souls are perishing in ignorance and sin. Let it be yours to give these souls the message of

salvation. When the purifying, refining influence of the truth is felt in our own lives as it should be, we shall reveal in our works the fruits of righteousness. [Review and Herald 04-16-08 para. 10] p. 137, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Probationary time will soon close. We have but little longer in which to make known the truth for this time. That which we do must be done quickly, or it will be forever too late. Souls are perishing all around us without a knowledge of God and his last message of mercy to men. Now is our time to leave no opportunity unimproved to seek and to save the lost, no word unspoken that will shed light and knowledge on our fellow men. Brethren, labor on, while the day lasts. The night cometh when no man can work. If we refuse to do the work to which our knowledge of present truth calls us, who will do it? Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 04-16-08 para. 11] p. 137, Para. 5, [1908MS].

April 23, 1908 Ministering with Faithfulness and Simplicity.--The work of the faithful minister is no child's play: earnest, untiring effort is required to wrench the prey from the hands of the enemy. But God will sustain his servants in the work that he himself has committed to their hands. Whatever the trials and difficulties that the ambassador of Christ may have to meet, it is his privilege to carry them all to God in prayer. He can weep between the porch and the altar, pleading, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach." And by the study of the Scriptures, and earnest, wrestling prayer, he may become "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." [Review and Herald 04-23-08 para. 1] p. 138, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Christ said to his disciples, as they toiled by the sea of Galilee, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." When the gospel net is cast, there should be watching by the net, with tears and earnest prayers. Let the workers determine not to let the net go until it is drawn ashore, with the fruit of their labor. Sometimes they may be compelled to say, with Peter, "We have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing;" but still it is the Master's command, as of old, "Cast the net on the *right* side of the ship;" work on in faith, and God will give success. Though at times we may feel discouraged as we see how many obstacles there are in the way of Christian living, and how slowly the work of God seems to advance,

our duty remains the same. [Review and Herald 04-23-08 para. 2] p. 138, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The minister's duty is not done when he has preached the truth from the desk. As a shepherd of the flock, he should care for the sheep and the lambs, searching out the lost and straying, and bringing them back to the fold. He should visit every family, not merely as a guest to enjoy their hospitality, but to inquire into the spiritual condition of every member of the household. His own soul must be imbued with the love of God; then by kindly courtesy he may win his way to the hearts of all, and labor successfully for parents and children. He is to sow the seeds of truth beside all waters. Let him seek to keep the church alive by teaching its members how to labor with him for the conversion of sinners. This is good generalship; and the result will be found far better than if he should seek to perform the work alone. [Review and Herald 04-23-08 para. 3] p. 138, Para. 3, [1908MS].

To all our ministers I would say, Encourage your brethren to connect with you in all your labors. All the gifts and talents of the church are to be set to work. Let all desire on the part of any to have a controlling power be put away. There has been danger with some of marking out exactly what this or that man should do. Let the Lord do this work, and guide his own servants. "We are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." Give the Lord room to work human minds. Give the workers abundant freedom to work out the plans of God in harmony with their brethren. This will save much overwork for the few. Let the strong traits of character that would lead to the control of others be subdued by the grace of Christ. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." [Review and Herald 04-23-08 para. 4] p. 138, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The command comes to us as a people from the highest authority: "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." The spirit of Christ will be upon all who will walk with God in humility of heart. [Review and Herald 04-23-08 para. 5] p. 139, Para. 1, [1908MS].

A constant effort to promote personal piety should be seen in all our public labors. It is harder to reach the hearts

of men today than it was twenty years ago. The most convincing arguments may be presented, and yet sinners seem as far from salvation as ever. Ministers should not preach sermon after sermon on doctrinal subjects alone. Practical godliness should find a place in every discourse. [Review and Herald 04-23-08 para. 6] p. 139, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Dwell not on the negative points of questions that arise, but gather to your minds affirmative truths, and fasten them there by much study and earnest prayer and heart consecration. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning; and let bright rays shine forth, that men, beholding your good works, may be led to glorify your Father which is in heaven. [Review and Herald 04-23-08 para. 7] p. 139, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The Great Teacher held in his hand the entire map of truth, but he did not disclose it all to his disciples. He opened to them those subjects only which were essential for their advancement in the path to heaven. There were many things in regard to which his wisdom kept him silent. As Christ withheld many things from his first disciples, knowing that then it would be impossible for them to comprehend them, so today he withholds many things from us, knowing the capacity of our understanding. [Review and Herald 04-23-08 para. 8] p. 139, Para. 4, [1908MS].

When we are tempted to climb above the simplicity of the truth, we need to study Christ's method of teaching. We need to learn to talk as simply as Christ talked,--so simply that the little child and the unlearned can understand us. It was the simplicity with which Christ presented the word that drew hearts to him. Yet he spoke with assurance and power. Noblemen and some of the chief priests and rulers believed on his word. [Review and Herald 04-23-08 para. 9] p. 139, Para. 5, [1908MS].

We are to work as Christ worked. We are to move carefully. We are not to pour out ideas that contradict the light that God has given; neither are we to follow methods that are opposed to his will. Let us tread in Christ's footsteps. As we follow him, we may know that we are walking in the pathway of light. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 04-23-08 para. 10] p. 139, Para. 6, [1908MS].

April 30, 1908 The Promise of the Spirit.--I have felt that we do not pray as much as we should. There is nothing

more needed in the work than the practical results of communion with God. We should hold convocations for prayer, asking the Lord to open the way for the truth to enter the strongholds where Satan has set up his throne, and dispel the shadow he has cast athwart the pathway of those whom he is seeking to deceive and destroy. We have the assurance, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 1] p. 139, Para. 7, [1908MS].

We need a firm reliance upon God if we would be saved from the power of Satanic influences. If we will keep close to the teachings of the Word, its truths will be our safeguard from the delusions of these last days. We need to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Why do we not rely more trustingly upon the grace and power of Christ? Why do we not believe with all our hearts? We have a Friend in the courts of heaven who assures us, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 2] p. 140, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Christian church began its existence by praying for the Holy Spirit. It was in its infancy, without the personal presence of Christ. Just before his ascension Christ had commissioned the disciples to preach the gospel to the world. "Ye shall receive power," he said, "after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 3] p. 140, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In obedience to the word of their Master, the disciples returned to Jerusalem, and for ten days they prayed for the fulfilment of God's promise. These ten days were days of deep heart searching. The disciples put away all difference that had existed among them, and drew close together in Christian fellowship. As they prayed, they realized what a privilege they had had in being permitted to associate so closely with Christ. Sadness filled their hearts as they thought of how many times they had grieved his heart of love by their failure to understand the lessons that for their good he had been trying to teach them. [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 4] p. 140, Para. 3, [1908MS].

At the end of the ten days the Lord fulfilled his promise

by a wonderful outpouring of his Spirit. When they were "all with one accord in one place" in prayer and supplication, the promised blessing came. "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." [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 5] p. 140, Para. 4, [1908MS].

In the heavenly courts, Christ, with the angels who had accompanied him to heaven, had been received. All the heavenly intelligences joined in this coronation service of their Lord. The pentecostal outpouring upon the disciples was heaven's communication to them that his inauguration was complete. [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 6] p. 140, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The multitude who had come together, when they heard the disciples "speak with other tongues," were amazed at the divine manifestation. Some were in doubt, and said one to another, "What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine." But this was the power of the Holy Spirit. "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 harken unto my words: for these men 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 the heavens 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." [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 7] p. 140, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"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 of prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added unto the church daily such as should be saved." [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 8] p. 141, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Christ has made provision that his church shall be a transformed body. Illumined with the light of heaven, possessing the glory of Immanuel. It is his purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon the heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 9] p. 141, Para. 2, [1908MS].

What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the day of Pentecost?--The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the utmost bounds of the inhabited world. The hearts of the disciples were surcharged with the benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." As they proclaimed the truth as it is in Jesus, hearts yielded to the power of the message. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Backsliders were reconverted. Sinners united with Christians in seeking the pearl of great price. Those who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions. The prophecy was fulfilled, that the weak shall be "as David," and the house of David "as the angel of the Lord." Every Christian saw in his brother the divine similitude of love and benevolence. One interest prevailed. One subject of emulation swallowed up all others. The only ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ's character and to labor for the enlargement of his kingdom. [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 10] p. 141, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the

highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away. And the testimony borne of them after the Spirit had been given was the same. Mark the word: "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul." The spirit of Him who died that sinners might live animated the entire congregation of believers. [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 11] p. 141, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ declared that the divine influence of the Spirit was to be with his followers to the end of time. But the promise is not appreciated as it should be; and therefore its fulfilment is not seen as it might be. With many the promise of the Spirit is a matter little thought of; and the result is only what might be expected,--spiritual drought, spiritual darkness, spiritual declension and death. Minor matters occupy the attention, and the divine power which is necessary for the growth and prosperity of the church, and which would bring all other blessings in its train, is lacking, though offered in its infinite plentitude. [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 12] p. 141, Para. 5, [1908MS].

It is the absence of the Spirit that makes the gospel ministry so powerless. Learning, talent, eloquence, every natural or acquired endowment, may be possessed; but without the presence of the Spirit of God, no heart will be touched, no sinner won to Christ. On the other hand, if they are connected with Christ, if the gifts of the Spirit are theirs, the poorest and most ignorant of his disciples will have power that will tell upon hearts. God makes them channels for the outflowing of the highest influence in the universe. [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 13] p. 142, Para. 1, [1908MS].

My brethren and sisters, plead for the Holy Spirit. God stands back of every promise he has made. With your Bibles in your hands say, "I have done as thou hast said. I present thy promise, 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'" Christ declares, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 04-30-08 para. 14] p. 142, Para. 2, [1908MS].

May 7, 1908 Praising the Lord.--When a sense of the lovingkindness of God is constantly refreshing the soul, it will be revealed in the countenance by an expression of peace and joy. It will be manifest in the words and works. And the generous, holy spirit of Christ, working upon the heart, will yield in the life a converting influence upon others. [Review and Herald 05-07-08 para. 1] p. 142, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"I will mention the lovingkindness of the Lord," the prophet Isaiah declared, "according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old." [Review and Herald 05-07-08 para. 2] p. 142, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Have we not reason to talk of God's goodness, and to tell of his power? When friends are kind to us, we esteem it a privilege to thank them for their kindness. How much more should we count it a joy to return thanks to the Friend who has given us every good and perfect gift. Then let us, in every church, cultivate thanksgiving to God. Let us educate our lips to praise God in the family circle. Let us teach our children to offer praise and thanksgiving to God. Let our gifts and offerings declare our gratitude for the favors we daily receive. In everything we should show forth the joy of the Lord, and make known the message of God's saving grace. [Review and Herald 05-07-08 para. 3] p. 142, Para. 5, [1908MS].

In the second chapter of 1 Samuel is recorded the prayer of a consecrated woman who served and glorified God. She prayed: "My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, mine horn is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God." Hannah's offering of thanksgiving for the answer to her prayer is a lesson to those who today receive answers to their requests. Do we not neglect to return praise and thanksgiving to God for his lovingkindness? [Review and Herald 05-07-08 para. 4]

p. 142, Para. 6, [1908MS].

David declares, "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live." God's goodness in hearing and answering prayer places us under heavy obligation to express our thanksgiving for the favors bestowed upon us. We should praise God much more than we do. The blessings received in answer to prayer should be promptly acknowledged. The record of them should be placed in our diary, that when we take the book in hand, we may remember the goodness of the Lord, and praise his holy name. [Review and Herald 05-07-08 para. 5] p. 143, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We grieve the spirit of Christ by our complaints and murmurings and repinings. We should not dishonor God by the mournful relation of trials that appear grievous. All trials that are received as educators will produce joy. The whole religious life will be uplifting, elevating, ennobling, fragrant with good words and works. The enemy is well pleased to have souls depressed, downcast, mourning, and groaning; he wants such impressions made as to the effect of our faith. But God designs that the mind shall take no low level. He desires every soul to triumph in the keeping power of the Redeemer. The psalmist says: "Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." "I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. . . . Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his. Give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness." [Review and Herald 05-07-08 para. 6] p. 143, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It is Satan's work to talk of that which concerns himself, and he is delighted to have human beings talk of his power, and of his workings through the children of men. Through indulgence in such conversation the mind becomes gloomy and sour and disagreeable. We may become channels of communication for Satan, through which words flow that bring no sunshine to any heart. But let us decide that this shall not be. If we look constantly to Jesus and become daily learners of him, we shall become like him in character. His teachings, faithfully followed, will qualify us for membership in the heavenly family. Then let us learn

to put away all in us that is unlovely, and seek to become the true children of God. [Review and Herald 05-07-08 para. 7] p. 143, Para. 3, [1908MS].

All heaven is interested in our salvation. The angels of God, thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand, are commissioned to minister to them that shall be heirs of salvation. They guard us against evil, and press back the powers of darkness that are seeking our destruction. Have we not reason to be thankful every moment, thankful even when there are apparent difficulties in our pathway? [Review and Herald 05-07-08 para. 8] p. 143, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Lord himself is our helper. "Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. . . . The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing." This is the testimony that the Lord desires us to bear to the world. His praise shall continually be in our hearts and upon our lips. [Review and Herald 05-07-08 para. 9] p. 143, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The psalmist exclaims, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; and gathered out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 05-07-08 para. 10] p. 144, Para. 1, [1908MS].

May 14, 1908 The Need of Watchfulness.--Never was there a time when Christian men and women, in all walks of life, were in so great need of clear spiritual eyesight as now. It is not safe to lose sight of Christ for one moment. His followers must pray, and believe, and love him fervently. [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 1] p. 144, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 increeping 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 might be sanctified through the truth." [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 2] p. 144, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 a heavenly angel has come to him as he approached Christ in the wilderness of temptation, and he has gained the victory. [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 3] p. 144, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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." 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 humility 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." [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 4] p. 144, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Jesus met Satan with the words of Scripture. "It is written," he said. In every temptation the weapon of his warfare was the Word of God. Satan demanded of Christ a miracle as a sign of his divinity. But that which is greater than all miracles, a firm reliance upon a "thus saith the Lord," was a sign that could not be controverted. So long as Christ held to this position, the tempter could gain no advantage. [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 5] p. 144, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 would escape many a defeat. By parleying with the enemy we give him an advantage. [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 6] p. 145, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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." [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 7] p. 145, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 8] p. 145, Para. 3, [1908MS].

When Satan quoted the promise, "He shall give his angels charge over thee," he omitted the words, "to keep thee in all thy ways;" that is, in all the ways of God's choosing. Jesus refused to go outside the path of obedience. While manifesting perfect trust in his Father, he would not place himself, unbidden, in a position that would necessitate the interposition of his Father to save him from death. He

would not force Providence to come to his rescue, and thus fail of giving man an example of trust and submission. [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 9] p. 145, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 10] p. 145, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 11] p. 146, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 12] p. 146, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." 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. [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 13] p. 146, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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." We can not 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 is safe." Satan trembles and flees before the weakest soul who finds refuge in that mighty name. [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 14] p. 146, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 05-14-08 para. 15] p. 146, Para. 5, [1908MS].

May 21, 1908 Faith, Not Feeling.--"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith." Some conscientious souls on reading this immediately begin to criticize their every feeling and emotion. But this is not correct self-examination. It is not the petty feelings and emotions that are to be examined. The life, the character, is to be measured by the only standard of character, God's holy law. The fruit testifies to the character of the tree. Our works, not our feelings, bear witness of us. [Review and Herald 05-21-08 para. 1] p. 147, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The feelings, whether encouraging or discouraging should not be made the test of the spiritual condition. By God's Word we are to determine our true standing before him. Many are bewildered on this point. When they are happy and joyous, they think that they are accepted by God. When a change comes, and they feel depressed, they think that God

has forsaken them. [Review and Herald 05-21-08 para. 2] p. 147, Para. 2, [1908MS].

God does not look with favor upon those self-confident ones who loudly exclaim, "I am sanctified, I am holy, I am sinless." These are Pharisees who have no foundation for their assertion. Those who, because of their sense of utter unworthiness, dare scarcely lift up their eyes to heaven, are nearer to God than those who claim so much piety. They are represented by the publican, who, with his head on his breast, prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and went to his house justified, rather than the self-righteous Pharisee. [Review and Herald 05-21-08 para. 3] p. 147, Para. 3, [1908MS].

But God does not desire us to go through life with a distrust of him. We owe our Heavenly Father a more generous view of his goodness than is accorded to him by our manifest distrust of his love. We have an evidence of his love--an evidence which amazes angels and is far beyond the comprehension of the wisest of human beings. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." While we were yet sinners, God gave his Son to die for us. Can we doubt his goodness? [Review and Herald 05-21-08 para. 4] p. 147, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Behold Christ. Dwell upon his love and mercy. This will fill the soul with abhorrence for all that is sinful, and will inspire it with an intense desire for the righteousness of Christ. The more clearly we see the Saviour, the more clearly shall we discern our defects of character. Confess your sins to Christ, and with true contrition of soul cooperate with him by putting these sins away. Believe that they are pardoned. The promise is positive, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Be assured that the Word of God will not fail. He who has promised is faithful. It is as much your duty to believe that God will fulfil his word, and forgive you, as it is to confess your sins. [Review and Herald 05-21-08 para. 5] p. 147, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Exercise faith in God. How many there are who go through life under a cloud of condemnation! They do not believe God's Word. They have no faith that he will do as he has said. Many who long to see others resting in the pardoning

love of Christ do not rest in it themselves. But how can they possibly lead others to show simple, childlike faith in the Heavenly Father when they measure his love by their feelings? [Review and Herald 05-21-08 para. 6] p. 147, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Let us trust God's Word implicitly, remembering that we are his sons and daughters. Let us train ourselves to believe his Word. We hurt the heart of Christ by doubting, when he has given us such evidences of his love. He laid down his life to save us. He says to us: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." [Review and Herald 05-21-08 para. 7] p. 148, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Do you believe that he will do as he has said? Then, after you have complied with the conditions, carry no longer the burden of your sin. Let it roll upon the Saviour. Trust yourself with him. Has he not promised to give you rest? But to many he is obliged to say, sorrowfully, "Ye will not come unto me, that ye might have life." Many manufacture for themselves burdens which are grievous to bear. [Review and Herald 05-21-08 para. 8] p. 148, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Look steadfastly to Jesus. Behold him, full of grace and truth. He will make his goodness pass before you, while he hides you in the cleft of the rock. You will be enabled to endure the seeing of him who is invisible, and by beholding you will be transformed. Faith is not feeling. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. There is a form of religion which is nothing more than selfishness. It takes pleasure in worldly enjoyment. It is satisfied with contemplating the religion of Christ, and knows nothing of its saving power. Those who possess this religion regard sin lightly because they do not know Jesus. While in this condition they estimate duty very lightly. But a faithful performance of duty goes hand in hand with a right estimate of the character of God. [Review and Herald 05-21-08 para. 9] p. 148, Para. 3, [1908MS].

There is earnest work to do for the Master. Christ came to preach the gospel to the poor, and he sent his disciples forth to do the same work he came to do. So he sends forth his workers today. Sheaves are to be gathered for him from the highways and hedges. The tremendous issues of eternity

demand of us something besides an imaginary religion, a religion of words and forms, where the truth is kept in the outer court, to be admired as we admire a beautiful flower; they demand something more than a religion of feeling, which distrusts God when trials and difficulties come. Holiness does not consist in profession, but in lifting the cross, doing the will of God. Saying, "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? will not secure for us an entrance into the kingdom of heaven. "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 05-21-08 para. 10] p. 148, Para. 4, [1908MS].

May 28, 1908 Co-operation.--"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." The work of salvation is a work of co-partnership, a joint operation. No man can work out his own salvation without the aid of the Holy Spirit. The cooperation of divine and human forces is necessary for the formation of right principles in the character. Man is to make the most strenuous efforts to overcome the tempter, to subdue natural passions; but he is wholly dependent upon God for success in the work of overcoming the propensities that are not in harmony with correct principles. Success depends wholly upon willing obedience to the will and way of God. Character develops in accordance with conformity to the divine plan. But man must work in Christ's lines. He must be a laborer together with God. He must submit to God's training, that he may be complete in Christ. [Review and Herald 05-28-08 para. 1] p. 148, Para. 5, [1908MS].

God has originated and proclaimed the principles on which divine and human agencies are to combine in temporal matters as well as all spiritual achievements. They are to be linked together in all human pursuits, in mechanical and agricultural labor, in mercantile and scientific enterprises. In all lines of work it is necessary that there be cooperation between God and man. God has provided facilities with which to enrich and beautify the earth. But the strength and ingenuity of human agencies are required to make the very best use of the material. God had filled the earth with treasure, but the gold and silver are hidden in the earth, and the exercise of man's powers is required

to secure this treasure which God has provided. Man's energy and tact are to be used in connection with the power of God in bringing the gold and silver from the mines, and trees from the forest. But unless by his miracle working power God cooperated with man, enabling him to use his physical and mental capabilities, the treasures in our world would be useless. [Review and Herald 05-28-08 para. 2] p. 149, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We can not keep ourselves for one moment. "We are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." We are utterly dependent upon God every moment of our lives. [Review and Herald 05-28-08 para. 3] p. 149, Para. 2, [1908MS].

God desires every human being in our world to be a worker together with him. This is the lesson we are to learn from all useful employment, making homes in the forest, felling trees to build houses, clearing land for cultivation. God has provided the wood and the land, and to man he has given the work of putting them in such shape that they will be a blessing. In this work man is wholly dependent upon God. The fitting of the ships that cross the broad ocean is not alone due to the talent and ingenuity of the human agent. God is the great Architect. Without his cooperation, without the aid of the higher intelligences, how worthless would be the plans of men. God must aid, else every device is worthless. [Review and Herald 05-28-08 para. 4] p. 149, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The human organism is the handiwork of God. The organs employed in all the different functions of the body were made by him. The Lord gives us food and drink, that the wants of the body may be supplied. He has given the earth different properties adapted to the growth of food for his children. He gives the sunshine and the showers, the early and the latter rain. He forms the clouds and sends the dew. All are his gifts. He has bestowed his blessings upon us liberally. But all these blessings will not restore in us his moral image, unless we cooperate with him, making painstaking effort to know ourselves, to understand how to care for the delicate human machinery. Man must diligently help to keep himself in harmony with nature's laws. He who cooperates with God in the work of keeping this wonderful machinery in order, who consecrates all his powers to God, seeking intelligently to obey the laws of nature, stands in his God-given manhood, and is recorded in the books of

heaven as a *man*. [Review and Herald 05-28-08 para. 5] p. 149, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God has given man land to be cultivated. But in order that the harvest may be reaped, there must be harmonious action between divine and human agencies. The plow and other implements of labor must be used at the right time. The seed must be sown in its season. Man is not to fail of doing his part. If he is careless and negligent, his unfaithfulness testifies against him. The harvest is proportionate to the energy he has expended. [Review and Herald 05-28-08 para. 6] p. 149, Para. 5, [1908MS].

So it is in spiritual things. We are to be laborers together with God. Man is to work out his own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in him, both to will and to do of his good pleasure. There is to be co-partnership, a divine relation, between the Son of God and the repentant sinner. We are made sons and daughters of God. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." Christ provides the mercy and grace so abundantly given to all who believe in him. He fulfils the terms upon which salvation rests. But we must act our part by accepting the blessing in faith. God works and man works. Resistance of temptation must come from man, who must draw his power from God. Thus he becomes a co-partner with Christ. [Review and Herald 05-28-08 para. 7] p. 150, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The infinitely wise and all-powerful God proposes cooperation with his frail, erring creatures, whom he has placed on vantage ground. On the one side there are infinite wisdom, goodness, compassion, power; on the other, weakness, sinfulness, absolute helplessness, poverty, dependence. We are dependent upon God, not only for life and all its blessings, but for our entrusted talents, and for all the resources required in the work we must do if we accept the invitation to work with God. Man's intellect, his understanding, his every valuable thought, the opportunities and privileges that are placed within his reach, all come from him who is the way, the truth, and the life. We have nothing of ourselves. Our success in the Christian life depends upon our cooperation with Christ, and our submission to his will. It is not a sign of pure, consecrated service for a worker to follow his own way. Every worker is to willingly obey his Leader, to receive and practise every word of God. [Review and Herald 05-28-08

para. 8] p. 150, Para. 2, [1908MS].

We are to be individual toilers. Character can not be bought or sold. It is formed by patient, continuous effort. Much patience is required in the striving for that life which is to come. We may all strive for perfection of character, but all who come into possession of it will earn it step by step, by the cultivation of the virtues which God commends. The Holy Spirit presents before man the agencies provided for his transformation. If he heeds the words, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me," he will receive help from a power that is infinite. [Review and Herald 05-28-08 para. 9] p. 150, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Man is given the privilege of working with God in the saving of his own soul. He is to receive Christ as his personal Saviour and believe in him. Receiving and believing is his part of the contract. This means abiding in Christ, showing in him at all times and under all circumstances a faith that works by love and purifies the soul from all defilement. Christ is the author of this faith, and he demands that it be constantly exercised. [Review and Herald 05-28-08 para. 10] p. 150, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The apostle Paul declares, "Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." The material for the building is plainly specified in the words: "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Here we are shown how we may cooperate with God. Man is to work constantly upon the plan of addition, while God works on the plan of multiplication. Thus man grows in spirituality, until he presents to the world, to angels, and to men, such perfection of character that in the heavenly courts the words are spoken, "Ye are complete in him." [Review and Herald 05-28-08 para. 11] p. 150, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The plan of redemption was arranged in the councils between the Father and the Son. Then Christ pledged himself to render an account for man if he proved disloyal. He

pledged himself to make an atonement which would unite every believing soul to God. He who lays his sins upon the substitute and surety, thus becoming a partaker of the divine nature, can unite with the apostle in saying: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places." "That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." In his infinite love Christ devised the plan of salvation. This plan he stands ready to fulfil in behalf of all who will cooperate with him. In their behalf he says to the Father, Do not impute their sins to them, but lay them on me. Be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities remember no more. They have accepted my merits, and made peace with me; and they shall make peace with me. My righteousness is theirs, and for my sake bless them with all spiritual blessings. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 05-28-08 para. 12] p. 151, Para. 1, [1908MS].

June 4, 1908 A Broader View.--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 home land. 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. [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 1] p. 151, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Our educational institutions can do much toward meeting the demand for trained workers for these 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 practise the strictest economy. [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 2] p. 151, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 to 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 learn how to approach people courteously, and how to exercise tact in conversing with them on different points of present truth. 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. [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 3] p. 151, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The student who takes 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 practise 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. [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 4] p. 152, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 5] p. 152, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. 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." [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 6] p. 152, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 7] p. 152, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 the 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 the pioneer work in foreign lands! What a burden some one will have to carry until the debts incurred by students have been paid! [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 8] p. 152, Para. 5, [1908MS].

On the other hand, how much more might be gained, if the self-supporting plans 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. [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 9] p. 153, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 10] p. 153, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 11] p. 153, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. 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. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 06-04-08 para. 12] p. 153, Para. 4, [1908MS].

June 11, 1908 What the Word of God Is to Us.--God has given us his Word as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Its teachings have a vital bearing on our prosperity in all the relations of life. Even in our temporal affairs it will be a wiser guide than any other counselor. Its divine instruction is the only way to success. There is no social position, no phase of human experience, for which the study of the Bible is not an essential preparation. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 1] p. 153, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The Bible is the great standard of right and wrong,

clearly defining sin and holiness. Its living principles, running through our lives like threads of gold, are our only safeguard in trial and temptation. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 2] p. 153, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The Bible is a chart, showing us the waymarks of truth. Those who are acquainted with this chart will be enabled to tread with certainty in the path of duty, wherever they may be called to go. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 3] p. 153, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The Bible contains a simple and complete system of theology and philosophy. It is the book that makes us wise unto salvation. It tells us how to reach the abode of eternal happiness. It tells us of the love of God as shown in the plan of redemption, imparting the knowledge essential for all,--the knowledge of Christ. He is the Sent of God; he is the Author of our salvation. But apart from the Word of God, we could have no knowledge that such a person as the Lord Jesus ever visited our world, nor any knowledge of his divinity, as indicated by his previous existence with the Father. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 4] p. 154, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Bible is not written for the scholar alone; on the contrary, it was designed for the common people. The great truths necessary for our salvation are made as clear as noonday, and none will mistake and lose their way except those who follow their own judgment instead of the plainly revealed will of God. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 5] p. 154, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The Word of God strikes at every wrong trait of character, molding the whole man, internally and externally, abasing his pride and self-exaltation, leading him to bring the spirit of Christ into the smaller as well as the larger duties of life. It teaches him to be unswerving in his allegiance to justice and purity, and at the same time always to be kind and compassionate. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 6] p. 154, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The appreciation of the Bible grows with its study. Whichever way the student may turn, he will find displayed the infinite wisdom and love of God. To him who is truly converted, the Word of God is the joy and consolation of the life. The Spirit of God speaks to him, and his heart becomes like a watered garden. [Review and Herald 06-11-08

para. 7] p. 154, Para. 4, [1908MS].

A Strengthenener of the Intellect.--There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than a study of the Bible. No other book is so potent to elevate the thoughts, to give vigor to the faculties, as the broad, ennobling truths of the Bible. If God's Word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, that is rarely seen in these times. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 8] p. 154, Para. 5, [1908MS].

No knowledge is so firm, so consistent, so far-reaching, as that obtained from a study of the Word of God. If there were not another book in the wide world, the Word of God, lived out through the grace of Christ, would make man perfect in this world, with a character fitted for the future, immortal life. Those who study the Word, taking it in faith as the truth, and receiving it into the character, will be complete in him who is all in all. Thank God for the possibilities set before humanity. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 9] p. 154, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." "Meditate upon these things: give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever." The time devoted to a study of God's Word and to prayer will bring a hundredfold return. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 10] p. 154, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The Word of God is the living seed, and as this seed is sown in the mind, the human agent must give diligent care to the successive stages of its growth. How is this to be done?--After the Word has been prayerfully received, it is to be cherished, and practised in the daily life. It is to spring up and bear fruit, putting forth first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 11] p. 155, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Spirit Necessary.--It is not enough to study the Bible as other books are studied. In order for it to be understood savingly, the Holy Spirit must move on the heart of the searcher. The same Spirit that inspired the Word must inspire the reader of the Word. Then will be heard the

voice of heaven. "Thy Word, O God, is truth," will be the language of the soul. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 12] p. 155, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The mere reading of the Word will not accomplish the result designed of heaven; it must be studied and cherished in the heart. The knowledge of God is not gained without mental effort. We should diligently study the Bible, asking God for the aid of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand his Word. We should take one verse, and concentrate the mind on the task of ascertaining the thought which God has put in that verse for us. We should dwell on the thought till it becomes our own, and we know "what saith the Lord." [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 13] p. 155, Para. 3, [1908MS].

There is but little benefit derived from a hasty reading of the Scriptures. One may read the Bible through, and yet fail to see its beauty, or to comprehend its deep and hidden meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind, and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view, and no positive instruction gained. Keep your Bible with you. As you have opportunity, read it; fix the texts in your memory. Even while you are walking the streets, you may read a passage, and meditate upon it, thus fixing it in mind. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 14] p. 155, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The life of Christ, that gives life to the world, is in his Word. It was by his word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons; by his word he stilled the sea, and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that his word was with power. He spoke the word of God, as he had spoken to all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament. The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ. It is our source of power. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 15] p. 155, Para. 5, [1908MS].

As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the Word of God. And every soul is to receive life from God's Word for himself. As we must eat for ourselves in order to receive nourishment, so we must receive the Word for ourselves. We are not to obtain it merely through the medium of another mind. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 16] p. 155, Para. 6,

[1908MS].

Yes, the Word of God is the bread of life. Those who eat and digest this Word, making it a part of every action and of every attribute of character, grow strong in the strength of God. It gives immortal vigor to the soul, perfecting the experience, and bringing joys that will abide forever. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 06-11-08 para. 17] p. 155, Para. 7, [1908MS].

June 18, 1908 Disseminating Temperance Principles.--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 can not themselves go to these fields, but they can help with their means in support of the work. [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 1] p. 156, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 2] p. 156, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 3] p. 156, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 4] p.

156, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 5] p. 156, Para. 5, [1908MS].

There could be no 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. [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 6] p. 156, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Precious light will be given in the publications you scatter through the towns and cities. Your humble prayers, your unselfish activity, will be blessed of 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. [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 7] p. 156, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The Woman'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 shall 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. [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 8] p. 157, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 W. C. T. U. 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. [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 9] p. 157, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 10] p. 157, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, and waiting at the posts of my doors." "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 not faint." "In that day I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul." [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 11] p. 157, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I entreat every soul to seek for true conversion of heart, and then labor for the salvation of precious souls. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 06-18-08 para. 12] p. 157, Para. 5, [1908MS].

June 25, 1908 Self-Love or Self-Sacrifice.--Human beings belong to one great family,--the family of God. The Creator designed that they should respect and love one another, ever manifesting a pure, unselfish interest in one another's welfare. But Satan's aim has been to lead men to self first; and yielding themselves to his control, they have developed a selfishness that has filled the world with misery and strife, setting human beings at variance with one another. Selfishness is the essence of depravity, and because human beings have yielded to its power, the opposite of allegiance to God is seen in the world today. Nations, families, and individuals are filled with a desire to make self a center. Man longs to rule over his fellow men. Separating himself in his egotism from God and his fellow beings, he follows his unrestrained inclinations. He acts as if the good of others depended on their subjection to his supremacy. [Review and Herald 06-25-08 para. 1] p. 157, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Selfishness has brought discord into the church, filling it with unholy ambition. If Christians are sanctified through a belief in God's Word, why do they so often speak words that would bruise the hearts of others? Why do they acknowledge no law but the law of selfishness? Under the baleful influence of selfishness, men have lost the sense of what it means to love one another with a Christlike love. [Review and Herald 06-25-08 para. 2] p. 158, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Love for Christ unites man to his fellow man in unselfish interest. This is the science of benevolence. He whose heart is filled with the love that centers in God, realizes that he must deal justly and tenderly with his fellow beings because they have been redeemed by the blood of Christ. Supreme love for God leads us to seek the highest good of humanity. [Review and Herald 06-25-08 para. 3] p. 158, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Selfishness destroys Christlikeness filling man with self-love. It leads to continual departure from righteousness. Christ says, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." But self-love is blind to the perfection which God requires. [Review and Herald 06-25-08 para. 4] p. 158, Para. 3, [1908MS].

How great the love of God is! God made the world to

enlarge heaven. He desired a larger family. And before man was created, God and Christ entered into a covenant that if he fell from his allegiance, Christ would bear the penalty of transgression. Man fell, but he was not left to the power of the destroyer. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." To the Redeemer was given all power to impart to fallen human beings for their benefit and blessing. [Review and Herald 06-25-08 para. 5] p. 158, Para. 4, [1908MS].

While on this earth, the Saviour was sorely tried. He was tempted in all points like as we are. He poured out his soul with strong crying and tears as he looked upon the backslidden condition of the people he had brought out of bondage. He saw them full of pride and self-exaltation, full of selfishness and covetousness. All this he must labor to overcome. He must live among them the life that God requires all his children to live. He must stand free from the slightest taint of impurity. Not in the least particular must he deviate from the principles of righteousness. [Review and Herald 06-25-08 para. 6] p. 158, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The gulf made by sin has been bridged. All may come boldly to the throne of grace, seeking help in every time of need. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. He took the place of the sinner, that he might present the repentant sinner to the Father, saying, "Lay his guilt on me. I have espoused his cause." Holding out his hands, bearing the marks of his crucifixion, the Saviour says, "I have graven that sinner upon the palms of my hands. No longer look upon him as guilty. Let him stand before thee guiltless; for I have borne his iniquity." At the cross, justice and mercy met together, and righteousness and peace kissed each other. God bowed his head in recognition of the completeness of the offering made for sin, and said, "It is enough." [Review and Herald 06-25-08 para. 7] p. 158, Para. 6, [1908MS].

As we contemplate the great love of God, shall not our hearts be subdued and softened, yea, broken? Shall we not be filled with patience, longsuffering, and love? Shall we not die to self? [Review and Herald 06-25-08 para. 8] p. 159, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Christ came to this world to reveal the love of God. His

followers are to continue the work which he began. Let us strive to help and strengthen one another. Seeking the good of others is the way in which true happiness can be found. Man does not work against his own interest by loving God and his fellow men. The more unselfish his spirit, the happier he is, because he is fulfilling God's purpose for him. The breath of God is breathed through him, filling him with gladness. To him life is a sacred trust, precious in his sight because given by God to be spent in ministering to others. [Review and Herald 06-25-08 para. 9] p. 159, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. . . . If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath not seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God loves his brother also." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 06-25-08 para. 10] p. 159, Para. 3, [1908MS].

July 2, 1908 Treasure Hidden. [REPRINTED FROM THE REVIEW OF JULY 12, 1898.]--The sayings of Christ are to be valued not merely in accordance with the measure of man's understanding; they are to be considered in the important bearing which Christ himself gave them. He took old truths, of which he himself was the originator, and placed them before his hearers in heaven's own light. And how different was their representation! What a flood of meaning, and brightness, and spirituality was brought in by their explanation! [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 1] p. 159, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ set forth deeper and more spiritual truths than had ever before been heard from ruler, scribes, or elders. "I am the way, the truth, and the life," he declared. The rich treasures of truth opened before the people attracted and charmed them. They were in marked contrast with the spiritless, lifeless expositions of the Old Testament Scriptures by the rabbis. And the miracles which Jesus wrought keep constantly before his hearers the honor and glory of God. He seemed to them a messenger direct from heaven; for he spoke not to their ears only, but to their hearts. As he stood forth in his humility, yet in dignity and majesty, as one born to command, a power attended him; hearts were melted into tenderness. An earnest desire was

created to be in his presence, to listen to the voice of him who uttered truth with such solemn melody. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 2] p. 159, Para. 5, [1908MS].

At the beginning of his ministry, Christ had declared the character of his work. "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 3] p. 159, Para. 6, [1908MS].

That word was fulfilled. The sick were healed, demoniacs were restored, lepers and paralytics were made whole. The dumb spoke, the ears of the deaf were opened, the dead were brought to life, and the poor had the gospel preached to them. Every miracle wrought by Christ convinced some of his true character. Had a man in the common walks of life done the same works that Christ did, all would have declared that he was working by the power of God. But there were those who did not receive the light of heaven, and they set themselves more determinedly against this evidence. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 4] p. 160, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Jews were expecting an earthly prince who would deliver them from the power which God had declared would rule over them if they refused to keep the way of the Lord, and obey his laws. They had made their proud boast that Israel's king, the star arising from Judah, would break their thralldom, and make of them a kingdom of priests. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 5] p. 160, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It was not the absence of external honor and riches and glory that caused the Jews to reject Jesus. The Sun of Righteousness, shining amid the moral darkness in such distinct rays, revealed the contrast between sin and holiness, purity and defilement, and such light was not welcome to them. Christ was not such a one as themselves. The Jews could have borne the disappointment of their hopes better than they could bear the righteous denunciation of

their sins. In parables, Christ laid bare their professed sanctity. He compared them to whitened sepulchers; deceiving the people by their pretensions to purity. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 6] p. 160, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In his youth, Christ was subject to his parents,--an example of obedience to all the youth. In his youth he learned the trade of a carpenter, and earned his bread by the sweat of his brow. Thus he honored physical labor. It should be an encouragement and source of strength to every human being, in the performance of the commonplace duties of life, to know that Jesus toiled to provide for his own temporal wants. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 7] p. 160, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The teachings of Christ, in precept and example, were the sowing of the seed afterward to be cultivated by his disciples. The testimony of these fishermen was to be referred to as the highest authority, by all the nations of the world. They had not learned in the schools of the prophets; but Jesus had been their teacher, and had given them knowledge uncorrupted by tradition and bigotry. Christ scattered the heavenly grain, which minds and hearts that desired light and knowledge might gather up as precious treasure sent from heaven. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 8] p. 160, Para. 5, [1908MS].

After his resurrection, Christ opened the understanding of his followers, that they might understand the Scriptures. Everything had been transformed by the working of the arts of Satan. Truth was covered up by the rubbish of error, and hidden from finite sight. When Christ had foretold his humiliation, rejection, and crucifixion, the disciples would not take in his meaning. It had been a part of their education that the Messiah would set up a temporal kingdom; and when Christ spoke of his sufferings, they did not understand his words. He reproved them because of their slowness of apprehension, and promised them that when the Comforter should come, he would bring many things to their remembrance. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 9] p. 160, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Christ had many truths to give to his disciples, of which he could not speak, because they did not advance with the light that was flashed upon Levitical laws and the sacrificial offerings. They did not accept the light,

advance with the light, and follow on to still greater brightness as Providence should lead the way. And for the same reason, Christ's disciples of 1898 do not comprehend important matters of truth. So dull has been the comprehension even of those who teach the truth to others, that many things can not be opened to them until they reach heaven. This ought not to be. But as men's minds become narrow, they think they know all, when they have only a glimpse of truth. They close their minds, as if there were no more for them to learn; and should the Lord attempt to lead them on, they would not accept the increased light. They cling to the spot where they see light, when that which they see is only a glimmer of the bright beams they might enjoy. They know very little of what it means to follow in the footsteps of Christ. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 10] p. 161, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In their harmonious relation, the truths of Scripture are like links in a chain. Just as fast as our minds are quickened by the Spirit of God to comprehend light, and in humbleness appropriate it, we shall dispense it to others, and give the glory back to God. The development of truth is the reward of the humble hearted seeker who will fear God, and walk with him. The truth which the mind grasps as truth is capable of constant expansion and new development. While we behold it, the truth is revealed in all its bearings in the life and character, and becomes more clear, and certain, and beautiful. The mind that grasps it in its preciousness becomes elevated, ennobled, sanctified. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 11] p. 161, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Far, very far, are human minds from grasping the teachings of Christ. These are old truths in new settings. The entire system of Judaism was the gospel veiled. Those who will not consider are like the Jews. It is humbling to their dignity and pride to work the mines of truth. But the Light of the world is sending his divine rays to illuminate the entire Jewish economy, and the minds that have been accepting the sayings of men as the commandments of God are to be educated to look to God himself, the author of all truth. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 12] p. 161, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In his habits and customs and practices, Christ did not conform to the standard of the world. What a lesson he gives to the churches that bear his name! They are not to

exalt themselves above the Majesty of heaven, their Redeemer. What do men find in the example of Christ to justify them in their feelings of superiority, in keeping themselves apart from their fellow men, hiding themselves from their own flesh, because they have obtained more of this world's goods than their neighbors? Because the world honors the wealthy and despises the poor, shall those who claim to follow Jesus do the same? Whose example are such following? Surely not the example of him who said, "He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised," "to preach the gospel to the poor." [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 13] p. 161, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Very many teachers are content with a supposition in regard to the truth. They have crude ideas, and are content with a surface work in searching for truth, taking for granted that they have all that is essential. They take the sayings of others for truth, being too indolent to put themselves to diligent, earnest labor, represented in the Word as digging for hidden treasure. But man's inventions are not only unreliable, they are dangerous; for they place man where God should be. They place the sayings of men where a "Thus saith the Lord" should be. The world's Redeemer alone possesses the key to unlock the treasure house of the Old Testament. He explores hidden things. He separates the precious truth from superstition and error and the devisings and imaginings of men. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 14] p. 162, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Sharp, clear perceptions of truth will never be the reward of indolence. Investigation of every point that has been received as truth will richly repay the searcher; he will find precious gems. And in closely investigating every jot and tittle which we think is established truth, in comparing scripture with scripture, we may discover errors in our interpretation of Scripture. Christ would have the searcher of his Word sink the shaft deeper into the mines of truth. If the search is properly conducted, jewels of inestimable value will be found. The Word of God is the mine of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 15] p. 162, Para. 2, [1908MS].

July 2, 1908 Impartiality in Education.--Who can determine which one of a family will prove to be efficient in the

work of God? There should be general education of all the members, and all our youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become laborers together with God. They all need an education that they may be fitted for usefulness in this life, qualified for places of responsibility both in private and public life. There is great necessity of making plans that there may be a large number of competent workers; and many should fit themselves as teachers, that others may be trained and disciplined for the great work of the future. The church should take in the situation, and by their influence and means seek to bring about the much desired end. Let a fund be created by generous contributions for the establishment of schools for the advancement of educational work. We need men well trained, well educated to work in the interest of the churches. They should present the fact that we can not trust our youth to go to seminaries and colleges established by other denominations, but must gather them in where their religious training will not be neglected. God would not have us in any sense behind in educational work; our college should be far in advance in the highest kind of education. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 1] p. 162, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." "The entrance of thy word giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." If we do not have schools for our youth, they will attend other seminaries and colleges, and will be exposed to infidel sentiments, cavilings and questionings concerning the inspiration of the Bible. There is a great deal of talk concerning higher education, and many suppose that this higher education consists wholly in an education in science and literature; but this is not all. The highest education includes the knowledge of the word of God, and is comprehended in the words of Christ, "That they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 2] p. 162, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Though we have come short of doing what we might have done for our youth and children in the past, let us now repent and redeem the time. The Lord says, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword."-- Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 3] p. 163, Para. 1, [1908MS].

July 2, 1908 Results of Christian Education.--The work of teachers is an important one. They should make the Word of God their meditation. God will communicate by his own Spirit to the soul. Pray as you study, "Lord, open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." When the teacher will rely upon God in prayer, the Spirit of Christ will come upon him, and God will work through him by the Holy Spirit upon the minds of the students. The Holy Spirit fills the mind and heart with sweet hope, and courage, and Bible imagery, and this will be communicated to the students; the words of truth will grow in importance, and assume a breadth and fulness of meaning of which you have never dreamed. The beauty and riches of the Word of God have a transforming influence upon mind and character; the sparks of heavenly love will fall upon the hearts of the children as an inspiration. We may bring hundreds and thousands of children to Christ if we will work for them. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 1] p. 163, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Let all to whom these words may come be melted and subdued. Let us in our educational work embrace far more than we have done of the children and youth, and there will be a whole army of missionaries raised up to work for God. I say again, Establish schools for the children where there are churches,--those who assemble to worship God.--Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 2] p. 163, Para. 3, [1908MS].

July 2, 1908 Home Training.--It is surprising to see how little is done by many parents to save their own children. Every family in the home life should be a church, a beautiful symbol of the church of God in heaven. If parents realize their responsibilities to their children, they would not under any circumstances scold and fret at them. This is not the kind of education any child should have. Many, many children have learned to be faultfinding, fretful, scolding, passionate children, because they were allowed to be passionate at home. Parents are to consider that they are in the place of God to their children, to encourage every right principle and to repress every wrong thought. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 1] p. 163, Para. 4, [1908MS].

If in their own homes children are allowed to be disrespectful, disobedient, unthankful, and peevish, their

sins lie at the door of the parents. It is the special work of fathers and mothers to teach their children with kindness and affection. They are to show that as parents they are the ones to hold the lines, to govern, and not to be governed by their children. They are to teach that obedience is required of them, and thus they educate them to submit to the authority of God. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 2] p. 163, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Does not mother remember that she, herself had to learn in jots and tittles before she could be helpful? It is a wrong to children to refuse to teach them little by little. Keep these children with you. Let them ask questions, and in patience answer them. Give your little children something to do; and let them have the happiness of supposing they help you. There must be no repulsing of your children when trying to do proper things. If they make mistakes, if accidents happen, and things break, do not blame. Their whole future life depends upon the education you give them in their childhood years. Teach them that all their faculties of body and mind were given them to use, and that all are the Lord's, pledged to his service. To some of these children the Lord gives an early intimation of his will. Parents and teachers, begin to teach the children to cultivate their God-given qualities.--Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 3] p. 163, Para. 6, [1908MS].

July 2, 1908 For Each Church.--In all our churches, and wherever there is a company of believers, church schools should be established; and in these schools there should be teachers with a true missionary spirit, for the children are to be trained to become missionaries. It is essential that the teachers be educated to act their part in instructing children of Sabbath-keepers not only in the sciences, but in the Scriptures. These schools, established in different localities, and conducted by God-fearing men and women, as the case demands, should be built upon the same principles as were the schools of the prophets. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 1] p. 164, Para. 1, [1908MS].

I say again, Establish schools for the children wherever there are churches; where there are those who assemble to worship God, let there be schools for the children. Work as if you were working for your life to save children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influences of

this life. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 2] p. 164, Para. 2, [1908MS].

If people would encourage the church in which they are members, and establish small, humble school buildings in which to do service for God, they would accommodate their own children within their borders. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 3] p. 164, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Therefore, in localities where there is a church, a school should be established if there are no more than six children to attend. A teacher should be employed who will educate the children in the truths of the Word of God, which are so essential for these last days, and which it is so important for them to understand. A great test is coming: it will be upon obedience or disobedience to the commandments of God. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 4] p. 164, Para. 4, [1908MS].

There should be schools established wherever there is a church or company of believers. Teachers should be employed to educate the children of Sabbath-keepers.--Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 07-02-08 para. 5] p. 164, Para. 5, [1908MS].

July 9, 1908 Conflict and Victory. [SERMON AT THE WORKERS' INSTITUTE, OAKLAND, CAL., MARCH 7, 1908.]--"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." [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 1] p. 164, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." O, 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 in the days of the early Christian church he acknowledged the "few names even in Sardis" who had "not defiled their garments;" and we shall walk with him in white, for through his atoning sacrifice we shall be accounted worthy. [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 2] p. 164, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 3] p. 165, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 4] p. 165, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 5] p. 165, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 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 can not 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 can not afford to leave any one in uncertainty as to whose side we are on. [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 6] p. 165, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The True Witness declares: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door." 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. [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 7] p. 165, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"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." In this scripture is brought to view the hour of temptation that is to try them that dwell upon the earth. We are now living in this trying hour. There is no escape for any 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 endeavor to take advantage of them; for he is watching vigilantly, seeking to spoil the faith of every one. In order to gain the victory over every besetment of the enemy, we must lay hold on a power that is out of and beyond ourselves. 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. 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, though at every advance we meet with opposition. [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 8] p. 165, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast,

that no man take thy crown." 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. 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. [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 9] p. 166, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 10] p. 166, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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." [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 11] p. 166, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Those who profess to serve Christ, while in life they deny him, are not thoroughly converted, and are regarded by Christ as very offensive. To 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. [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 12] p. 166, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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." [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 13] p. 166, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 daily experience. [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 14] p. 166, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 efforts 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 a further 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 can not 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. [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 15] p. 167, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 16] p. 167, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 working contrary to the purposes of God. 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! [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 17] p. 167, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Why should we be so particular in regard to our life conduct? O, there is a world lying in darkness, waiting for the Light of life, a world for whom Christ has given his life! In his plans 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 us when in our great need we 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 us. He will answer our prayers for deliverance. (To be concluded.) Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 07-09-08 para. 18] p. 167, Para. 4, [1908MS].

July 16, 1908 Conflict and Victory. [SERMON AT THE WORKERS' INSTITUTE, OAKLAND, CAL., MARCH 7, 1908.] (Concluded)--The Lord desires us to pray much, and 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 for ill, we can not 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." 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. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 1] p. 167, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 the 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 cooperate with him, and live in harmony with his law, he will cleanse our natures from sin, and impart to us his righteousness. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 2] p. 168, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The world is to be warned of the impending judgments of God that 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. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 3] p. 168, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 4] p. 168, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Satan knows that his time is short, and he is putting 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, and 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. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 5] p. 168, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 influences of the enemy. They seem asleep as regards the issues that are now before the world. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 6] p. 168, Para. 5, [1908MS].

A View of the Conflict.--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," Vol. VIII, pages 41-43:-- [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 7] p. 168, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust, as company after company of 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 that 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 you 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.' [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 8] p. 169, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"The battle raged. Victory alternated from side to side. Now the soldiers of the cross gave way, 'as when a standardbearer fainteth.' Isa. 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 angels 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 to step by step, conquering and to conquer. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 9] p. 169, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"At last the victory was gained. The army following the banner with the inscription, 'The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus,' was gloriously triumphant. 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. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 10] p. 169,

Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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 sevenfold greater than it is now. Over the scene the morning stars will sing together, and the sons of God will shout for joy, while God and Christ will shout in proclaiming, 'There shall be no more sin, neither shall there be any more death.' [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 11] p. 169, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"This is the scene that is presented to me. But the church must and will fight against seen and unseen foes. Satan's agencies in human form are on the ground. Men have confederated to oppose the Lord of hosts. These confederacies will continue until Christ shall leave his place of intercession before the mercy seat, and shall put on the garments of vengeance. Satanic agencies are in every city, busily organizing into parties those opposed to the law of God. Professed saints and avowed unbelievers take their stand with these parties. This is not time for the people of God to be weaklings. We can not afford to be off our guard for one moment. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 12] p. 169, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"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.'" [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 13] p. 170, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 can not 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 can not lay down the burden. My pen is in my hand almost constantly, except 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. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 14] p. 170, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 campmeetings 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 practise 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. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 15] p. 170, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 them to awake, to lay hold of the arm of infinite strength, and then go forth speaking the words of life. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 16] p. 170, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Let us now seek God with all the heart, that we may find

him. For your soul's 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. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 17] p. 170, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. I beg of you, for Christ's sake, to work along right lines. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 18] p. 171, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 colaborers with Christ Jesus? There are souls to be saved, and we can not afford to lay stumblingblocks 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 of the congregation present responded.] [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 19] p. 171, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 20] p. 171, Para. 3, [1908MS].

[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. 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. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 21] p. 171, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 22] p. 171, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 07-16-08 para. 23] p. 171, Para. 6, [1908MS].

July 23, 1908 An Appeal to Ministers.--The Lord has instructed me to say to his people that he demands a deeper consecration on their part, in every conference, in every church, 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. [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 1] p. 172, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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. 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. [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 2] p. 172, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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." [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 3] p. 172, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?" 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 his Lord when he comes shall find faithful. "Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 4] p. 172, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, my lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 5] p. 172, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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." 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? [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 6] p. 172, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 7] p. 173, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Our sinful condition of lukewarmness has been coming on for years. 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. [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 8] p. 173, Para. 2, [1908MS].

At our meetings held in the cities, and at our campmeetings, 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 shall 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 the 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 campmeetings 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." Those who seek the Lord in humility of heart will be uplifted and refreshed. [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 9] p. 173, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Avoid the 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 ye upon him while he is near." 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. [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 10] p. 173, Para. 4, [1908MS].

By words and works some have declared, "My Lord delayeth his coming," 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. [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 11] p. 173, Para. 5, [1908MS].

A Word to the Wavering.--Of those who are constantly working to undermine faith in the message 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. [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 12] p. 174, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 13] p. 174, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 07-23-08 para. 14] p. 174, Para. 3, [1908MS].

July 30, 1908 Our Publications.--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 the faith of Jesus." Let our literature give the message as a witness to all the world. [Review and Herald 07-30-08 para. 1] p. 174, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 07-30-08 para. 2] p. 174, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 07-30-08 para. 3] p. 174, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 07-30-08 para. 4] p. 175, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 can not 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 can not 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." We are to make openings for the presentation of the truth. We are to improve every opportunity of drawing souls to Christ. [Review and Herald 07-30-08 para. 5] p. 175, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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? [Review and Herald 07-30-08 para. 6] p. 175, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 always, even unto the end of the world." [Review and Herald 07-30-08 para. 7] p. 175, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 the way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my Spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his law." [Review and Herald 07-30-08 para. 8] p. 176, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 give thee for

a covenant of the people, for a light to 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." 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. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 07-30-08 para. 9] p. 176, Para. 2, [1908MS].

August 6, 1908 Circulate the Publications--No. 1.--In the night of March 2, 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 wide circulation. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 1] p. 176, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 hosts 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. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 2] p. 176, Para. 4, [1908MS].

An Encouraging Experience.--The afternoon of March 2 I spent in counsel with Brother and Sister S. N. 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. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 3] p. 176, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 can not describe. The room was filled with light, a most beautiful, soft, azure light, and I seemed to be in the

arms of heavenly beings. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 4] p. 177, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 5] p. 177, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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 shall I always have this peace?" [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 6] p. 177, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The Voice replied. "Your work is not yet done." [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 7] p. 177, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 that person saw the light. After a time the light passed away, but the peace remained. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 8] p. 177, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 and with the brethren about the circulation of our books, tracts, and periodicals. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 9] p. 177, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 10] p. 177, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 11] p. 178, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 in the garb of an angel of light, presents for the study of the human mind subjects which 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. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 12] p. 178, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 of which declared in its support that its teachings were 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. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 13] p. 178, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The Father and the Son each have a personality. Christ declared, "I and my Father are one." 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. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 14] p. 178, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 15] p. 178, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 16] p. 178, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 17] p. 179, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The first advent of Christ and his life of ministry are not studied as they 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. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 08-06-08 para. 18] p. 179, Para. 2, [1908MS].

August 13, 1908 Circulate the Publications--No. 2.--The

work of bookmaking 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. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 1] p. 179, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 the confidence and comfort of God's people. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 2] p. 179, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Our evidence to non-professors 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. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 3] p. 179, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 4] p. 179, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." Unity and love will accomplish wonderful things for the believers. Will not our churches arouse, and give the last

warning message to the world? [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 5] p. 179, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 6] p. 180, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 7] p. 180, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 more and more 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. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 8] p. 180, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Another View of the Book Work.--Afterward we were in campmeetings 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. [Review and

Herald 08-13-08 para. 9] p. 180, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 10] p. 180, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 any one. Souls are perishing out of Christ. Let them be warned of his soon appearing in the clouds of heaven. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 11] p. 180, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 12] p. 181, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 his books too cheap, and thus making his own burden too heavy. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 13] p. 181, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Our Counselor said, "The books should be sold in such a way that the author will not be left barehanded, and that the publishing house shall have a proper margin so that it will have means to carry on its work." [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 14] p. 181, Para. 3, [1908MS].

A Parable for Our Study.--"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that 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 marketplace, and said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 15] p. 181, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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 unto 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 unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 16] p. 181, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the good man of the house, saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto 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 a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this 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: for many be called, but few chosen." [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 17] p. 181, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The value of service to God is measured by the Spirit in which it is rendered, rather than by the length of time

spent in labor. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 18] p. 182, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 19] p. 182, Para. 2, [1908MS].

A Lesson in Commercialism.--"And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold 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 the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 20] p. 182, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto him, Hearst 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?" Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 08-13-08 para. 21] p. 182, Para. 4, [1908MS].

August 20, 1908 A Broader View.--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 home land. 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. [Review and Herald

08-20-08 para. 1] p. 182, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Our educational institutions can do much toward meeting the demand for trained workers for these 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 practise the strictest economy. [Review and Herald 08-20-08 para. 2] p. 182, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 them 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 canvass for 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. [Review and Herald 08-20-08 para. 3] p. 183, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 practise its teachings, they will develop in knowledge and spiritual power. The messages in these books contain 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. [Review and Herald 08-20-08 para. 4] p. 183, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-20-08 para. 5] p. 183, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 08-20-08 para. 6] p. 183, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 the 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. [Review and Herald 08-20-08 para. 7] p. 183, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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! [Review and Herald 08-20-08 para. 8] p. 184, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-20-08 para. 9] p. 184, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-20-08 para. 10] p. 184, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 08-20-08 para. 11] p. 184, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 08-20-08 para. 12] p. 184, Para. 5, [1908MS].

August 27, 1908 Camp-Meetings and Our Publications.--In connection with our campmeetings in past years, God's servants have improved many precious opportunities for instructing our people in practical methods of presenting the saving truths of the third angel's message to their friends and acquaintances. Many have been taught how to labor as self-supporting missionaries in their home communities. Many have returned home from these annual gatherings, to labor with greater zeal and intelligence than hitherto. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 1] p. 184, Para. 6, [1908MS].

It would be pleasing to God if far more of this practical instruction were given the church members who attend our campmeetings, than has usually been given in years past. Our general workers and our brethren and sisters in every conference should remember that one of the objects of our annual gatherings is that all may gain a knowledge of practical methods of personal missionary work. This phase of our campmeetings is outlined in "Testimonies for the Church," Volume VI, as follows:-- [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 2] p. 185, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work. We need to understand what part we shall individually be called upon to act in building up the cause of God in the earth, in vindicating God's holy law, and in lifting up the Saviour as 'the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.' John 1:29. We need to meet together and receive the divine touch that we may understand our work in the home. Parents need to understand how they may send forth from the sanctuary of the home their sons and daughters so trained and educated that they will be fitted to shine as lights in the world. We need to understand in regard to the division of labor, and how each part of the work is to be carried forward. Each one should understand the part he is to act, that there may be harmony of plan and of labor in the combined work of all." -- Pages 32, 33. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 3] p. 185, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"Properly conducted, the campmeeting is a school where pastors, elders, and deacons can learn to do more perfect

work for the Master. It should be a school where the members of the church, old and young, are given opportunity to learn the way of the Lord more perfectly, a place where believers can receive an education that will help them to help others. . . . [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 4] p. 185, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others. Help all to see that as receivers of the grace of Christ they are under obligation to work for him. And let all be taught how to work. Especially should those who are newly come to the faith be educated to become laborers together with God. If set to work, the despondent will soon forget their despondency; the weak will become strong, the ignorant intelligent, and all will be prepared to present the truth as it is in Jesus. They will find an unfailing helper in him who has promised to save all that come unto him."-- Pages 49, 50. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 5] p. 185, Para. 4, [1908MS].

In some of our conferences, the leaders have hesitated to introduce these practical methods of instruction. Some are naturally inclined to sermonize rather than to teach. But on such occasions as our annual campmeetings, we must never lose sight of the opportunities afforded for teaching the believers how to do practical missionary work in the place where they may live. In many instances it would be well to set apart certain men to carry the burden of different lines of educational work at these meetings. Let some help the people to learn how to give Bible readings and to conduct cottage meetings. Let others bear the burden of teaching the people how to practise the principles of health and temperance, and how to give treatments to the sick. Still others may labor in the interests of our periodical and book work. And let chosen workers take a special interest in teaching many how to handle "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Ministry of Healing." [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 6] p. 185, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Many have never learned how to sell the books dedicated to the advancement of our institutional work. But such should not excuse themselves. They should study diligently how they may do their part faithfully in connection with the circulation of these precious books. Our schools and sanitariums must be conducted on a high plane of

efficiency, and a solemn responsibility rests upon us all to help place these institutions on vantage ground by giving the relief books a wide circulation. God will be glorified by every one who takes an active interest in the work of placing these books in the hands of the multitudes who are in need of the saving truths of the gospel. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 7] p. 186, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The opportunity we have of doing good by striving to carry out the Lord's plan for the relief of our schools and sanitariums, has been presented to me over and over again in connection with the Southern California Conference. The conditions there are unusually favorable for a long-continued effort to push the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Ministry of Healing." Our brethren and sisters in Southern California should never weary of this plan for raising money to meet the debts that have accumulated. The students of the Fernando School, and the nurses of the three sanitariums that have been established, can ill afford to lose the precious experiences in missionary work that come to those who handle the relief books. And the conference can ill afford to lose the results, spiritual as well as financial, that would accompany a continued effort of this sort. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 8] p. 186, Para. 2, [1908MS].

But years have passed, and students who should have been gaining rich experiences in actual missionary work, have not been encouraged to launch out heartily in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." Church members in many places have daily met with strangers, -- tourists, men and women of means and influence, -- and yet such opportunities as these for circulating "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Ministry of Healing" have been allowed to pass by unimproved. Many honest-hearted persons who could have been reached by diligent, wholehearted effort, have not been given the light of the third angel's message. And all the while, money that was needed to found new institutions and to support laborers in mission fields, has been gathered for the benefit of one of our schools. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 9] p. 186, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Had the Lord's plan been followed, his name would have been glorified, and many spiritual victories would have been won. Those having means would have been more able and willing to come up to the help of the Lord when he was leading out in an extraordinary manner in the establishment

of strong medical missionary centers in the vicinity of great thoroughfares of travel. Students would have received a training that would have greatly increased their efficiency as practical missionaries at home and abroad. Churches would have been revived with spiritual blessings. Many would have been won to the truth, and these would have brought into the cause their influence and their means. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 10] p. 186, Para. 4, [1908MS].

In such places as Southern California, where thousands of tourists, many of them in search of health and strength, are constantly coming and going, special and continuous efforts should be put forth to scatter the bright rays of light and truth. The books, "Ministry of Healing" and "Christ's Object Lessons," are peculiarly adapted for use in tourist centers, and everything possible should be done to place copies of these works in the hands of those who have leisure and inclination to read. Especially do those who are seeking for restoration of health, need the book. "Ministry of Healing." Every favorable opportunity for reaching this class is to be improved. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 11] p. 186, Para. 5, [1908MS].

My heart has rejoiced as I have learned of a revival of the relief work in Southern California during the past few months. At Loma Linda some of the nurses have been given a special training for the work of selling "Ministry of Healing;" and as they have visited homes in the neighboring cities and villages, the blessing of heaven has rested richly upon them, and favorable impressions have been made in behalf of our people and their work. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 12] p. 187, Para. 1, [1908MS].

At the Fernando School, the teachers have recently led out in reviving an interest in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." Bands of students, after prayerful study of the book, have visited Los Angeles in company with their teachers, and have gained a sound, solid experience which they prize above silver and gold. This kind of work is, in fact, one of the means God has ordained for giving our youth a missionary training; and those who neglect to improve such opportunities lose out of their lives a chapter of experience of the highest value. By entering heartily into this work, students can learn how to approach with tact and discretion men and women in all walks of life, how to deal with them courteously, and how to lead

them to give favorable consideration to the truths contained in the books that are sold. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 13] p. 187, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Our greatest burden should be, not the raising of money, but the salvation of souls; and to this end we should do all in our power to teach students how to lead souls to a knowledge of the third angel's message. When we are successful in the work of soul saving, those who are added to the faith will, in turn, use their ability in giving the truth to others. When we labor diligently for the salvation of our fellow men, God will prosper our every effort. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 14] p. 187, Para. 3, [1908MS].

To the presidents of conferences, and to others in positions of leading responsibility, I would say: Let us do all in our power to impress upon the teachers connected with our educational institutions the great value of the blessings in store for those who seek diligently to make the best possible use of the gift, "Christ's Object Lessons." Let us encourage the teachers to unite with many of their students in a prayerful study of this book, preparatory to going out with them into active field work. Let us help the educators to understand their responsibility in this matter. Let us do all we can to revive the "Christ's Object Lessons" work, and to inaugurate plans for an active campaign with "Ministry of Healing." [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 15] p. 187, Para. 4, [1908MS].

As teachers and students engage heartily in this line of work, they will gain an experience that will fit them to do valuable service in connection with our campmeetings. Through the instruction that they can give to the believers in attendance, and through the sale of many books in the places where such meetings are held, those who have been in the school will be able to do their part in reaching the multitudes who need to be given the third angel's message. Let teachers and students nobly bear their share of the burden of showing our own people how to communicate the message to their friends and neighbors. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 16] p. 187, Para. 5, [1908MS].

When we follow plans of the Lord's devising, we are "laborers together with God." Whatever our position,-- whether presidents of conferences, ministers, teachers,

students, or lay members,--we are held accountable by the Lord for making the most of our opportunities to enlighten those in need of present truth. And one of the principal agencies he has ordained for our use is the printed page. In our schools and sanitariums, in our home churches, and particularly in our annual campmeetings, we must learn to make a wise use of this precious agency. With patient diligence, chosen workers must instruct our people how to approach unbelievers in a kindly, winning way, and how to place in their hands literature in which the truth for this time is presented with clearness and power. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 17] p. 188, Para. 1, [1908MS].

My brethren and sisters, let us not become weary in well-doing. During his earthly ministry, Christ traveled on foot from place to place. Wearied, as he oftentimes was his human nature taxed to the uttermost, yet he was ever ready to heal all who came unto him, and to teach them the way of life eternal. Though often physically exhausted, he left not his work. There was a world to be saved. He made every sacrifice possible, in order that light and truth might shine forth. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 18] p. 188, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The Lord God of Israel desires us to link up in holy union with himself, and exercise the living faith that works by love and purifies the soul. He desires that we shall be a working corps of laborers endowed with adaptability for his service; and to such he promises power to win a glorious victory for him. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 08-27-08 para. 19] p. 188, Para. 3, [1908MS].

September 3, 1908 Provision for Our Schools.--(An Appeal to Ministers, Physicians, and Teachers in Southern California)--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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 1] p. 188, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 2] p. 188, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 3] p. 188, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 4] p. 189, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 5] p. 189, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 6] p. 189, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Why was not some one appointed at your campmeeting [in 1907] 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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 7] p. 189, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 8] p. 189, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 9] p. 189, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 a means of bringing us in connection with workers in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, 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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 10] p. 190, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 11] p. 190, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In places like Los Angeles, where the population is constantly changing, wonderful opportunities are 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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 12] p. 190, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 13] p. 190, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 14] p. 190, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 15] p. 191, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 16] p. 191, Para. 2, [1908MS].

September 3, 1908 Teacher, Know Thyself.--To know one's self 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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 1] p. 191, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 can not 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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 2] p. 191, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 3] p. 191, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Every teacher needs to receive the truth in the love of its sacred principles; then he can not fail of exerting an influence that is purifying and uplifting. The teacher whose soul is stayed upon Christ will speak and act like a

Christian. Such a 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 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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 4] p. 192, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 5] p. 192, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 of 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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 6] p. 192, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 cooperation with the Master Teacher, the spirit of selfishness will be expelled, and wonderful transformations will take place. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 7] p. 192, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 8] p. 192, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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." 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. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 9] p. 192, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. Ellen G. White. [Review and Herald 09-03-08 para. 10] p. 193, Para. 1, [1908MS].

September 10, 1908 Medical Missionary Work Among the Colored People in the South.--When connected with other lines of gospel effort, medical missionary work is a most effective instrument by which the ground is prepared for the sowing of the seeds of truth, and the instrument also by which the harvest is reaped. Medical missionary work is the helping hand of the gospel ministry. So far as possible, it would be well for evangelical workers to learn how to minister to the necessities of the body as well as the soul; for in doing this, they are following the example of Christ. Intemperance has well-nigh filled the world with disease, and the ministers of the gospel can not spend their time and strength in relieving all in need of help. The Lord has ordained that Christian physicians and nurses shall labor in connection with those who preach the Word. The medical missionary work is to be bound up with the gospel ministry. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 1] p. 193, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In no place is there greater need of genuine gospel medical missionary work than among the colored people in the South. Had such a work been done for them immediately after the proclamation of freedom, their condition today would have been very different. Medical missionary work must be carried forward for the colored people. Sanitariums and treatment rooms should be established in many places. These will open doors for the entrance of Bible truth. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 2] p. 193, Para. 3, [1908MS].

This work will require devoted men and means, and much wise planning. Years ago we should have been training colored men and women to care for the sick. Plans should now be made to do a quick work. Let promising colored youth--young men and young women of good Christian character--be given a thorough training for this line of service. Let them be imbued with the thought that in all their work they are to proclaim the third angel's message. Strong, intelligent, consecrated colored nurses will find a wide field of usefulness opening before them. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 3] p. 193, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Lord Jesus is our example. He came to the world as the servant of mankind. He went from city to city, from village to village, teaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing the sick. Christ spent more time in healing than in teaching. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 4] p. 193, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 a medical missionary evangelists. They should unite the teaching of the gospel of Christ with the work of healing. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 5] p. 193, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 make Huntsville a strong training center for medical missionary workers. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 6] p. 194, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The colored medical missionary worker stands on vantage ground. In the providence of God, a wide field of usefulness is open to him. He is permitted to enter where others are refused admission. In his consistent daily life of self-denial and self-sacrifice, he may exert a quiet yet far-reaching influence in behalf of the truth for this time. And he will not lack opportunity for testifying of the saving grace by which his life is being constantly transformed into the likeness of the great Medical Missionary. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 7] p. 194, Para. 2, [1908MS].

To many of the colored people, the difficulties against which they have to contend seem almost 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 helped and encouraged. There is talent among the colored race, and this talent will be developed 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. There are those who with proper training can be prepared to conduct sanitariums for colored people. In all cases they will need, at times, the assistance of white workers, but their talents will tell greatly for the success of the work. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 8] p. 194, Para. 3, [1908MS].

O, that we might catch a glimpse of the work God desires us to accomplish for the colored people in the South! Could the veil be removed, could we but realize the distressing condition of thousands suffering from physical and spiritual maladies, how earnestly would we plan to train suitable colored workers to go forth to minister to the needs of their own race! How gladly would we come up to the help of the Lord, by giving freely of our means for the establishment and maintenance of training centers where colored youth could be fitted for helpful service as true medical missionary evangelists! May God enable us to discern the opportunities now afforded us to lay broad plans for carrying forward this line of work in a manner

befitting its importance. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 9] p. 194, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Those who are able to relieve the sick of their temporal infirmities, will often find ready access to hearts. Grateful for the loving ministry performed in their behalf, many will gladly listen to words of spiritual comfort and consolation. Their hearts will be susceptible to the influence of the Holy Spirit, as the consecrated medical missionary opens the Scriptures of truth, and brings to their attention the special warning message for this time. Many will decide to yield their all to the Lord. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 10] p. 194, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Such a work as this is sadly needed in the cities of the South. Thousands of colored people have drifted into these congested centers. In many, many families, want and misery and deep spiritual poverty prevail. For such classes as these, the medical missionary evangelist is peculiarly fitted. But work of this character can not be undertaken unless the workers are first trained, and then supplied with needed facilities. Means is needed for the prosecution of such work. And in the privilege of contributing to the support of his cause in the earth, God has graciously given us opportunity to participate in the rewards of those who engage in this line of service. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 11] p. 195, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Soon the work of God in the earth will close triumphantly. Soon those who have remained steadfast unto the end will be granted an abundant entrance into the kingdom of our Lord. As the opportunities for service are now presented, shall we not quickly respond, giving freely of our means for the support of the closing work? It is now our privilege to return unto the Lord his own, in freewill gifts and offerings; soon we shall receive the reward of the faithful. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 12] p. 195, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Of all the joys that await the redeemed in the earth made new, one of the highest will be the privilege of mingling our voices with the voices of those whom we have helped to save, in praise and adoration to the One who put into our hearts a desire to give. As God hath prospered us, let us now do all in our power to further the interests of his kingdom. Soon "the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their

heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." By Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 09-10-08 para. 13] p. 195, Para. 3, [1908MS].

September 17, 1908 Lamps Without Oil.--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. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 1] p. 195, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 2] p. 195, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 3] p. 196, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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 mine 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." [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 4] p. 196, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Let the young men and women study these words, and encourage a spirit that will desire to heed the way of the Lord. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 5] p. 196, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 6] p. 196, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 7] p. 196, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 8] p. 196, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." 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. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 9] p. 197, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 10] p. 197, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 11] p. 197, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 the 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. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 12] p. 197, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." When Christ imparts to any the blessings of his grace, he lays the recipients under special obligation 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 character of Christ, they will reproduce that character in their own, thus testifying to the attributes of the Father. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 13] p. 197, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 14] p. 198, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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, 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." [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 15] p. 198, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 16] p. 198, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 09-17-08 para. 17] p. 198, Para. 4, [1908MS].

September 24, 1908 Build on a Sure Foundation.--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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 1] p. 198, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 2] p. 198, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." 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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 3] p. 198, Para. 7, [1908MS].

This is a privilege that the world can not receive or understand; for they have not the "Spirit of truth, whom," Christ declared, "the world can not 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." You have the mind of Christ. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 4] p. 199, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In the parable of the marriage of the king's son, Jesus relates how, after earnest efforts, "the wedding was furnished with guests." He continues: "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." [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 5] p. 199, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It has been repeatedly revealed to me that many professing Christians will, in the time of the 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?" [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 6] p. 199, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 7] p. 199, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 8] p. 199, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Then the enormity of Belshazzar's guilt was thus emphasized: "And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, *though thou knowest 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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 9] p. 200, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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 are weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. Peres; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 10] p. 200, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The Lord does not suffer wicked practises 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 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, as he said to the wicked king, "Thou . . . hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this." [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 11] p. 200, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Many have continued in a wicked course of action, until the Lord Jesus can not accept their services 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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 12] p. 200, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 13] p. 200, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 14] p. 200, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"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." [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 15] p. 201, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 16] p. 201, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 message 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 responsibilities that they might have borne, had they heeded the messages that the Lord in mercy sent them. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 17] p. 201, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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." [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 18] p. 201, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. His 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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 19] p. 201, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The salvation of fallen and sinful humanity is a grand cooperative 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 cooperation 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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 20] p. 201, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Let all draw together in unity, their dependence placed upon Christ Jesus. "Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." 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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 21] p. 201, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 22] p. 202, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 23] p. 202, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." It is time that we all understood our true position, and that we give, in righteous characters, the evidence that we possess the truth. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 09-24-08 para. 24] p. 202, Para. 3,

[1908MS].

October 1, 1908 How to Gain Spiritual Strength.--Many are spiritually weak because they look at themselves instead of at Christ. Looking at themselves, and seeing only discouragement and unworthiness, they forget that God is waiting to make them agencies for the blessing of the world, and that angels are waiting to be colaborers with them. [Review and Herald 10-01-08 para. 1] p. 202, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ is the great storehouse from which on every occasion we may draw strength and happiness. Why, then, do we withdraw our eyes from his sufficiency to look on and bemoan our weakness? Why do we forget that he is ready to help us in every time of need? We dishonor him by talking of our inefficiency. Instead of looking at ourselves, let us constantly behold Jesus, daily becoming more and more like him, more and more able to talk of him, better prepared to avail ourselves of his kindness and helpfulness, and to receive the blessings offered us. As we thus live in communion with him, we grow strong in his strength, a help and a blessing to those around us. [Review and Herald 10-01-08 para. 2] p. 202, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Christ has made every provision for us to be strong. He has given us his Holy Spirit, whose office is to bring to our remembrance all the promises that Christ has made, that we may have peace and a sweet sense of forgiveness. If we will but keep our eyes fixed on the Saviour, and trust in his power, we shall be filled with a sense of security; for the righteousness of Christ will become our righteousness. [Review and Herald 10-01-08 para. 3] p. 202, Para. 6, [1908MS].

If we would only do as the Lord desires us to, our hearts would become as sacred harps, every chord of which would sound forth praise and gratitude to the Redeemer sent by God to take away the sin of the world. With joy we would be able to say, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into the grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is

given unto us." [Review and Herald 10-01-08 para. 4] p. 203, Para. 1, [1908MS].

When temptations assail you, as they surely will, when care and perplexity surround you, when, distressed and discouraged, you are almost ready to yield to despair, look, O look, to where with the eye of faith you last saw the light; and the darkness that encompasseth you will be dispelled by the bright shining of his glory. When sin struggles for the mastery in your soul, and burdens the conscience, when unbelief clouds the mind, go to the Saviour. His grace is sufficient to subdue sin. He will pardon us, making us joyful in God. [Review and Herald 10-01-08 para. 5] p. 203, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Looking at self, we see only weakness, and we forget God's purpose for us. We forget that he placed on us so high a value that he gave Christ to die for us. O, after all that has been done for us, how can we disappoint Christ by failing to live the life that he has made it possible for us to live? Let us no longer talk of our inefficiency and lack of power. Forgetting the things that are behind, let us press forward in the heavenward way. Let us neglect no opportunity that, if improved, will make us more useful in God's service. Then like threads of gold, holiness will run through our lives, and the angels, beholding our consecration, will repeat the promise, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." All heaven rejoices when weak, faulty human beings give themselves to Jesus, to live his life. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 10-01-08 para. 6] p. 203, Para. 3, [1908MS].

October 8, 1908 Teacher, Know Thyself.--To know one's self 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 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. [Review and Herald 10-08-08 para. 1] p. 203, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 can not 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. [Review and Herald 10-08-08 para. 2] p. 203, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 10-08-08 para. 3] p. 204, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Every teacher needs to receive the truth in the love of its sacred principles; then he can not 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. [Review and Herald 10-08-08 para. 4] p. 204, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 10-08-08 para. 5] p. 204, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The Holy Spirit is greatly needed in our schools. This divine agency comes to the world as Christ's representative. He is not only the faithful and true witness to the Word of God, but he is the searcher of the thoughts and purposes of the heart. He 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; his transforming influence was to bring even the thoughts into harmony with the will of God, and establish a living connection between earth and heaven. [Review and Herald 10-08-08 para. 6] p. 204, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 cooperation with the Master Teacher, the spirit of selfishness will be expelled, and wonderful transformations will take place. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 10-08-08 para. 7] p. 204, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"And when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another." You are not to expose yourself when it is not necessary for the glory of God, and have your life cut short when there is no occasion. When you are endangered because of the spirit of persecution, seek another refuge. This is what Jesus did, and there are other places besides the one in which you are, where God will manifest his power through your efforts for the salvation of souls.-- Mrs. E. G. White, in Review and Herald, May 3, 1892. [Review and Herald 10-08-08 para. 1] p. 204, Para. 6, [1908MS].

October 15, 1908 Accepted in the Beloved.--"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 1] p. 205, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"Grace be to you." We owe everything to God's free grace. Grace in the covenant ordained our adoption. Grace in the Saviour effected our redemption, our regeneration, and our exaltation to heirship with Christ. Not because we first loved him, did God love us; but "while we were yet

sinner," Christ died for us, making full and abundant provision for our redemption. Although by our disobedience we have merited God's displeasure and condemnation, yet he has not forsaken us, leaving us to grapple with the power of the enemy. Heavenly angels fight our battles for us, and, cooperating with them, we may be victorious over the powers of evil. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 2] p. 205, Para. 2, [1908MS].

We should never have learned the meaning of this word "grace," had we not fallen. God loves the sinless angels, who do his service, and are obedient to all his commands; but he does not give them grace. These heavenly beings know naught of grace; they have never needed it, for they have never sinned. Grace is an attribute of God shown to undeserving human beings. We ourselves did not seek after it, but it was sent out in search of us. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 3] p. 205, Para. 3, [1908MS].

God rejoices to bestow this grace upon all who hunger for it, not because we are worthy, but because we are so utterly unworthy. Our need is the qualification which gives us the assurance that we shall receive this gift. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 4] p. 205, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"And peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Every man's experience testifies to the truth of the words of Scripture: "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it can not rest. . . . There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Sin has destroyed our peace. While self is unsubdued, we can find no rest. The masterful passions of the heart no human power can control. We are as helpless here as were the disciples to control the raging storm. But he who spoke peace to the billows of Galilee has spoken the word of peace for every soul. However fierce the tempest, those who turn to Jesus with the cry, "Lord, save us," will find deliverance. His grace, which reconciles the soul to God, quiets the strife of human passion, and in his love the heart is at rest. "He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven." "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." "The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever." [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 5] p. 205, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Whoever consents to renounce sin, and open his heart to the love of Christ, becomes a partaker of this heavenly peace. There is no other ground of peace than this. The grace of Christ, received into the heart, subdues enmity; it allays strife, and fills the soul with love. He who is at peace with God and his fellow men can not be made miserable. Envy will not be in his heart; evil surmisings will find no room there; hatred can not exist. The heart that is in harmony with God is a partaker of the peace of heaven, and will diffuse its blessed influence on all around. The spirit of peace will rest like dew upon hearts weary and troubled with worldly strife. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 6] p. 205, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Christ's followers are sent to the world with the message of peace. Whoever, by the quiet, unconscious influence of a holy life, shall reveal the love of Christ; whoever, by word or deed, shall lead another to renounce sin, and yield his heart to God, is a peacemaker. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 7] p. 206, Para. 1, [1908MS].

And "blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." The spirit of peace is evidence of their connection with heaven. The sweet savor of Christ surrounds them. The fragrance of the life, the loveliness of the character, reveal to the world the fact that they are children of God. Men take knowledge of them, that they have been with Jesus. "Every one that loveth is born of God." "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his;" but "as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 8] p. 206, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," the apostle continues, "who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." What is there left for us to ask, that is not included in this merciful, abundant provision? Through the merits of Christ we are blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. It is our privilege to draw nigh to God, to breathe in the atmosphere of his presence. If we keep ourselves in close union with the common, cheap, sensual things of this earth, Satan will interpose his shadow, so that we shall fail to discern the blessedness of the promises and assurances of God, and so shall fail to be strengthened to attain to a high spiritual standard. Nothing short of abiding in the presence of Christ will

bring peace, freedom, courage, and power. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 9] p. 206, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." There can be no misunderstanding here, unless there is wilful blindness. We are to be holy and without blame before him in love. The condition on which we receive an increase of grace is that we improve upon the light we already have. If we would find, we must go on continually seeking; if we would receive, we must ask; if we would have the door opened, we must knock. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 10] p. 206, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." In this text the two agencies in the salvation of man are revealed,--the divine influence, the strong, living faith of those who follow Christ. It is through the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth, that we become laborers together with God. God waits for the cooperation of his church. He does not design to add a new element of efficiency to his Word; he has done his great work in giving his inspiration to the Word. The blood of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the divine Word, are ours. The object of all this provision of heaven is before us; and it depends upon us to lay hold of the promises God has given, and become laborers together with him. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 11] p. 206, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Sanctification is the work, not of a day or of a year, but of a lifetime. The struggle for conquest over self, for holiness and heaven, is a lifelong struggle. Without continual effort and constant activity, there can be no advancement in the divine life, no attainment of the victor's crown. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 12] p. 207, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Paul's sanctification was the result of a constant conflict with self. He said, "I die daily." His will and his desires every day conflicted with duty and the will of God. Instead of following inclination, he did God's will, however crucifying to his own nature. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 13] p. 207, Para. 2, [1908MS].

God leads his people on step by step. The Christian life

is a battle and a march. In this warfare there is no release; the effort must be continuous and persevering. It is by unceasing endeavor that we maintain the victory over the temptations of Satan. Christian integrity must be sought with resistless energy, and maintained with a resolute fixedness of purpose. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 14] p. 207, Para. 3, [1908MS].

There is a science of Christianity to be mastered,--a science as much deeper, broader, higher, than any human science as the heavens are higher than the earth. The mind is to be disciplined, educated, trained; for we are to do service for God in ways that are not in harmony with inborn inclination. There are hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil that must be overcome. Our hearts must be educated to become steadfast in God. We are to form habits of thought that will enable us to resist temptation. By a life of holy endeavor and firm adherence to the right, the children of God are to seal their destiny. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 15] p. 207, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God has "predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the Beloved." [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 16] p. 207, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The word that was spoken to Jesus at the Jordan, embraces humanity. God spoke to Jesus as our representative. With all our sins and weaknesses, we are not cast aside as worthless. "He hath made us accepted in the Beloved." The glory that rested upon Christ is a pledge of the love of God for us. It tells us of the power of prayer,--how the human voice may reach the ear of God, and our petitions find acceptance in the courts of heaven. By sin, earth was cut off from heaven, and alienated from its communion; but Jesus has connected it again with the sphere of glory. His love has encircled man, and reached the highest heaven. The light which fell from the open portals upon the head of our Saviour, will fall upon us as we pray for help to resist temptation. The voice which spoke to Jesus says to every believing soul, "This is my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased." [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 17] p. 207, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"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." Our Redeemer has opened the way, so that the most sinful, the most needy, the most oppressed and despised, may find access to the Father. All may have a home in the mansions which Jesus has gone to prepare. "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; . . . Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 10-15-08 para. 18] p. 208, Para. 1, [1908MS].

October 22, 1908 The Inestimable Gift.--"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him, . . . that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, . . . the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the Beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." [Review and Herald 10-22-08 para. 1] p. 208, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Such are the words in which "Paul the aged," "the prisoner of Jesus Christ," writing from his prison house at Rome, endeavored to set before his brethren that which he found language inadequate to express in its fulness,--"the unsearchable riches of Christ,"--the treasure of grace freely offered to the fallen sons of men. The plan of redemption was laid by a sacrifice, a gift. Says the apostle: "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." Christ "gave *himself* for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity." And as the crowning blessing of redemption, "*the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" [Review and Herald 10-22-08 para. 2] p. 208, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: that we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also

after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." [Review and Herald 10-22-08 para. 3] p. 208, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ, by his sacrifice paying the penalty of sin, would not only redeem man, but recover the dominion which man had forfeited. All that was lost by the first Adam will be restored by the second. The prophet says, "O Tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, to thee shall it come, even the first dominion." And Paul points forward to the "redemption of the purchased possession." God created the earth to be the abode of holy, happy beings. That purpose will be fulfilled when, renewed by the power of God, and freed from sin and sorrow, it shall become the eternal home of the redeemed. [Review and Herald 10-22-08 para. 4] p. 208, Para. 5, [1908MS].

A fear of making the future inheritance seem too material has led many to spiritualize away the very truths which lead us to look upon it as our home. Christ assured his disciples that he went to prepare mansions for them in the Father's house. Those who accept the teachings of God's Word will not be wholly ignorant concerning the heavenly abode. And yet "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." Human language is inadequate to describe the reward of the righteous. It will be known only to those who behold it. No finite mind can comprehend the glory of the paradise of God. [Review and Herald 10-22-08 para. 5] p. 209, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In the Bible the inheritance of the saved is called a country. There the heavenly Shepherd leads his flock to fountains of living waters. The tree of life yields its fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree are for the service of the nations, There are ever-flowing streams, clear as crystal, and beside them waving trees cast their shadows upon the paths prepared for the ransomed of the Lord. There the widespreading plains swell into hills of beauty, and the mountains of God rear their lofty summits. On those peaceful plains, beside those living streams, God's people, so long pilgrims and wanderers, shall find a home. [Review and Herald 10-22-08 para. 6] p. 209, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." What love, what matchless love, that, sinners and aliens as we are, we may be brought back to God, and adopted into his family! We may address him by the endearing name, "Our Father," which is a sign of our affection for him, and a pledge of his tender regard and relationship to us. And the Son of God, beholding the heirs of grace, "is not ashamed to call them brethren." They have even a more sacred relationship to God than have the angels who have never fallen. [Review and Herald 10-22-08 para. 7] p. 209, Para. 3, [1908MS].

All the paternal love which has come down from generation to generation through the channel of human hearts, all the springs of tenderness which have opened in the souls of men, are but as a tiny rill to the boundless ocean, when compared with the infinite, exhaustless love of God. Tongue can not utter it; pen can not portray it. You may meditate upon it every day of your life; you may search the Scriptures diligently in order to understand it; you may summon every power and capability that God has given you, in the endeavor to comprehend the love and compassion of the Heavenly Father; and yet there is an infinity beyond. You may study that love for ages; yet you can never fully comprehend the length and the breadth, the depth and the height, of the love of God in giving his Son to die for the world. Eternity itself can never fully reveal it. Yet as we study the Bible, and meditate upon the life of Christ and the plan of redemption, these great themes will open to our understanding more and more. And it will be ours to realize the blessing which Paul desired for the Ephesian church, when he prayed "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you *the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him*: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what *the riches of the glory* of his inheritance in the saints, and what is *the exceeding greatness of his power* to usward who believe." [Review and Herald 10-22-08 para. 8] p. 209, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ's redeemed ones are his jewels, his precious and peculiar treasure. "They shall be as the stones of a crown,"--"the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints." In them "he shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." Christ looks upon his people in their purity and perfection as the reward of all his sufferings, his humiliation, and his love, and the

supplement of his glory,--Christ the great center, from whom radiates all glory. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 10-22-08 para. 9] p. 210, Para. 1, [1908MS].

October 29, 1908 The Danger of Fostering Pride and Vanity.--There are many professed Christians who know not Christ by an experimental knowledge. They are not converted; for self is the all-absorbing theme of their life. They do not sit at the feet of Jesus, as did Mary, and learn of him. They are not ready for Christ's coming. They are Christians only in name. [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 1] p. 210, Para. 2, [1908MS].

O, how my heart aches for these poor deceived, unprepared souls! As I stand before congregations, and see the self-sufficient, self-righteous ones, and know that they are not preparing themselves to do acceptable work for Christ, and to meet him in peace, my heart is burdened for them. What can I say to them that will arouse them to a sense of their true condition? I long to reveal Christ so plainly that they will behold *him*, and cease to center their attention on self. [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 2] p. 210, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In the night season I was in a company of people whose hearts were filled with vanity and conceit, and Christ was hid from their eyes. Suddenly, in loud, clear accents, the words were heard, "Jesus is coming to take to himself those who on this earth have loved and served him, to be with him in his kingdom forever." Many of those in the company went forth in their costly apparel to meet him. They kept looking at their dress. But when they saw his glory, and realized that their estimation of one another had been so largely measured by outward appearance, they knew that they were without the robe of Christ's righteousness, and that the blood of souls was on their garments. [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 3] p. 210, Para. 4, [1908MS].

When Christ took his chosen ones, they were left; for they were not ready. In their lives, self had been given the first place; and when the Saviour came, they were not prepared to meet him. [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 4] p. 210, Para. 5, [1908MS].

I awoke with the picture of their agonized countenances stamped on my mind. I can not efface the impression. I wish I could describe the scene as it was presented to me. O,

how sad was the disappointment of those who had not learned by experience the meaning of the words, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God"! [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 5] p. 210, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The treasure of the grace of Christ is of more value than gold or silver or costly array. When my sisters catch a glimpse of what Christ has suffered in their behalf, that they might become children of God by adoption, they will no longer be satisfied with worldly pride and self-love. No longer will they worship self, but God will be the object of their supreme regard. [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 6] p. 210, Para. 7, [1908MS].

My heart aches as I am shown how many there are who make self their idol. Christ has paid the redemption price for them. To him belongs the service of all their powers. But their hearts are filled with self-love, and with the desire for self-adorning. They give no thought to the words, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Self-gratification is hiding God from their view. They have no desire to walk before God in meekness and lowliness. They are not looking to Jesus, not praying that they may be changed into his likeness. Their cases are represented by the man who came to the king's banquet clothed in his common citizen dress. He had refused to make the preparation required by the king. The garment provided for him at great cost he disdained to wear. To the king's demand, "How camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?" he could answer nothing. He was speechless; for he was self-condemned. [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 7] p. 211, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Among those to whom bitter disappointment will come at the day of final reckoning will be some who have been outwardly religious, who apparently have lived Christian lives, but whose lives have been marked by selfishness. They pride themselves on their morality, their influence, their ability to stand in a higher position than others, their knowledge of the truth; and they think that these will win for them the commendation of Christ. "Lord," they plead, "we have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets." "Have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name have done many wonderful works?" [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 8] p. 211, Para. 2, [1908MS].

But Christ says, "I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me." "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." [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 9] p. 211, Para. 3, [1908MS].

There is no discussion; the time for that is past. The irrevocable sentence is pronounced. They are shut out from heaven by their own unfitness for its companionship. [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 10] p. 211, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rains descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 11] p. 211, Para. 5, [1908MS].

We know not what is before us, and our only safety is in walking with Christ, our hand in his, our hearts filled with perfect trust. Has he not said, "Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me"? Let us keep close to the Saviour. Let us walk humbly with him, filled with his meekness. Let self be hid with him in God. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 10-29-08 para. 12] p. 211, Para. 6, [1908MS].

November 5, 1908 Filled with the Fulness of God.--The themes of redemption are momentous themes, and only those who are spiritually minded can discern their depth and significance. It is our safety, our joy, to dwell upon the truths of the plan of salvation. Faith and prayer are necessary in order that we may behold the deep things of God. [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 1] p. 212, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Our minds are so bound about by narrow ideas that we catch but limited views of the experience it is our privilege to have. How little do we comprehend what is meant by the

apostle Paul when he says, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, . . . that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man." Why is it that many who profess to have faith in Christ have no strength to stand against the temptations of the enemy?--It is because they are not strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man. The apostle prays "that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." If we had this experience, we should know something of the cross of Calvary. We would know what it means to be partakers with Christ in his sufferings. The love of Christ would constrain us, and though we would not be able to explain how the love of Christ warmed our hearts, we would manifest his love in fervent devotion to his cause. [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 2] p. 212, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Paul opens before the Ephesian church, in the most comprehensive language, the marvelous power and knowledge they might possess as sons and daughters of the Most High. It was theirs "to be strengthened with all might by his Spirit in the inner man," to be "rooted and grounded in love," to "comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." But the prayer of the apostle reaches the climax of privilege when he prays that "ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 3] p. 212, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Here are revealed the heights of attainment that we may reach through faith in the promises of our Heavenly Father, when we fulfil his requirements. Through the merits of Christ, we have access to the throne of infinite power. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" The Father gave his Spirit without measure to his Son, and we also may partake of its fulness. Jesus says: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 4] p. 212, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Lord appeared of old to Abraham, and said, "I am thy

shield, and thy exceeding great reward." This is the reward of all who follow Christ. Jehovah Emmanuel--he in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge--to be brought into sympathy with him, to possess him, as the heart opens more and more to receive his attributes; to know his love and power, to possess the unsearchable riches of Christ to comprehend more and more "what is the length, and breadth, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."--this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and "their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord." [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 5] p. 212, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The heart that has once tasted of the love of Christ, cries out continually for a deeper draft; and as you impart, you will receive in richer and more abundant measure. Every revelation of God to the soul increases the capacity to know and to love. The continual cry of the heart is, More of thee, and ever the Spirit's answer is, Much more; for our God delights to do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." To Jesus, who emptied himself for the salvation of lost humanity, the Holy Spirit was given without measure. So it will be given to every follower of Christ when the whole heart is surrendered for his indwelling. Our Lord himself has given the command, "Be filled with the Spirit," and this command is also a promise of its fulfilment. It was the good pleasure of the Father that in Christ should "all the fulness dwell;" and "in him ye are made full." [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 6] p. 213, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The life of Christ was a life charged with a divine message of the love of God, and he longed intensely to impart this love to others in rich measure. Compassion beamed from his countenance, and his conduct was characterized by grace and humility, love and truth. Every member of his church militant must manifest the same qualities, if he would join the church triumphant. The love of Christ is so broad, so full of glory, that in comparison to it, everything that man esteems so great dwindles into insignificance. When we obtain a view of it, we exclaim, O the depth of the riches of the love that God bestowed upon men in the gift of his only begotten Son! [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 7] p. 213, Para. 2, [1908MS].

When we seek for appropriate language in which to describe

the love of God, we find words too tame, too weak, too far beneath the theme, and we lay down our pen and say, "No, it can not be described." We can only say, with the beloved disciple, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." It is the mystery of God in the flesh, God in Christ, divinity in humanity. Christ bowed down in unparalleled humility, that in his exaltation to the throne of God he might also exalt those who believe in him to a seat with him upon his throne. [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 8] p. 213, Para. 3, [1908MS].

To all who are willing for self to be humbled are given God's promises:-- [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 9] p. 213, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and will proclaim the name of Jehovah before thee." [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 10] p. 213, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"Call upon me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 11] p. 213, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"Exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," will be given unto us "the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him," that we may be able to "comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge," that we may be "filled with all the fulness of God." [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 12] p. 213, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things that God hath prepared for them that love him." Only through his Word can a knowledge of these things be gained; and even this affords but a partial revelation. But there every power will be developed, every capability increased. The grandest enterprises will be carried forward, and the highest ambitions realized. And still there will arise new heights to surmount, new wonders to admire, new truths to comprehend, fresh objects to call forth the powers of body and mind and soul. All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's children. With unutterable delight we shall enter into the joys and the wisdom of unfallen beings. We shall share the treasures gained

through ages and ages spent in contemplation of God's handiwork. And the years of eternity, as they roll, will continue to bring more glorious revelations. "Exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," will be, forever and ever, the impartation of the gifts of God. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 11-05-08 para. 13] p. 214, Para. 1, [1908MS].

November 12, 1908 Till We All Come to the Unity of the Faith.--Paul, urging the Ephesians to preserve unity and love, 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 longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 1] p. 214, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The apostle exhorts his brethren to manifest in their lives the power of the truth which he had presented to them. By meekness and gentleness, forbearance and love, they were to exemplify the character of Christ and the blessings of his salvation. There is but one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith. As members of the body of Christ, all members are to be animated by the same spirit and the same hope. [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 2] p. 214, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Harmony and union existing among men of varied dispositions is the strongest witness that can be borne that God has sent his Son into the world to save sinners. It is our privilege to bear this witness. Our characters must be molded in harmony with his character, our wills must be surrendered to his will. [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 3] p. 214, Para. 4, [1908MS].

In the first disciples was presented a marked diversity. They were to be the world's teachers, and they represented widely varied types of character. There were Levi Matthew the publican, called from a life of business activity, and subservience to Rome; the zealous Simon, the uncompromising foe of the imperial authority; the impulsive, self-sufficient, warmhearted Peter, with Andrew his brother; Judas the Judean, polished, capable, and mean-spirited;

Philip and Thomas, faithful and earnest, yet slow of heart to believe; James the less and Jude, of less prominence among the brethren, but men of force, positive both in their faults and in their virtues; Nathanael, a child in sincerity and trust; and the ambitious, loving hearted sons of Zebedee. [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 4] p. 214, Para. 5, [1908MS].

In order successfully to carry forward the work to which they had been called, these disciples, differing so widely in natural characteristics, in training, and in habits of life, needed to come into unity of feeling, thought, and action. This unity it was Christ's object to secure. To this end he sought to bring them into unity with himself. The burden of his labor for them is expressed in his prayer to the Father, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: . . . that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 5] p. 215, Para. 1, [1908MS].

For these disciples the mission of Christ finally accomplished its purpose. Little by little his example and his lessons of self-abnegation molded their characters. His death destroyed their hope of worldly greatness. The fall of Peter, the apostasy of Judas, their own failure in forsaking Christ in his anguish and peril, swept away their self-sufficiency. They saw their own weakness; they saw something of the greatness of the work committed to them; they felt their need of their Master's guidance at every step. [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 6] p. 215, Para. 2, [1908MS].

They knew that his personal presence was no longer to be with them, and they recognized, as they had never recognized before, the value of the opportunities that had been theirs to walk and talk with the Sent of God. Many of his lessons, when spoken, they had not appreciated or understood; now they longed to recall these lessons, to hear again his words. With what joy now came back to them his assurance:-- [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 7] p. 215, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him." "All things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." And "the Comforter .

. . whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to you remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." "All things that the Father hath are mine." "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. . . . He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you." [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 8] p. 215, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The disciples had seen Christ ascend from them on the Mount of Olives. And as the heavens received him, there had come back to them his parting promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." They knew that his sympathies were with them still. They knew that they had a representative, an advocate, at the throne of God. In the name of Jesus they presented their petitions, repeating his promise, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." Higher and higher they extended the hand of faith, with the mighty argument, "It is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 9] p. 215, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Faithful to his promise, the divine One, exalted in the heavenly courts, imparted of his fulness to his followers on earth. His enthronement at God's right hand was signalized by the outpouring of the Spirit upon his disciples. By the work of Christ these disciples had been led to feel their need of the Spirit; under the Spirit's teaching they received their final preparation, and went forth to their life-work. [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 10] p. 216, Para. 1, [1908MS].

No longer were they ignorant and uncultured. No longer were they a collection of independent units or of discordant and conflicting elements. No longer were their hopes set on worldly greatness. They were of "one accord," of "one mind and one soul." Christ filled their thoughts. The advancement of his kingdom was their aim. In mind and character they had become like their Master; and men "took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 11] p. 216, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Then there was such a revelation of the glory of Christ as had never before been witnessed by mortal man. Multitudes who had reviled his name and despised his power confessed themselves disciples of the crucified. Through the

cooperation of the divine Spirit the labors of the humble men whom Christ had chosen, stirred the world. [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 12] p. 216, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. . . . And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 13] p. 216, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Here we are shown that God gives to every man his work, and in doing this work, man is fulfilling his part of God's great plan. Every faithful worker will minister for the perfecting of the saints. All who have been benefited by the labors of God's servant, should, according to their ability, unite with him in working for the salvation of souls. This is the work of all true believers, ministers, and people. They should keep the grand object ever in view, each seeking to fill his proper position in the church, and all working together in order, harmony, and love. [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 14] p. 216, Para. 5, [1908MS].

There is nothing selfish or narrow in the religion of Christ. Its principles are diffusive and aggressive. It is represented by Christ as the bright light, as the saving salt, as the transforming leaven. With zeal, earnestness, and devotion, the servants of God will seek to spread far and near the knowledge of the truth; yet they will not neglect to labor for the strength and unity of the church. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 15] p. 216, Para. 6, [1908MS].

November 12, 1908 Parental Responsibility.--Parents are in a great degree responsible for the mold given to the characters of their children. They should aim at symmetry and proportion. There are few well-balanced minds, because parents are wickedly negligent of their duty to stimulate weak traits and repress wrong ones. They do not remember that they are under the most solemn obligation to watch the tendencies of each child; that it is their duty to train their children to right habits and right ways of thinking. [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 1] p. 216, Para. 7,

[1908MS].

Sometimes parents wait for the Lord to do the very work that he has given them to do. Instead of restraining and controlling their children as they should, they pet and indulge them, and gratify their whims and desires. When these children go out from their early homes, it is with characters deformed by selfishness, with ungoverned appetites, with strong self-will; they are destitute of courtesy or respect for their parents, and do not love religious truth or the worship of God. They have grown up with traits that are a lifelong curse to themselves and to others. Home is made anything but happy if the evil weeds of dissension, selfishness, envy, passion, and sullen stubbornness are left to flourish in the neglected garden of the soul. [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 2] p. 217, Para. 1, [1908MS].

To many education means a knowledge of books; but "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." The true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul. The first and most precious knowledge is the knowledge of Christ; and wise parents will keep this fact ever before the minds of their children. Should a limb be broken or fractured, parents will try every means that love or wisdom can suggest to restore the affected member to comeliness and soundness. This is right, it is their duty; but the Lord requires that still greater tact, patience, and persevering effort be employed to remedy blemishes of the soul. That father is unworthy of the name who is not to his children a Christian teacher, ruler, and friend, binding them to his heart by the strong ties of sanctified love,--a love which has its foundation in duty faithfully performed.--Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 11-12-08 para. 3] p. 217, Para. 2, [1908MS].

November 19, 1908 Preparing for Heaven.--(Reading for Sabbath, December 12.)--"And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel." Zech. 3:1-3. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 1] p. 217, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Here we find a representation of the people of God of

today. As Joshua stood before the angel, "clothed with filthy garments," so we stand in the presence of Christ, clothed in garments of unrighteousness. Christ, the angel before whom Joshua stood, is now interceding for us before his Father, as he is here represented as interceding for Joshua and his people who were in deep affliction; and Satan now, as then, stands by to resist his efforts. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 2] p. 217, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Ever since his fall, it has been the work of Satan to oppose Christ's efforts to redeem the race. In the Bible he is called an accuser of the brethren. It is said that he accuses them before God day and night. Pointing to their sins, as he did to the filthy garments of Joshua, he says: "They profess to be thy children; but they do not obey thee. See the traces of sin upon them. They are my property." [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 3] p. 217, Para. 5, [1908MS].

This is the argument that he employs concerning God's people in all ages. He pleads their sinfulness as the reason why Christ's restraining power should not hold him back from exercising his cruelty upon them to its fullest extent. But to the accuser of his people the Saviour says, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; . . . is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Have I not thrust my own hand into the fire to gather this brand from the burning?" [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 4] p. 218, Para. 1, [1908MS].

So long as the people of God preserve their fidelity to him, so long as they cling by living faith to Jesus, they are under the protection of heavenly angels, and Satan will not be permitted to exercise his hellish arts upon them to their destruction. But those who separate themselves from Christ by sin are in great peril. If they continue to disregard the requirements of God, they know not how soon he may give them over to Satan, and permit him to do to them according to his will. There is, therefore, the greatest necessity of keeping the soul free from defilement, and the eye single to the glory of God; of thinking soberly and watching unto prayer continually. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 5] p. 218, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Satan is now more earnestly engaged in playing the game of life for souls than at any previous time; and unless we are

constantly on our guard, he will establish in our hearts, pride, love of self, love of the world, and many other evil traits. He will also use every possible device to unsettle our faith in God and in the truths of his Word. If we have not a deep experience in the things of God, if we have not a thorough knowledge of his Word, we shall be beguiled to our ruin by the errors and sophistries of the enemy. False doctrines will sap the foundations of many, because they have not learned to discern truth from error. Our only safeguard against the wiles of Satan is to study the Scriptures diligently, to have an intelligent understanding of the reasons of our faith, and faithfully to perform every known duty. The indulgence of one known sin will cause weakness and darkness, and subject us to fierce temptation. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 6] p. 218, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Joshua is represented as pleading with the Angel. Are we engaged in the same work? Are our supplications ascending to God in living faith? Are we opening the door of the heart to Jesus, and closing every means of entrance to Satan? Are we daily obtaining clearer light, and greater strength, that we may stand in Christ's righteousness? Are we emptying our hearts of all selfishness, and cleansing them, preparatory to receiving the latter rain from heaven? [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 7] p. 218, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Now is the time when we are to confess and forsake our sins, that they may go beforehand to judgment and be blotted out. Now is the time to "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." It is dangerous to delay this work. Satan is even now seeking by disasters upon sea and land to seal the fate of as many as possible. What is the defense of the people of God at this time?--It is a living connection with heaven. If we would dwell in safety from the noisome pestilence, if we would be preserved from dangers seen and unseen, we must hide in God; we must secure the protecting care of Jesus and holy angels. In these days of peril, the Lord would have us walk before him in humility. Instead of trying to cover our sins, he would have us confess them, as Joshua confessed the sins of ancient Israel. We profess to be the depositaries of God's law. We profess to be building up "the old waste places," and to be raising up "the foundations of many generations." If this great and solemn work has indeed been committed to us, how important that we

depart from all iniquity! [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 8] p. 218, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The third angel's message is to lighten the earth with its glory; but only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the loud cry. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 9] p. 219, Para. 1, [1908MS].

As the intercession of Joshua was accepted, the command was given to those that stood by, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And unto Joshua the Angel said, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. . . . So they set a fair miter upon his head, and clothed him with garments." Even so will all those who come to Jesus in penitence and faith receive the robe of Christ's righteousness. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 10] p. 219, Para. 2, [1908MS].

As we approach the perils of the last days, the temptations of the enemy become stronger and more determined. Satan has come down in great power, knowing that his time is short; and he is working "with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish." The warning comes to us through God's Word that, if it were possible, he would deceive the very elect. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 11] p. 219, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Wonderful events are soon to open before the world. The end of all things is at hand. The time of trouble is about to come upon the people of God. Then it is that the decree will go forth forbidding those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord to buy or sell, and threatening them with punishment, and even death, if they do not observe the first day of the week as the Sabbath. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 12] p. 219, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." By this we see the importance of having our names written in the book of life. All whose names are registered there will be delivered from Satan's

power, and Christ will command that their filthy garments be removed, and that they be clothed with his righteousness. "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." [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 13] p. 219, Para. 5, [1908MS].

In the time of trouble, Satan stirs up the wicked, and they encircle the people of God to destroy them. But he does not know that "pardon" has been written opposite their names in the books of heaven. He does not know that the command has been given, "Take away the filthy garments" from them, clothe them with "change of raiment," and set "a fair miter" upon their heads. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 14] p. 219, Para. 6, [1908MS].

If we could only see the many dangers from which we are daily preserved by the holy angels, instead of complaining of our trials and misfortunes, we would talk continually of the mercies of God. How precious in the sight of God are his people! [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 15] p. 219, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The exhortation of the prophet is, "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you." "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 16] p. 220, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In view of what is soon to come upon the earth, I entreat you, brethren and sisters, to walk before God in all meekness and lowliness of mind, remembering the care that Jesus has for you. All the meek of the earth are exhorted to seek him. Those who have wrought his judgments are to seek him. Let self break in pieces before God. It is hard to do this; but we are warned to fall upon the rock and be broken, else it will fall upon us, and grind us to powder. It is to the humble in heart that Jesus speaks; his everlasting arms encircle them, and he will not leave them to perish by the hands of the wicked. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 17] p. 220, Para. 2, [1908MS].

What is it to be a Christian?--It is to be Christlike; it is to do the works of Christ. Some fail on one point, some on another. Some are naturally impatient. Satan understands their weakness, and manages to overcome them again and again. But let none be discouraged by this. Whenever little annoyances and trials arise, ask God in silent prayer to give you strength and grace to bear them patiently. There is a power in silence; do not speak a word until you have sent up your petition to the God of heaven. If you will always do this, you will soon overcome your hasty temper, and you will have a little heaven here to go to heaven in. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 18] p. 220, Para. 3, [1908MS].

God wants his people to cleanse their hands and purify their hearts. Will it make them unhappy to do this? Will it bring unhappiness into their families if they are kind and patient, courteous and forbearing?--Far from it. The kindness they manifest toward their families will be reflected upon themselves. This is the work that should be carried forward in the home. If the members of a family are not prepared to dwell in peace here, they are not prepared to dwell in the family that shall gather around the great white throne. Sin always brings darkness and bondage; but right-doing will bring peace and holy joy. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 19] p. 220, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The work of overcoming is a great work. Shall we take hold of it with energy and perseverance? Unless we do, our "filthy garments" will not be taken from us. We need never expect that these will be torn from us violently; we must first show a desire to rid ourselves of them. We must seek to separate sin from us, relying upon the merits of the blood of Christ; and then in the day of affliction, when the enemy presses us, we shall walk among the angels. They will be like a wall of fire about us; and we shall one day walk with them in the city of God. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 20] p. 220, Para. 5, [1908MS].

When tempted to sin, let us remember that Jesus is pleading for us in the heavenly sanctuary. When we put away our sins and come to him in faith, he takes our names on his lips, and presents them to his Father, saying, "I have graven them upon the palms of my hands; I know them by name." And the command goes forth to the angels to protect them. Then in the day of fierce trial he will say, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors

about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." What are the chambers in which they are to hide?--They are the protection of Christ and holy angels. The people of God are not at this time all in one place. They are in different companies, and in all parts of the earth; and they will be tried singly, not in groups. Every one must stand the test for himself. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 21] p. 221, Para. 1, [1908MS].

There has never been a time when the people of God have had greater need to claim his promises than now. Let the hand of faith pass through the darkness, and grasp the arm of infinite power. While we speak of the necessity of separating from sin, remember that Christ came to our world to save sinners, and that "he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him." It is our privilege to believe that his blood is able to cleanse us from every spot and stain of sin. We must not limit the power of the Holy One of Israel. He wants us to come to him just as we are, sinful and polluted. His blood is efficacious. I entreat you not to grieve his Spirit by continuing in sin. If you fall under temptation, do not become discouraged. This promise comes ringing down along the line to our time: "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I feel that for this one promise a continual song of thanksgiving ought to go forth from the lips of mortals. Let us gather up these precious jewels of promise, and when Satan accuses us of our great sinfulness, and tempts us to doubt the power of God to save, let us repeat the words of Christ, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 22] p. 221, Para. 2, [1908MS].

November 19, 1908 Christ's Most Essential Gift to His Church.--(Reading for Thursday, December 17.)--Before offering himself as the sacrificial victim, Christ sought for the most essential and complete gift to bestow upon his followers, a gift that would bring within their reach the boundless resources of grace. "I will pray the Father," he said, "and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world can not receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you orphans: I will come to you." [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 1] p. 221,

Para. 3, [1908MS].

Before this the Spirit had been in the world; from the very beginning of the work of redemption he had been moving upon men's hearts. But while Christ was on earth, the disciples had desired no other helper. Not until they were deprived of his presence would they feel the need of the Spirit, and then he would come. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 2] p. 221, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that he should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be his successor on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense he would be nearer to them than if he had not ascended on high. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 3] p. 221, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The Comforter is called "the Spirit of truth." His work is to define and maintain the truth. He first dwells in the heart as the Spirit of truth, and thus he becomes the Comforter. There is comfort and peace in the truth, but no real peace or comfort can be found in falsehood. It is through false theories and traditions that Satan gains his power over the mind. By directing men to false standards, he misshapes the character. Through the Scriptures the Holy Spirit speaks to the mind, and impresses truth upon the heart. Thus he exposes error, and expels it from the soul. It is by the Spirit of truth, working through the Word of God, that Christ subdues his chosen people to himself. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 4] p. 222, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In describing to his disciples the office work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired his own heart. He rejoiced because of the abundant help he had provided for his church. The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that he could solicit from his Father for the exaltation of his people. The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was

amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the third person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fulness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given his Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress his own character on his church. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 5] p. 222, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Of the Spirit, Jesus said, "He shall glorify me." The Saviour came to glorify the Father by the demonstration of his love; so the Spirit was to glorify Christ by revealing his grace to the world. The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of his people. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 6] p. 222, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"When he [the Spirit of truth] is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." The preaching of the Word will be of no avail without the continual presence and aid of the Holy Spirit. This is the only effectual teacher of divine truth. Only when the truth is accompanied to the heart by the Spirit, will it quicken the conscience or transform the life. One might be able to present the letter of the Word of God, he might be familiar with all its commands and promises; but unless the Holy Spirit sets home the truth, no souls will fall on the Rock and be broken. No amount of education, no advantages, however great, can make one a channel of light without the cooperation of the Spirit of God. The sowing of the gospel seed will not be a success unless the seed is quickened into life by the dew of heaven. Before one book of the New Testament was written, before one gospel sermon had been preached after Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon the praying apostles. Then the testimony of their enemies was, "Ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine." [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 7] p. 222, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to his church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions. There are many who believe and profess to

claim the Lord's promise; they talk about Christ and the Holy Spirit, yet receive no benefit. They do not surrender the soul to be guided and controlled by divine agencies. We can not use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us. Through the Spirit God works in his people "to will and to do of his good pleasure." But many will not submit to this. They want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly gift. Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for his guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train. It is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ, and he is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 8] p. 223, Para. 1, [1908MS].

When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the joy of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden, or beholds the light descend from the courts above. The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see, creates a new being in the image of God. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 9] p. 223, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul. The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ. Only those who are thus taught of God, those who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life the Christlife is manifested, are to stand as representative men, to minister in behalf of the church. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 10] p. 223, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The religion that comes from God is the only religion that will 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, giving us a new capacity for knowing and loving God. It will give us a willing obedience to all his requirements. This is true worship. It is the fruit of the working of the Holy Spirit. By the Spirit every sincere prayer is indited, and such prayer is acceptable to God.

Wherever a soul reaches out after God, there the Spirit's working is manifest, and God will reveal himself to that soul. For such worshipers he is seeking. He waits to receive them, and to make them his sons and daughters. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 11] p. 223, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God takes men as they are, and educates them for his service, if they will yield themselves to him. The Spirit of God, received into the soul, will quicken all its faculties. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the mind that is devoted unreservedly to God, develops harmoniously, and is strengthened to comprehend and fulfil the requirements of God. The weak, vacillating character becomes changed to one of strength and steadfastness. Continual devotion establishes so close a relation between Jesus and his disciple that the Christian becomes like him in mind and character. Through a connection with Christ he will have clearer and broader views. His discernment will be more penetrative, his judgment better balanced. He who longs to be of service to Christ is so quickened by the lifegiving power of the Sun of Righteousness that he is enabled to bear much fruit to the glory of God. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 12] p. 223, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The first disciples went forth preaching the Word. They revealed Christ in their lives. And the Lord worked with them, "confirming the word with signs following." These disciples prepared themselves for their work. Before the day of Pentecost they met together, and put away all differences. They were of one accord. They believed Christ's promise that the blessing would be given, and they prayed in faith. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely; they were weighted with the burden for the salvation of souls. The gospel was to be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth, and they claimed the endowment of power that Christ had promised. Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 13] p. 224, Para. 1, [1908MS].

So it may be now. Instead of man's speculations, let the Word of God be preached. Let Christians put away their dissensions, and give themselves to God for the saving of the lost. Let them in faith ask for the blessing, and it will come. The outpouring of the Spirit in apostolic days was the "former rain," and glorious was the result. But the

latter rain will be more abundant. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 14] p. 224, Para. 2, [1908MS].

All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God, will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of his own spirit, the life of his own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind. The grace of God enlarges and multiplies their faculties, and every perfection of the divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving souls. Through cooperation with Christ they are complete in him, and in their human weakness they are enabled to do the deeds of Omnipotence. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 11-19-08 para. 15] p. 224, Para. 3, [1908MS].

December 3, 1908 The Privileges and Duties of the Followers of Christ.--"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 sweetsmelling savor." [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 1] p. 224, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ gave his life that all who would might be freed from sin, and reinstated in the favor of the Creator. It was the anticipation of a redeemed, holy universe that prompted Christ to make this great sacrifice. Are we followers of God as dear children? or are we servants of the prince of darkness? Are we worshipers of Jehovah, or of Baal? of the living God, or of idols? No outward shrines may be visible, there may be no image for the eye to rest upon; yet we may be practising idolatry. It is as easy to make an idol of cherished ideas or objects as to fashion gods of wood or stone. Thousands have a false conception of God and his attributes. They are as verily serving a false god as were the servants of Baal. God is a God of truth. Justice and mercy are the attributes of his throne. He is a God of love, of pity, and tender compassion. Thus he is represented in his Son, our Saviour. He is a God of patience and longsuffering. If such is the being whom we adore, and whose character we are seeking to imitate, we are worshiping the true God. [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 2] p. 224, Para. 5, [1908MS].

If we are following Christ, his merits, imputed to us, come up before the Father as sweet odor. And the graces of

our Saviour's character, implanted in our hearts, will shed around us a precious fragrance. The spirit of love, meekness, and forbearance, pervading our life, will have power to soften and subdue hard hearts, and win to Christ bitter opposers of the faith. [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 3] p. 225, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"God so loved . . . that he gave,"--"gave his only begotten Son,"--that we should not perish, but have everlasting life. "Christ . . . hath loved us, and hath given himself for us." If we love, we shall give. "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister," is the great lesson which we are to learn and to teach. Next to the angelic beings, the human family, formed in the image of God, are the noblest of his created works. God desires them to become all that he has made it possible for them to be, and to do their very best with the powers he has given them. Life is mysterious and sacred. It is the manifestation of God himself, the source of all life. Precious are its opportunities, and earnestly should they be improved. [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 4] p. 225, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"Ye were sometimes darkness," the apostle continues: "but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth); proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Those who have learned of Christ will have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. In speech, as in life, they will be simple, straightforward, and true; for they are preparing for the fellowship of those holy ones in whose mouth "was found no guile." [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 5] p. 225, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Many are deceived as to their true condition before God. They congratulate themselves upon the wrong acts that they do not commit, and forget to enumerate the good and noble deeds which God requires of them, but which they have neglected to perform. It is not enough that they are trees in the garden of God. They are to answer his expectations by bearing fruit. He holds them accountable for their failure to accomplish all the good which they could have done, through his grace strengthening them. In the books of heaven they are registered as cumberers of the ground. Yet the case of this class is not utterly hopeless. With those

who have slighted God's mercy and abused his grace, the heart of longsuffering love yet pleads. "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, . . . redeeming the time, because the days are evil." [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 6] p. 225, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The followers of Christ are to be co-workers with their Master; they must be "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom," says Paul, "ye shine as lights in the world." We are to receive the bright beams from the Sun of Righteousness, and by our good works let them shine forth to others in clear, steady rays, never fitful, never growing dim. We can not be sure that we are doing no harm to those about us, unless we are exerting a positive influence to lead them heavenward. [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 7] p. 225, Para. 5, [1908MS].

This is a time when every member of the church should be waiting, watching, and working. Through faith in Christ we should be alive to God; and every man, woman, and child who has a knowledge of the truth should be able to discern the signs of the times. The weakness and inefficiency of the church must pass away. Creative power from above must impart life to the human agents whom God would use, that they may be able to cooperate with divine intelligences. The church to whom God has imparted this endowment of heavenly truth must not remain dead in trespasses and sins. [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 8] p. 226, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The True Witness, the Spirit of the living God, is inspecting the assembly of those who have had great spiritual light and advantages, and the testimony is that in the church of God there is great waste in energy misapplied, in talents perverted to wrong uses, in strength unemployed; and the abilities that God has bestowed upon his people are degenerating because they are not used for seeking and saving those who are lost. The world around us is stirred from beneath with earnest activity in evil works, but is apparently dead to all that pertains to their eternal interests. But although this seems to be the condition of those around us, and there is little to encourage us to hope for the conversion of souls, God requires those to whom he has committed his truth for these

last days, to present the Word to the fallen children of Adam, both in the world and among the churches. We are to be waiting, watching, working. It is most inconsistent for the church, to whom has been opened the treasure of truth, to be dull, worldly, and indifferent. Casting away all unbelief, we should by faith put every capability and every power into exercise. [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 9] p. 226, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The command of God is addressed to all the members of the church to use their powers in his service. Though the instrument may be weak, it is the power of God that will accomplish the work. Paul may plant, and Apollos may water, but it is God who gives the increase. There is a great work to do; and the Spirit of the living God must enter into the living messenger, that the truth may go with power. Without the Holy Spirit, without the breath of God, there is torpidity of conscience, loss of spiritual life. Unless there is genuine conversion of the soul to God; unless the vital breath of God quickens the soul to spiritual life; unless the professors of truth are actuated by heaven-born principles, they are not born of the incorruptible seed, which liveth and abideth forever. Unless they trust in the righteousness of Christ as their only security; unless they copy his character, labor in his spirit, they are naked; they have not on the robe of righteousness. The dead are often made to pass for the living; for those who are working out what they term salvation after their own ideas, have not God working in them to will and to do of his good pleasure. [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 10] p. 226, Para. 3, [1908MS].

It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth is to make it his first work to proclaim the truth. But who is it that makes the burden of perishing sinners his own? Among God's people today there is a fearful lack of the sympathy that should be felt for souls unsaved. We talk of Christian missions, the sound of our voice is heard; but do we feel Christ's tender heart longing for those outside the fold? Unless our hearts beat in unison with the heart of Christ, how can we understand the sacredness and importance of the work to which we are called by the words, "Watch for . . . souls, as they that must give account"? [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 11] p. 226, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God is waiting for men and women to awake to their

responsibilities. He is waiting for them to link themselves with him. Let them mark the signal of advance, and no longer be laggards in working out the will of the Lord. [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 12] p. 227, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action. Let the members of the church have increased faith, gaining zeal from their unseen, heavenly allies, from a knowledge of their exhaustless resources, from the greatness of the enterprise in which they are engaged, and from the power of their Leader. Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by him, will catch the steady trend of the events ordained by him to take place. Inspired by the Spirit of him who gave his life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they can not do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that his omnipotence will supply their need. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 12-03-08 para. 13] p. 227, Para. 2, [1908MS].

December 10, 1908 The Mutual Obligations of Husband and Wife.--Concerning the obligations resting upon husbands and wives, and the attitude they should sustain to each other, the apostle Paul writes: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives." [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 1] p. 227, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Like every other one of God's good gifts entrusted to the keeping of humanity, marriage has been perverted by sin: but it is the purpose of the gospel to restore its purity and beauty. In both the Old and the New Testament the marriage relation is employed to represent the tender and sacred union that exists between Christ and his people, the redeemed ones whom he has purchased at the cost of Calvary.

"Fear not," he says; "thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel." "Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you." [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 2] p. 227, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Paul, writing to the Ephesian Christians, declares that the Lord has constituted the husband the head of the wife, to be her protector, the houseband, binding the members of the family together, even as Christ is the head of the church, and the savior of the mystical body. Therefore he says: "As the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church." [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 3] p. 227, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The grace of Christ, and this alone, can make this institution what God designed it should be,--an agent for the blessing and uplifting of humanity. And thus the families of earth, in their unity and peace and love, may represent the family of heaven. The condition of society presents a sad comment upon heaven's ideal of this sacred relation. Yet even for those who have found bitterness and disappointment where they had hoped for companionship and joy, the gospel of Christ offers a solace. The patience and gentleness which his Spirit can impart, will sweeten the bitter lot. The heart in which Christ dwells will be so filled, so satisfied, with his love that it will not be consumed with longing to attract sympathy and attention to itself. And through the surrender of the soul to God, his wisdom can accomplish what human wisdom fails to do. Through the revelation of his grace, hearts that were once indifferent or estranged may be united in bonds that are firmer and more enduring than those of earth,--the golden bonds of a love that will bear the test of trial. [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 4] p. 227, Para. 6, [1908MS].

However carefully and wisely marriage may have been entered into, few couples are completely united when the marriage ceremony is performed. The real union of the two in wedlock is the work of the after-years. [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 5] p. 228, Para. 1, [1908MS].

As life, with its burden of perplexity and care, meets the newly wedded pair, the romance with which imagination so often invests marriage disappears. Husband and wife learn

each other's character as it was impossible to learn it in their previous association. This is a most critical period in their experience. The happiness and usefulness of their whole future life depend upon their taking a right course now. Often they discover in each other unsuspected weaknesses and defects; but the hearts that love has united will discern excellences also heretofore unknown. Let all seek to discover the excellences rather than the defects. Often it is our own attitude, the atmosphere that surrounds ourselves, which determines what will be revealed to us in another. There are many who regard the expression of love as a weakness, and they maintain a reserve that repels others. This spirit checks the current of sympathy. As the social and generous impulses are repressed, they wither, and the heart becomes desolate and cold. We should beware of this error. Love can not long exist without expression. Let not the heart of one connected with you starve for the want of kindness and sympathy. [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 6] p. 228, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Though difficulties, perplexities, and discouragements may arise, let neither husband nor wife harbor the thought that their union is a mistake or a disappointment. Determine to be all that it is possible to be to each other. Continue the early attentions. In every way encourage each other in fighting the battles of life. Study to advance the happiness of each other. Let there be mutual love, mutual forbearance. Then marriage, instead of being the end of love, will be as it were the very beginning of love. The warmth of true friendship, the love that binds heart to heart, is a foretaste of the joys of heaven. [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 7] p. 228, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Let each give love, rather than exact it. Cultivate that which is noblest in yourselves, and be quick to recognize the good qualities in each other. The consciousness of being appreciated is a wonderful stimulus and satisfaction. Sympathy and respect encourage the striving after excellence, and love itself increases as it stimulates to nobler aims. [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 8] p. 228, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Neither the husband nor the wife should merge his or her individuality in that of the other. Each has a personal relation to God. Of him each is to ask, "What is right?" "What is wrong?" "How may I best fulfil life's purpose?" Let the wealth of your affection flow forth to him who gave

his life for you. Make Christ first and last and best in everything. As your love for him becomes deeper and stronger, your love for each other will be purified and strengthened. [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 9] p. 228, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The spirit that Christ manifests toward us is the spirit that husband and wife are to manifest toward each other. "As Christ also hath loved us," "walk in love." "As the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 10] p. 229, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Neither the husband nor the wife should attempt to exercise over the other an arbitrary control. Do not try to compel each other to yield to your wishes. You can not do this and retain each other's love. Be kind, patient and forbearing, considerate and courteous. By the grace of God you can succeed in making each other happy, as in your marriage vow you promised to do. [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 11] p. 229, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Forbearance and unselfishness mark the words and acts of all who live the new life in Christ. As you seek to live his life, striving to conquer self and selfishness, and to minister to the needs of others, you will gain victory after victory. Thus your influence will bless the world. [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 12] p. 229, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Men and women can reach God's ideal for them if they will take Christ as their helper. What human wisdom can not do, his grace will accomplish for those who give themselves to him in loving trust. His providence can unite hearts in bonds that are of heavenly origin. Love will not be a mere exchange of soft and flattering words. The loom of heaven weaves with warp and woof finer, yet more firm, than can be woven by the looms of earth. The result is not a tissue fabric, but a texture that will bear wear and test and trial. Heart will be bound to heart in the golden bonds of a love that is enduring. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 12-10-08 para. 13] p. 229, Para. 4, [1908MS].

December 17, 1908 The Conflict and the Victory.--There are many who do not understand the conflict that is going on

between Christ and Satan over the souls of men. They do not realize that if they would stand under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel, they must be willing to be partakers of his conflicts, and wage a determined war against the powers of darkness. [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 1] p. 229, Para. 5, [1908MS].

When thinking on the conflict, Paul writes to his Ephesian brethren exhorting them to "be strong," not feeble, not wavering, tossed to and fro like the waves of the sea. But in what are they to be strong? In their own might?--No. "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." He says, "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." [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 2] p. 229, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The gaining of eternal life will ever involve a struggle, a conflict. We are continually to be found fighting the good fight of faith. We are soldiers of Christ; and those who enlist in his army are expected to do difficult work, work which will tax their energies to the utmost. We must understand that a soldier's life is one of aggressive warfare, of perseverance and endurance. For Christ's sake we are to endure trials. [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 3] p. 230, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Victories are not gained by ceremonies or display, but by simple obedience to the highest General, the Lord God of heaven. He who trusts in this Leader will never know defeat. Obedience to God is liberty from the thralldom of sin, deliverance from human passion and impulse. Man may stand conqueror of himself, conqueror of his own inclinations, conqueror of principalities and powers, and of the "rulers of the darkness of this world," and of "spiritual wickedness in high places." [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 4] p. 230, Para. 2, [1908MS].

From the days of Adam to our own time, our great enemy has been exercising his power to oppress and destroy. He is now preparing for his last campaign against the church. All who seek to follow Jesus will be brought into conflict with

this relentless foe. The more nearly the Christian imitates the divine Pattern, the more surely will he make himself a mark for the attacks of Satan. All who are actively engaged in the cause of God, seeking to unveil the deceptions of the evil one, and to present Christ before the people, will be able to join in the testimony of Paul, in which he speaks of serving the Lord with all humility of mind, with many tears and temptations. [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 5] p. 230, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Satan assailed Christ with the fiercest and most subtle temptations; but he was repulsed in every conflict. Those battles were fought in our behalf; those victories made it possible for us to conquer. Christ will give strength to all who seek it. No man without his own consent can be overcome by Satan. The tempter has no power to control the will or force the soul to sin. He may distress, but he can not contaminate. He can cause agony, but not defilement. The fact that Christ has conquered should inspire his followers with courage to fight manfully the battle against sin and Satan. [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 6] p. 230, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 sevenfold greater than it is now. Over the scene the morning stars will sing together, and the sons of God will shout for joy, while Christ and God will unite in proclaiming, "There shall be no more sin, neither shall there be any more death." [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 7] p. 230, Para. 5, [1908MS].

This is the scene that is presented to me. But the church must and will fight against seen and unseen foes. Satanic agencies in human form are on the ground. Men have confederated to oppose the Lord of hosts. These

confederacies will continue until Christ shall leave his place of intercession before the mercy seat, and shall put on the garments of vengeance. Satanic agencies are in every city, busily organizing into parties those opposed to the law of God. Professed saints and avowed unbelievers take their stand with these parties. This is no time for the people of God to be weaklings. We can not afford to be off our guard for one moment. [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 8] p. 231, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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." [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 9] p. 231, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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." [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 10] p. 231, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: . . . stand fast in one spirit, . . . 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." [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 11] p. 231, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 12] p. 231, Para. 5, [1908MS].

We must have a view of the future, and of the blessedness of heaven. Stand on the threshold of eternity, and hear the gracious welcome given to those who in this life cooperated with Christ, regarding it as a privilege and an honor to suffer for his sake. As they unite with the angels, they cast their crowns at the feet of their Redeemer, exclaiming, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. . . . Honor and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever." [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 13] p. 231, Para. 6, [1908MS].

There the redeemed ones greet those who directed them to the uplifted Saviour. They unite in praising him who died that human beings might have the life that measures with the life of God. The conflict is over. All tribulation and strife are at an end. Songs of victory fill all the heaven as the redeemed stand around the throne of God. All take up the joyful strain, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again, a triumphant conqueror." [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 14] p. 232, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 15] p. 232, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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 upon the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." "And there shall be no

more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 16] p. 232, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Will you catch the inspiration of the vision? Will you let your mind dwell upon the picture? Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 12-17-08 para. 17] p. 232, Para. 4, [1908MS].

December 24, 1908 Grace and Faith the Gifts of God.--The grace of Christ and his righteousness are offered to men as a free gift. The apostle Paul, writing by the Holy Spirit, says: "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 ye are 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 Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 1] p. 232, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The thought that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us, not because of any merit on our part, but as a free gift from God, is a precious thought. The enemy of God and man is not willing that this truth should be clearly presented; for he knows that if the people receive it fully, his power will be broken. If he can control minds, so that doubt and unbelief and darkness shall compose the experience of those who claim to be the children of God, he can overcome them with temptation. The simple faith that takes God at his word should be encouraged. God's people must have that faith which will lay hold of divine power; "for by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Those who believe that God for Christ's sake has forgiven their sins should not, through temptation, fail to press on to fight the good fight of faith. Their faith should grow stronger until their Christian life, as well as their words, shall declare, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 2] p. 232, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Faith is trusting God,--believing that he loves us, and knows best what is for our good. Thus instead of our own way, it leads us to choose his way. In place of our

ignorance, it accepts his wisdom; in place of our weakness, his strength; in place of our sinfulness, his righteousness. Our lives, ourselves, are already his; faith acknowledges his ownership and accepts its blessing. Truth, uprightness, purity, have been pointed out as secrets of life's success. It is faith that puts us in possession of these principles. Every good impulse or aspiration is the gift of God; faith receives from God the life that alone can produce true growth and efficiency. [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 3] p. 233, Para. 1, [1908MS].

How to exercise faith should be made very plain. To every promise of God there are conditions. If we are willing to do his will, all his strength is ours. Whatever gift he promises is in the promise itself. "The seed is the word of God." As surely as the oak is in the acorn, so surely is the gift of God in his promise. If we receive the promise, we have the gift. [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 4] p. 233, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Faith that enables us to receive God's gifts, is itself a gift, of which some measure is imparted to every human being. It grows as it is exercised in appropriating the Word of God. In order to strengthen faith, we must often bring it in contact with the Word. [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 5] p. 233, Para. 3, [1908MS].

How often those who trusted the Word of God, though in themselves utterly helpless, have withstood the power of the whole world,--Enoch, pure in heart, holy in life, holding fast his faith in the triumph of righteousness, against a corrupt and scoffing generation; Noah and his household against the men of his time, men of the greatest physical and mental strength and the most debased in morals; the children of Israel at the Red Sea, a helpless, terrified multitude of slaves, against the mightiest army of the mightiest nation on the globe; David, a shepherd lad, having God's promise of the throne, against Saul, the established monarch, bent on holding fast his power; Shadrach and his companions in the fire, against Nebuchadnezzar on the throne; Daniel among the lions, against his enemies in the high places of the kingdom; Jesus on the cross, against the Jewish priests and rulers forcing even the Roman governor to work their will; Paul in chains, led to a criminal's death, against Nero, the despot of the world's empire. [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 6] p. 233, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Such examples are not found in the Bible alone. They abound in every record of human progress. The Vaudois and the Huguenots, Wyclif and Huss, Jerome and Luther, Tyndale and Knox, Zinzendorf and Wesley, with multitudes of others, have witnessed to the power of God's Word against human power and policy in support of evil. These are the world's true noblemen. They are its royal line. [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 7] p. 233, Para. 5, [1908MS].

As the plan of redemption begins and ends with a gift, so it is to be carried forward. The same spirit of sacrifice which purchased salvation for us, will dwell in the hearts of all who become partakers of the heavenly gift. Says the apostle Peter: "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Said Jesus to his disciples as he sent them forth, "Freely ye have received, freely give." In him who is fully in sympathy with Christ, there can be nothing selfish or exclusive. He who drinks of the living water will find that it is "in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." The Spirit of Christ within him is like a spring welling up in the desert, flowing to refresh all, and making those who are ready to perish eager to drink of the water of life. It was the same spirit of love and self-sacrifice which dwelt in Christ that impelled the apostle Paul to his manifold labors. "I am debtor," he says, "both to the Greeks, and to the barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise." "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 8] p. 233, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Our Lord designed that his church should reflect to the world the fulness and sufficiency that we find in him. We are constantly receiving of God's bounty, and by imparting of the same we are to represent to the world the love and beneficence of Christ. While all heaven is astir, dispatching messengers to all parts of the earth to carry forward the work of redemption, the church of the living God are also to be colaborers with Jesus Christ. We are members of his mystical body. He is the head, controlling all the members of the body. Jesus himself, in his infinite mercy, is working on human hearts, effecting spiritual transformations so amazing that angels look on with astonishment and joy. The same unselfish love that

characterizes the Master is seen in the character and life of his true followers. Christ expects that men will become partakers of his divine nature while in this world, thus not only reflecting his glory, to the praise of God, but illuminating the darkness of earth with the radiance of heaven. Thus will be fulfilled the words of Christ, "Ye are the light of the world." [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 9] p. 234, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"We are laborers together with God,"--"stewards of the manifold grace of God." The knowledge of God's grace, the truths of his Word, and temporal gifts as well,--time and means, talent and influence,--are all a trust from God to be employed to his glory and for the salvation of men. [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 10] p. 234, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Wherever there is an impulse of love and sympathy, wherever the heart reaches out to uplift and bless others, there is revealed the working of God's Holy Spirit. In the depths of heathenism, men who have no knowledge of the written law of God, who have never even heard the name of Christ, have been kind to his servants, protecting them at the risk of their own lives. Their acts show the working of a divine power. The Holy Spirit has implanted the grace of Christ in the heart of the savage, quickening his sympathies contrary to his nature, contrary to his education. The "Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," is shining in his soul; and this light, if heeded, will guide his feet to the kingdom of God. [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 11] p. 234, Para. 3, [1908MS].

No distinction on account of nationality, race, or caste, is recognized by God. He is the Maker of all mankind. All men are of one family by creation, and all are one through redemption. Christ came to demolish every wall of partition, to throw open every compartment of the temple, that every soul may have free access to God. His love is so broad, so deep, so full, that it penetrates everywhere. It lifts out of Satan's circle the poor souls who have been deluded by his deceptions. It places them within reach of the throne of God, the throne encircled by the rainbow of promise. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free. All are brought nigh by his precious blood. Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 12-24-08 para. 12] p. 234, Para. 4, [1908MS].

December 31, 1908 A Habitation for the Spirit.--Christ is represented as dwelling by his Spirit in his people; and believers as "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom all the building fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord," Paul says, "beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." [Review and Herald 12-31-08 para. 1] p. 234, Para. 5, [1908MS].

From eternal ages it was God's purpose that every created being, from the bright and holy seraph to man, should be a temple for the indwelling of the Creator. Because of sin, humanity ceased to be a temple for God. Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man no longer revealed the glory of the divine One. But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of heaven is fulfilled. God dwells in humanity, and through saving grace the heart of man becomes again his temple. [Review and Herald 12-31-08 para. 2] p. 235, Para. 1, [1908MS].

God designed that the temple at Jerusalem should be a continual witness to the high destiny open to every soul. But the Jews had not understood the significance of the building they regarded with so much pride. They did not yield themselves as temples for the divine Spirit. The courts of the temple at Jerusalem, filled with the tumult of unholy traffic, represented all too truly the temple of the heart, defiled by the presence of sensual passion and unholy thoughts. In cleansing the temple from the world's buyers and sellers, Jesus announced his mission to cleanse the heart from the defilement of sin,--from the earthly desires, the selfish lusts, the evil habits that corrupt the soul. "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and

purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver." [Review and Herald 12-31-08 para. 3] p. 235, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." No man can of himself cast out the evil throned that have taken possession of the heart. Only Christ can cleanse the soul temple. But he will not force an entrance. He comes not into the heart as to the temple of old; but he says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." He will come, not for one day merely; for he says, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and . . . they shall be my people." "He will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." His presence will cleanse and sanctify the soul, so that it may be a holy temple unto the Lord, and "an habitation of God through the Spirit." [Review and Herald 12-31-08 para. 4] p. 235, Para. 3, [1908MS].

By this beautiful and impressive figure, God's Word shows the regard he places in our physical organism, and the responsibility resting upon us to preserve it in the best condition. Our bodies are Christ's purchased possession, and we are not at liberty to do with them as we please. Man has done this. He has treated his body as if its laws had no penalty. Through perverted appetite its organs and powers have become enfeebled, diseased, crippled. And these results which Satan has brought about by his own specious temptations, he uses to taunt God with. He presents before God the human body that Christ has purchased as his property; and what an unsightly representation of his Maker man is! Because man has sinned against his body, and corrupted his ways, God is dishonored. [Review and Herald 12-31-08 para. 5] p. 235, Para. 4, [1908MS].

When men and women are truly converted, they will conscientiously regard the laws of life that God has established in their being, thus seeking to avoid physical, mental, and moral feebleness. Obedience to these laws must be made a matter of personal duty. We ourselves must suffer the ills of violated law. We must answer to God for our habits and practises. Therefore the question for us is not, "What will the world say?" but, "How shall I, claiming to be a Christian, treat the habitation God has given me?"

Shall I work for my highest temporal and spiritual good by keeping my body as a temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, or shall I sacrifice myself to the world's ideas and practises?" [Review and Herald 12-31-08 para. 6] p. 236, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"Know ye not . . . that ye are not your own? for ye are bought with a price." What a price has been paid for us! Behold the cross and the victim uplifted upon it. Look at those hands, pierced with cruel nails. Look at his feet, fastened with spikes to the tree. Christ bore our sins in his own body. That suffering, that agony, is the price of your redemption. Know you not that he loved us, and gave himself for us, that we in return should give ourselves to him? Why should not love to Christ be expressed by all who received him by faith, as verily as his love has been expressed for us for whom he died? [Review and Herald 12-31-08 para. 7] p. 236, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Christ the Word, the revelation of God,--the manifestation of his character, his law, his love, his life,--is the only foundation upon which we can build a character that will endure. [Review and Herald 12-31-08 para. 8] p. 236, Para. 3, [1908MS].

We build on Christ by obeying his word. It is not he who merely enjoys righteousness, that is righteous, but he who does righteousness. Holiness is not rapture; it is the result of surrendering all to God; it is doing the will of our Heavenly Father. Religion consists in doing the words of Christ; not doing to earn God's favor, but because, all undeserving, we have received the gift of his love. Christ places the salvation of man, not upon profession merely, but upon faith that is made manifest in works of righteousness. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Not those whose hearts are touched by the Spirit, not those who now and then yield to its power, but they that are led by the Spirit, are the sons of God. [Review and Herald 12-31-08 para. 9] p. 236, Para. 4, [1908MS].

To live by the word of God means the surrender to him of the whole life. There will be felt a continual sense of need and dependence, a drawing out of the heart after God.

Prayer is a necessity; for it is the life of the soul. Family prayer, public prayer, have their place; but it is secret communion with God that sustains the soul life. It was in the mount with God that Moses beheld the pattern of that wonderful building that was to be the abiding place of God's glory. It is in the mount with God,--in the secret place of communion,--that we are to contemplate his glorious ideal for humanity. Thus we shall be able so to fashion our character building that to us may be fulfilled his promise. "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Mrs. E. G. White. [Review and Herald 12-31-08 para. 10] p. 236, Para. 5, [1908MS].

AUSTRALASIAN UNION CONFERENCE RECORD

January 6, 1908 Instruction to Workers.--To Ministers and Teachers: Those who teach the Word need not feel that they must search up some new and intricate subject to present to the churches. The most profitable subjects that can be presented are those that Christ dwelt upon when teaching his disciples, and the multitudes that daily followed Him. His lessons seemed always new and interesting. The common people heard Him gladly. [Australasian Union Conference Record 01-06-08 para. 01] p. 237, Para. 1, [1908MS].

When our ministers seek to present something that is new and strange to the common people, they are not following the custom of Christ. Sometimes the things they endeavor to present they do not themselves understand, and they lead minds away from the path of truth and righteousness. Self, self! When will self die! and when shall we learn what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus! [Australasian Union Conference Record 01-06-08 para. 02] p. 237, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Let us as ministers and teachers study the sermons of Christ, and by prayerful effort learn to comprehend the very spirit of these discourses. They are to be presented so that the common people can understand them. Let us study over and over again the fourteenth to the seventeenth chapters of John. The last sermons of Christ, and His last prayer for His disciples, contain precious instruction, the treasures of which, study as we may, we can never exhaust. [Australasian Union Conference Record 01-06-08 para. 03] p. 237, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The work to be done in our churches should begin with our leaders. When they humble their souls before God, when they confess their sins and become truly, converted, their lives will reveal the transformation within. Selfishness will be emptied from their hearts, self-confidence will die, the disposition to dominate and control will disappear. [Australasian Union Conference Record 01-06-08 para. 04] p. 237, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh." [Australasian Union Conference Record 01-06-08 para. 05] p. 237, Para. 5, [1908MS].

This is a representation of the man who does not humble his heart before the Lord, and give up his will to the will of God. This man has lost his discernment, and can not be trusted; and because he has rejected the warnings of God, he has greatly hindered the work of the Lord. He shall "inhabit the parched places of the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited." [Australasian Union Conference Record 01-06-08 para. 06] p. 237, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Another class is represented in the next words of the prophet: "Blessed is the man who trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. He shall be as 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." [Australasian Union Conference Record 01-06-08 para. 07] p. 237, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The prophet continues: "O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake Thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise. [Australasian Union Conference Record 01-06-08 para. 08] p. 237, Para. 8, [1908MS].

"Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the Lord? let it come now. As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow Thee: neither have I desired the woeful

day; Thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before Thee. Be not a terror unto me: Thou art my hope in the day of evil. Let them be confounded that persecute me, and let me not be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction." [Australasian Union Conference Record 01-06-08 para. 09] p. 238, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We need to understand these Old Testament figures and representations. Let us give them earnest consideration. We are slow to realize that these things foretold by the Lord's servants have been fulfilled, and are being fulfilled in our present history. [Australasian Union Conference Record 01-06-08 para. 10] p. 238, Para. 2, [1908MS].

God has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal. He gives the Holy Spirit to help in every strait, to strengthen our hope and assurance, to illuminate our minds and purify our hearts. He means that sufficient facilities shall be provided for the working out of His plans. My ministering brethren, I bid you seek counsel from God. Seek Him with the whole heart, and "whatsoever He saith unto you, do." Mrs. E. G. White. *October 22, 1907*. [Australasian Union Conference Record 01-06-08 para. 11] p. 238, Para. 3, [1908MS].

September 21, 1908 Extracts from Private Communications.-- A grand work is to be done by our people for the W.C.T.U. The Lord has in that association many precious souls, who will accept the truth and become one with our labourers. These workers will be a great help to us in temperance lines. And the education our people have had in Bible truth and in a knowledge of the requirements of the law of Jehovah, they will impart to those who come in among us. Thus a union of sympathy will be created where in the past prejudice has existed. [Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 01] p. 238, Para. 4, [1908MS].

We need the help that these women can give us; they need the help we can give them in a knowledge of the gospel Sabbath. By holding ourselves aloof from the workers in the W.C.T.U., our people have lost much; and the members of the W.C.T.U. have also been on losing ground. If every possible effort is now made to reach these people, prejudice will be removed, and souls will be reached whom our people have

thought would never accept this present truth.
[Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 02]
p. 238, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Every possible ray of light that we can shed upon the W.C.T.U. should be given. If we had 100 soundly converted workers from this body, the cause of present truth would be greatly helped. Many of our own labourers would be taught wherein they might come up on higher ground, and our sisters would learn how they might exert a wider and more uplifting influence than they have in the past.
[Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 03]
p. 238, Para. 6, [1908MS].

We need the temperance question revived among our own people. It would be a good thing if at our camp-meetings we should invite the members of the W.C.T.U. to take part in our exercises. This will help them to become acquainted with the reasons of our faith, and will open the way for us to unite with them in the temperance work. If we will do this we will come to see that the temperance question means more than many of us have supposed; and we in turn can teach these workers many things. They will hear the truth, and many will be converted to the faith. [Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 04] p. 238, Para. 7, [1908MS].

In his labours, my husband, whenever he had opportunity, invited the workers in the temperance cause to his meetings and gave them an opportunity to speak. And when invitations were given us to attend their gatherings, we always responded. I have had some opportunity to see the great advantage to be gained by connecting with the W.C.T.U. workers, and I have been much surprised as I have seen the indifference of many of our leaders to this organization. I call upon my brethren to awake. . . . We cannot do a better work than to unite, so far as we can do without compromise, with the W.C.T.U. workers. [Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 05] p. 239, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Years ago we regarded the spread of temperance principles as one of our most important duties. It should be so to-day. Our schools and sanitariums are to reveal the power of the grace of Christ to transform the life. They should be important factors in the temperance cause.-- *To J. A. Burden, September 2, 1907.* [Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 06] p. 239, Para. 2, [1908MS].

I am being aroused anew on this subject. We have a work to do along this line besides that of speaking in public. We must present our principles in pamphlets and in our papers. We must use every possible means of arousing our people to their duty to get in connection with those *who know not the truth*. The success we have had in missionary work has been fully proportionate to the self-denying, self-sacrificing efforts we have made. The Lord alone knows how much we might have accomplished if as a people we had humbled ourselves before Him and proclaimed the temperance truths in clear, straight lines. A large work of seed-sowing is yet to be done.-- *To Dr. Lillis Wood-Starr, September 5, 1907.* [Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 07] p. 239, Para. 3, [1908MS].

To Mrs. S. M. I. Henry, Sister White wrote June 21, 1899, and recopied August 15, 1907:-- [Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 08] p. 239, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I hope, my sister, that you will have an influence in the W.C.T.U. association to draw many precious souls to the standard of truth. The Lord is drawing many to an examination of the truth, and you need not fail nor be discouraged. Sow beside all waters. These are good waters in which you can sow the seeds of truth. [Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 09] p. 239, Para. 5, [1908MS].

In a communication received from Sister White by the last American mail, she says:-- [Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 10] p. 239, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Great good will result from bringing the books "Ministry of Healing" and "Christ's Object Lessons" to the attention of the leaders of the W.C.T.U. 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 the 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. [Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 11] p. 239, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Australasian Union Conference Record 09-21-08 para. 12] p. 240, Para. 1, [1908MS].

November 23, 1908 Labourers Together with God.--"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." 1 Cor. 3:9. [Australasian Union Conference Record 11-23-08 para. 01] p. 240, Para. 2, [1908MS].

When we follow plans of the Lord's devising, we are "labourers together with God." Whatever our position--whether presidents of conferences, ministers, teachers, students, or lay members--we are held accountable by the Lord for making the most of our opportunities to enlighten those in need of present truth. And one of the principal agencies He has ordained for our use, is the printed page. [Australasian Union Conference Record 11-23-08 para. 02] p. 240, Para. 3, [1908MS].

My brethren and sisters, let us not become weary in well-doing. During His earthly ministry, Christ travelled on foot from place to place, wearied as He oftentimes was, His human nature taxed to the uttermost, yet He was ever ready to heal all who came unto Him, and to teach them the way of life eternal. Though often physically exhausted, he left not His work. There was a world to be saved. He made every sacrifice possible in order that light and truth might shine forth. [Australasian Union Conference Record 11-23-08 para. 03] p. 240, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Lord God of Israel desires us to link up in holy union with Himself, and exercise living faith that works by love, and purifies the soul. He desires that we shall be a working corps of labourers, endowed with adaptability for

His service; and unto such He promises power to win a glorious victory for Him. [Australasian Union Conference Record 11-23-08 para. 04] p. 240, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Had the Lord's plan been followed, His name would have been glorified, and many spiritual victories would have been won. E. G. White. *Sanitarium, California, July 10, 1908*. [Australasian Union Conference Record 11-23-08 para. 05] p. 240, Para. 6, [1908MS].

ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER

November 4, 1908 An Appeal to Ministers and Church Officers.--Dear Brethren: As I read the reports of labor published in the *Review* and our other denominational periodicals from week to week, my heart is rejoiced over the progress of the third angel's message in the home field and abroad. Our workers are having many remarkable experiences. The Lord is going before them, preparing the way, and the cause of present truth is making rapid advancement. This should be a source of profound gratitude to God. As we contrast the present prosperity of the work with the early years of poverty passed through by the pioneers of this cause, when our numbers were but few and our resources were limited, we can but exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 01] p. 240, Para. 7, [1908MS].

And yet there remains much to be done. In the past we have not been so diligent as we ought to have been in seeking to save the lost. Precious opportunities have been allowed to pass by unimproved. This has delayed the coming of our King. Had the people of God constantly preserved a living connection with him from the beginning of the great advent movement, had they obeyed his word and advanced in all his opening providences, they would to-day be in the heavenly Canaan. [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 02] p. 240, Para. 8, [1908MS].

We have done only a small part of the evangelical work that God desires us to do among our neighbors and friends. In every city of our land there are those who know not the truth. And out in the broad world beyond the seas there are many new fields in which we must plow the ground and sow the seed. [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 03] p. 241, Para. 1, [1908MS].

A few faithful missionaries are even now planting the standard of truth in fields far away. Publications are multiplying in many languages. These silent messengers are enlightening thousands. But as a people we come far short of moving forward as fast as the providence of God opens the way. Our General gives the command, "Go forward." Thousands are thirsting for living truth. The Macedonian cry is coming to us from every direction, "Come over and help us." We look about us, and inquire, "Who will go?" O that every follower of Jesus might respond: "Send me. I long to do something for my Master." [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 04] p. 241, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Time and again I have had presented before me a vision of people across the broad ocean, standing in perplexity, and pale with anxiety, earnestly inquiring, "What is truth?" They say: "We want the bread of life. Our churches are backslidden from God. We want to find the old paths. We want to come back to the simplicity of gospel religion." My tears flow as I see this picture rising vividly before me. The voice from heaven pleads, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." While so great a work remains to be done, shall not we, as Christ's followers, arouse to a sense of our God-given responsibility, and be active in doing our part? [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 05] p. 241, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Plans for Enlarging Our Laboring Forces.--The strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks. A wise general instructs his officers to train every soldier for active service. He seeks to develop the highest efficiency possible on the part of all. If he were to depend upon his officers alone, he could never expect to conduct a successful campaign. He counts on loyal, untiring service from every man in his army. The responsibility rests largely upon the men in the ranks. [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 06] p. 241, Para. 4, [1908MS].

And so it is in the army of Prince Emmanuel. Our General, who has never lost a battle, expects willing service from every one who has enlisted under his banner. In the closing controversy now waging between the forces for good and the hosts of evil, he expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part. All who have enlisted as soldiers of his, are to render faithful service as minutemen, with a keen sense of the responsibility resting upon them individually.

[Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 07] p. 241, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. This has not always been done in the past. Plans have not been fully carried out whereby the talent of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this.

[Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 08] p. 241, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The leaders in God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning, they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors. The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership, rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers. [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 09] p. 242, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The salvation of sinners requires earnest, personal labor. We are to bear to them the word of life, not to wait for them to come to us. O that I could speak words to men and women that would arouse them to diligent action! The moments now granted us to work are few. We are standing upon the very borders of the eternal world. We have no time to lose. Every moment is golden, and altogether too precious to be devoted merely to self-serving. Who will seek God earnestly, and from him draw strength and grace to be his faithful workers in the missionary field? [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 10] p. 242, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In every church there is talent, which, with the right kind of labor, might be developed to become a great help in this work. There should be a well-organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church, and also for unbelievers. It is training, education, that is needed. Let all set their hearts and minds to become intelligent in regard to the work for this time, qualifying themselves to do that for which they are best adapted. [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 11] p. 242, Para. 3, [1908MS].

That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church,--talent that can be educated for the Master's service. Those who shall labor in visiting the churches should give the brethren and sisters instruction in practical methods of doing missionary work. Let there be a class for the training of the youth as well. Young men and women should be educated to become workers at home, in their own neighborhoods, and in the church. [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 12] p. 242, Para. 4, [1908MS].

All this work of training should be accompanied with earnest seeking of the Lord for his Holy Spirit. Let this be urged home upon those who are willing to give themselves to the Master's service. Our conduct is watched by the world; every act is scrutinized and commented upon. There must be diligent cultivation of the Christian graces, that those who profess the truth may be able to say no evil of them truthfully. In all their intercourse with unbelievers they are exerting an influence for good or for evil. They are either a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death. God calls for greater piety, for holiness of life and purity of conduct, in accordance with the elevating, sanctifying truths which we profess. The lives of the workers for Christ should be such that unbelievers, seeing their godly walk and circumspect conversation, may be charmed with the faith that produces such results. [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 13] p. 242, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others, but that we shall watch and be sober. The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God will triumph with it. The time is short; the night soon cometh when no man can work. Let those who are rejoicing in the light of present truth, now make haste to impart the truth to others. The Lord is inquiring, "Whom shall I send?" Those who wish to sacrifice for the truth's sake, are now to respond, "Here am I, Lord; send me." Mrs. E. G. White. [Atlantic Union Gleaner 11-04-08 para. 14] p. 242, Para. 6, [1908MS].

THE GOSPEL HERALD

May 1, 1908 Medical Missionary Work Among the Colored People of the South.--When connected with other lines of gospel effort, medical missionary work is a most effective instrument by which the ground is prepared for the sowing of the seeds of truth, and the instrument also by which the harvest is reaped. Medical missionary work is the helping hand of the gospel ministry. So far as possible, it would be well for evangelical workers to learn how to minister to the necessities of the body as well as the soul; for in doing this, they are following the example of Christ. But intemperance has well-nigh filled the world with disease, and the ministers of the gospel cannot spend their time and strength in relieving all in need of help. The Lord has ordained that Christian physicians and nurses shall labor in connection with those who preach the Word. The medical missionary work is to be bound up with the gospel ministry. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 01] p. 243, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In no place is there greater need of genuine gospel medical missionary work than among the colored people in the South. Had such a work been done for them immediately after the proclamation of freedom, their condition to-day would have been very different. Medical missionary work must be carried forward for the colored people. Sanitariums and treatment-rooms should be established in many places. These will open doors for the entrance of Bible truth. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 02] p. 243, Para. 2, [1908MS].

This work will require devoted men and means, and much wise planning. Years ago we should have been training colored men and women to care for the sick. Plans should now be made to do a quick work. Let promising colored youth--young men and young women of good Christian character--be given a thorough training for this line of service. Let them be imbued with the thought that in all their work they are to proclaim the third angel's message. Strong, intelligent, consecrated colored nurses will find a wide field of usefulness opening before them. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 03] p. 243, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The Lord Jesus is our example. He came to the world as a servant of mankind. He went from city to city, from village to village, teaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing

the sick. Christ spent more time in healing than in teaching. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 04] p. 243, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 05] p. 243, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 make Huntsville a strong training center for medical missionary workers. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 06] p. 243, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The colored medical missionary worker stands on vantage ground. In the providence of God, a wide field of usefulness is open to him. He is permitted to enter where others are refused admission. In his consistent daily life of self-denial and self-sacrifice, he may exert a quiet yet far-reaching influence in behalf of the truth for this time. And he will not lack opportunity for testifying of the saving grace by which his life is being constantly transformed into the likeness of the great Medical Missionary. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 07] p. 244, Para. 1, [1908MS].

To many of the colored people, the difficulties against which they have to contend seem almost 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 helped and encouraged. There is talent among the colored race, and this talent will be developed 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. There are those who with proper training can be prepared to conduct sanitariums for colored people. In all cases they will need, at times, the assistance of white workers, but their talents will tell greatly for the success of the work. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 08] p. 244, Para. 2, [1908MS].

O, that we might catch a glimpse of the work God desires us to accomplish for the colored people in the South! Could the vail be removed, could we but realize the distressing condition of thousands suffering from physical and spiritual maladies, how earnestly would we plan to train suitable colored workers to go forth to minister to the needs of their own race! How gladly would we come up to the help of the Lord, by giving freely of our means for the establishment and maintenance of training-centers, where colored youth could be fitted for helpful service as true medical missionary evangelists! May God enable us to discern the opportunities now afforded us to lay broad plans for carrying forward this line of work in a manner befitting its importance. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 09] p. 244, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Those who are able to relieve the sick of their temporal necessities, will often find ready access to hearts. Grateful for the loving ministry performed in their behalf, many will gladly listen to words of spiritual comfort and consolation. Their hearts will be susceptible to the influence of the Holy Spirit, as the consecrated medical missionary opens the Scriptures of truth and brings to their attention the special warning message for this time. Many will decide to yield their all to the Lord. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 10] p. 244, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Such a work as this is sadly needed in the cities of the South. Thousands of colored people have drifted into these congested centers. In many, many families, want and misery and deep spiritual poverty prevail. For such classes as these, the medical missionary evangelist is peculiarly fitted. But work of this character cannot be undertaken, unless the workers are first trained, and then supplied with needed facilities. Means is needed for the prosecution of such work. And in the privilege of contributing to the support of his cause in the earth, God has graciously given us opportunity to participate in the rewards of those who engage in this line of service. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08

para. 11] p. 244, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Soon the work of God in the earth will close triumphantly. Soon those who have remained steadfast unto the end, will be granted an abundant entrance into the kingdom of our Lord. As the opportunities for service are now presented, shall we not quickly respond, giving freely of our means for the support of the closing work? It is now our privilege to return unto the Lord his own, in free-will gifts and offerings; soon we shall receive the reward of the faithful. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 12] p. 244, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Of all the joys that await the redeemed in the earth made new, one of the highest will be the privilege of mingling our voices with the voices of those whom we have helped to save, in praise and adoration to the One who put into our hearts a desire to give. As God hath prospered us, let us now do all in our power to further the interests of his kingdom. Soon "the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." Mrs. E.G. White. [The Gospel Herald 05-01-08 para. 13] p. 245, Para. 1, [1908MS].

June 1, 1908 Treatment Rooms and Mission Home Colored, Nashville, Tenn.--The last chapters of this earth's history are rapidly fulfilling. Our last great work is to be done. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins."-- *Testimony, Dec. 21, 1905*. [The Gospel Herald 06-01-08 para. 01] p. 245, Para. 2, [1908MS].

June 1, 1908 About the Self-Denial Boxes.--"As I have made acquaintance with the poverty of the Southern field, I have earnestly desired that some method might be devised by which the work for the colored people could be sustained. One night, as I was praying for this needy field, a scene was presented to me, which I will describe. [The Gospel Herald 06-01-08 para. 01] p. 245, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"I saw a company of men working, and asked what they were doing. One of them replied: 'We are making little boxes to be placed in the home of every family that is willing to practice self-denial in order that they may send of their means to help the work among the colored people of the

South. Such boxes will be a constant reminder of the needs of this destitute race; and the giving of money that is saved by economy and self-denial will be an excellent education to all the members of the family.' [The Gospel Herald 06-01-08 para. 02] p. 245, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Without delay I wrote to our brethren in the South to make little Self-Denial Boxes, and circulate them extensively, to be used as silent messengers in the homes of our people,--to remind parents and children of their duty toward a neglected race. The Southern Missionary Society of Edgefield (now Madison) Tenn., took up this matter at once, and are now prepared to send the Boxes to all who desire to help in this way. [The Gospel Herald 06-01-08 para. 03] p. 245, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"Fathers, mothers, teach your children lessons of self-denial, by encouraging them to unite with you in dispensing with the things we really do not need, and in giving to the colored work the money thus saved. Tell your children of the poor colored people and their necessities. Implant in each tender heart a desire to deny self in order to help others. Lead the children early to realize the close relationship existing between money and missions. [The Gospel Herald 06-01-08 para. 04] p. 245, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"The fields are white for the harvest. Shall not the laborers have means for gathering in the precious grain? Will not those who know the truth see what they can do to help, just now? Will not every one cut off all needless expenditures? See what you can do in self-denial. Dispense with all that is not positively necessary. Come up to the measure of your God-given responsibility. Fulfil your duty toward the colored race. [The Gospel Herald 06-01-08 para. 05] p. 245, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"Some may say, 'We are being drawn upon continually for means. Will there be no end to these calls?' We hope not, so long as there are in our world souls perishing for the bread of life. Until all has been done that you can do to save the lost, we ask you not to become weary of our repeated calls. Many have not yet done that which they might do; that which God will enable them to do if they will consecrate themselves unreservedly to him. [The Gospel Herald 06-01-08 para. 06] p. 246, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"The Lord's servants are to feel a noble, generous sympathy for every line of work carried on in the great harvest field. We are to be interested in everything that concerns the human brotherhood. By our baptismal vows we are bound in covenant relation with God to make persevering, self-denying, self-sacrificing efforts to promote, in the hardest parts of the field, the work of soul saving. God has placed upon every believer the responsibility of helping to rescue the most needy, the most helpless, the most oppressed. Christians are to enlighten the ignorance of their less favored brothers. They are to break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free from the power of vicious habits and sinful practices. By imparting the knowledge sent from heaven, they are to enlarge the capabilities and increase the usefulness of those most in need of a helping hand." [The Gospel Herald 06-01-08 para. 07] p. 246, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"I have written concerning these boxes, and the self-denial they will encourage, and I now ask if you will not accept the light that God has given to his people. These boxes should be used more than they have been, and let no one, either by pen or voice, hinder their circulation." [The Gospel Herald 06-01-08 para. 08] p. 246, Para. 3, [1908MS].

September 1, 1908 An Important Offering.--"The present is an opportunity we cannot afford to lose. We call upon all our people to help to the utmost of their ability." [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 01] p. 246, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"There should be a hundred workers where now there is but one." [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 02] p. 246, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"The Lord's treasures are at hand, entrusted to us for just such emergencies." [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 03] p. 246, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"The Lord calls upon his people to make *offerings of self-denial*. Let us give up something that we intended to purchase for personal comfort or pleasure. Let us teach our children to deny self, and become the Lord's helping hands in dispensing his blessings." [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 04] p. 246, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"The sums which you give may be small when compared with the necessities of the work," continues the Testimony, "but be not discouraged. Have faith in God. Hold fast the hand of infinite power, and that which seems hopeless at first will look different. The feeding of the five thousand is an object-lesson for us. He who with five loaves and two small fishes fed five thousand men, besides women and children, can do great things for his people to-day."-- Vol. 6, p. 465. [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 05] p. 246, Para. 8, [1908MS].

"The work there needs means, God has given warnings, but they have not been heeded. Church-members in America who have pleasant homes and surroundings, should remember the Southern field. It is in need of special attention and support. . . . The work which should have been done in that field has not been done. [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 06] p. 246, Para. 9, [1908MS].

"Why do you neglect this work? God has made it your duty to deal with this poor, oppressed race as their circumstances demand. Let the work go forward. Encourage the people who are favorably situated to help in this field. [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 07] p. 247, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"There are men who will tell you that the work in the South has been misrepresented, that it is not so arduous as it is made to appear. Let no one suppose that the Southern field is an easy place to work: for it is the most difficult portion of the Lord's vineyard, and soon it will be even more difficult. The greatest wisdom must be exercised. All connected with the work must be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves." [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 08] p. 247, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"I call upon every church in our land to look well to your own souls. 'Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?' God makes no distinction between the North and the South." [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 09] p. 247, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Sin rests upon us as a church because we have not made greater effort for the salvation of souls among the colored people. Let us do what we can to send to this class

laborers who will work in Christ's name, who will not fail nor be discouraged. We should educate colored men to be missionaries among their own people. We should recognize talent where it exists among that people, and those who have ability should be placed where they may receive an education. [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 10] p. 247, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"The converting power of God must work a transformation of character in many who claim to believe the present truth, or they cannot fulfil the purpose of God. They are hearers, but not doers of the Word. Pure, unworldly benevolence will be developed in all who make Christ their personal Saviour. There needs to be far less of self and more of Jesus. The church of Christ is ordained of God that its members shall be representatives of Christ's character. He says, 'You have given yourselves to me, and I give you to the world. I am the light of the world: I present you to the world as my representatives.' As Christ in the fullest sense represents the Father, so we are to represent Christ. Let none of those who name the name of Christ be cowards in his cause. For Christ's sake stand as if looking within the open portals of the city of God." [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 11] p. 247, Para. 5, [1908MS].

This work "has been touched with only the tip ends of our fingers," compared with that which must be done, Is it not high time we were taking hold of it in a whole-hearted way, never to let go until the great Master himself says, "It is enough"? [The Gospel Herald 09-01-08 para. 12] p. 247, Para. 6, [1908MS].

November 1, 1908 Extracts from a Testimony, Dated Oct. 19, 1908.--"I am burdened, heavily burdened, for the work among the colored people. The gospel is to be presented to the down-trodden negro race. . . . 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." [The Gospel Herald 11-01-08 para. 01] p. 247, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"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." [The Gospel Herald 11-01-08 para. 02] p. 248, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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." [The Gospel Herald 11-01-08 para. 03] p. 248, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"The powers of hell are working with all their ingenuity to prevent the proclamation of the last message of mercy among the colored people." [The Gospel Herald 11-01-08 para. 04] p. 248, Para. 3, [1908MS].

December 1, 1908 Price Per Year, 10 Cents.--A Testimony dated Oct. 19, 1908, says: "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 years." [The Gospel Herald 12-01-08 para. 01] p. 248, Para. 4, [1908MS].

THE INDIANA REPORTER

May 13, 1908 2 Sanitarium Work and Our Relation to it.--The great medical institutions in our cities called sanitariums do but a small part of the good they might do were they located where the patients could have the advantage of outdoor life. I have been instructed that sanitariums are to be established in many places in the country. [The Indiana Reporter 05-13-08 para. 01] p. 248, Para. 5, [1908MS].

In the country the sick find many things to call their attention away from themselves and their sufferings. Everywhere they can look upon and enjoy the beautiful things of nature--the flowers, the fields, the fruit trees laden with their rich treasures, the forest trees casting their grateful shade, and the hills and valleys with their varied verdure and many forms of life. And not only are they entertained by these surroundings, but at the same time they learn most precious spiritual lessons. Surrounded

by the wonderful works of God, their minds are lifted from the things that are seen to the things that are unseen. The beauty of nature leads them to think of the matchless charms of the earth made new when there will be nothing to mar the loveliness, nothing to taint or destroy, nothing to cause disease or death. [The Indiana Reporter 05-13-08 para. 02] p. 248, Para. 6, [1908MS].

In the night season I was given a view of a sanitarium in the country. This institution was not large, but it was complete. It was surrounded by beautiful trees and shrubbery, beyond which were orchards and groves. Scene after scene passed before me. In one scene a number of suffering patients had just come to one of our country sanitariums. In another I saw the same company, but oh, how transformed their appearance! Disease had gone, the skin clear, the countenance joyful; body and mind seemed animated with new life. [The Indiana Reporter 05-13-08 para. 03] p. 249, Para. 1, [1908MS].

I was also instructed that as these who have been sick, are restored to health in our country sanitariums, and return to their homes, they will be living object lessons, and many others will be favorably impressed. [The Indiana Reporter 05-13-08 para. 04] p. 249, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Let no one listen to the suggestion that we can exercise faith and have all our infirmities removed, and that there is therefore no need of institutions for the recovery of health. Faith and works are not dissevered. Since the Lord is soon to come, act decidedly to increase facilities that a great work may be done in a short time. [The Indiana Reporter 05-13-08 para. 05] p. 249, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Why, asks one and another, is not prayer offered for the miraculous healing of the sick, instead of so many sanitariums being established? The Lord has opened this matter before me. Our sanitariums are established to educate in regard to right habits of living. This education every member of the remnant church needs. The light given me was that sanitariums should be established, and that in them drug medication should be discarded, and simple, rational methods of treatment should be employed for healing of disease. In these institutions people were to be taught how to dress, breathe, and eat properly,--how to prevent sickness by proper habits of living. [The Indiana Reporter 05-13-08 para. 06] p. 249, Para. 4, [1908MS].

It is God's purpose that our institutions shall be as object lessons showing the results of obedience to right principles. 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 Indiana Reporter 05-13-08 para. 07] p. 250, Para. 1, [1908MS].

It is the duty of every church to feel an interest in its own poor. God has left a work to do in caring for his poor, in comforting the desponding, in visiting the sick, and dispensing to the needy. None whose names are on the church books should be left to suffer year after year from sickness, when a few months at the sanitarium would give them relief and a valuable experience to take care of themselves and others when sick. When a worthy child of God needs the benefit of the sanitarium, and can pay but a small amount toward his expenses, let the church act a noble part and make up the sum. Some may not be able to pay anything themselves, but do not let them continue to suffer. Send them to the sanitarium, and send your pledges and money with them to pay their expenses. In doing this you gain a precious blessing. It costs something to run such an institution, and it should not be required to treat the sick for nothing. [The Indiana Reporter 05-13-08 para. 08] p. 250, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Deny yourselves of something in your houses or in your dress, and lay by a sum for the needy poor. Let not your tithes and thank offering to God be less, but let it be in addition. God does not purpose to rain means from Heaven with which to sustain the poor, but he has placed his goods in the hands of agents. They are to recognize Christ in the person of His saints. And what they do for His suffering children they do for him, for he identifies his interest with that of suffering humanity. By denying yourselves and lifting the cross for Jesus, who for your sakes became poor, you can do much toward relieving the suffering of the poor among us; and by thus imitating the example of your Lord and Master you will receive his approval and blessing. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Indiana Reporter 05-13-08 para. 09] p. 250, Para. 3, [1908MS].

LAKE UNION HERALD

November 4, 1908 A Revival Needed.--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. [Lake Union Herald 11-04-08 para. 01] p. 251, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Lake Union Herald 11-04-08 para. 02] p. 251, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Lake Union Herald 11-04-08 para. 03] p. 251, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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, and a discarding of the experiments 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 work that in the past they have allowed to exist, "redeeming the time because the days are evil." [Lake Union Herald 11-04-08 para. 04] p. 251, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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? 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 to 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. Mrs. E. G. White. [To be continued.] [Lake Union Herald 11-04-08 para. 05] p. 252, Para. 1, [1908MS].

November 11, 1908 A Revival Needed. (Continued). 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 their 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 the way are brought into subjection to the spirit of God, there is no limit to the good that can be accomplished. [Lake Union Herald 11-11-08 para. 01] p. 252, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Lake Union Herald 11-11-08 para. 02] p. 252, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." [Lake Union Herald 11-11-08 para. 03] p. 253, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 heal the brokenhearted, 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." [Lake Union Herald 11-11-08 para. 04] p. 253, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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." [Lake Union Herald 11-11-08 para. 05] p. 253, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 of 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. [Lake Union Herald 11-11-08 para. 06] p. 253, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 an hill," the Saviour said, "can not 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. [Lake Union Herald 11-11-08 para. 07] p. 253, Para. 5, [1908MS].

But before the precious light can shine to all that are in the house, there is needed a spirit of re-conversion 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 last saving message. [Lake Union Herald 11-11-08 para. 08] p. 254, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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." [Lake Union Herald 11-11-08 para. 09] p. 254, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 shall go forth as brightness and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." Mrs. E. G. White. [Lake Union Herald 11-11-08 para. 10] p. 254, Para. 3, [1908MS].

November 19, 1908 An Appeal.--To Ministers and Church Officers.--Dear Brethren:--As I read the reports of labor published in the Review, and our other denominational periodicals from week to week, my heart is rejoiced over

the progress of the Third Angel's Message in the home field and abroad. Our workers are having many remarkable experiences. The Lord is going before them, preparing the way, and the cause of present truth is making rapid advancement. This should be a source of profound gratitude to God. As we contrast the present prosperity of the work with the early years of poverty passed through by the pioneers of this cause, when our numbers were but few and our resources were limited, we can but exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" [Lake Union Herald 11-19-08 para. 01] p. 254, Para. 4, [1908MS].

And yet there remains much to be done. In the past we have not been as diligent as we ought to have been in seeking to save the lost. Precious opportunities have been allowed to pass by unimproved. This has delayed the coming of our King. Had the people of God constantly preserved a living connection with Him from the beginning of the great advent movement; had they obeyed His word and advanced in all His opening providences, they would to-day be in the heavenly Canaan. [Lake Union Herald 11-19-08 para. 02] p. 254, Para. 5, [1908MS].

We have done only a small part of the evangelical work that God desires us to do among our neighbors and friends. In every city of our land there are those who know not the truth. And out in the broad world beyond the seas, there are many new fields in which we must plow the ground and sow the seed. [Lake Union Herald 11-19-08 para. 03] p. 255, Para. 1, [1908MS].

A few faithful missionaries are even now planting the standard of truth in fields far away. Publications are multiplying in many languages. These silent messengers are enlightening thousands. But as a people we come far short of moving forward as fast as the providence of God opens the way. Our General gives the command, "Go forward." Thousands are thirsting for living truth. The Macedonian cry is coming to us from every direction, "Come over and help us." We look about us, and inquire, "Who will go?" O that every follower of Jesus might respond: "Send me. I long to do something for my Master." [Lake Union Herald 11-19-08 para. 04] p. 255, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Time and again I have had presented before me a vision of people across the broad ocean, standing in perplexity, and pale with anxiety, earnestly inquiring, "What is truth?"

They say: "We want the bread of life. Our churches are backslidden from God. We want to find the old paths. We want to come back to the simplicity of gospel religion." My tears flow as I see this picture rising vividly before me. The voice from heaven pleads, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." While so great a work remains to be done, shall not we, as Christ's followers, arouse to a sense of our God-given responsibility, and be active in doing our part? Mrs. E. G. White. [To be continued.] [Lake Union Herald 11-19-08 para. 05] p. 255, Para. 3, [1908MS].

November 25, 1908 An Appeal--(Concluded).--The Example of Nehemiah.--When about to journey to Jerusalem with the hope of restoring the walls about the stricken city of his fathers, Nehemiah frankly told King Artaxerxes of the work he contemplated doing, and requested help to insure the success of the enterprise. He obtained a letter to the keeper of the king's forest in the mountains of Lebanon, directing him to furnish such timber as would be needed for the wall of Jerusalem and the buildings that were to be erected. And the means which he lacked he solicited from those who were able to bestow. [Lake Union Herald 11-25-08 para. 01] p. 255, Para. 4, [1908MS].

In writing on this subject in years past, I have said:-- [Lake Union Herald 11-25-08 para. 02] p. 256, Para. 1, [1908MS].

" The Lord still moves upon the hearts of kings and rulers in behalf of His people. Those who are laboring for Him are to avail themselves of the help that He prompts men to give for the advancement of His cause. The agents through whom these gifts come, may open ways by which the light of truth shall be given to many benighted lands. These men may have no sympathy with God's work, no faith in Christ, no acquaintance with His word; but their gifts are not on this account to be refused. [Lake Union Herald 11-25-08 para. 03] p. 256, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"The Lord has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers as well as believers; all may return to Him His own, for the doing of the work that must be done for a fallen world. As long as we are in this world, as long as the Spirit of God strives with the children of men, so long are we to receive favors as well as to impart them. We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the

Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to give in behalf of His cause. [Lake Union Herald 11-25-08 para. 04] p. 256, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"The Lord's work might receive far greater favors than it is now receiving if we would approach men in wisdom, acquainting them with the work, and giving them an opportunity of doing that which it is our privilege to induce them to do for its advancement. If we, as God's servants, would take a wise and prudent course, His good hand would prosper us in our efforts. [Lake Union Herald 11-25-08 para. 05] p. 256, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Some may question the propriety of receiving gifts from unbelievers. Let such ask themselves: 'Who is the real owner of our world? To whom belong its houses and lands, and its treasures of gold and silver?' God has an abundance in our world, and He has placed His goods in the hands of all, both the obedient and the disobedient. He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work; and He will do this as soon as His people learn to approach these men wisely and to call their attention to that which it is their privilege to do. If the needs of the Lord's work were set forth in a proper light before those who have means and influence, these men might do much to advance the cause of present truth. God's people have lost many privileges of which they could have taken advantage, had they not chosen to stand independent of the world. [Lake Union Herald 11-25-08 para. 06] p. 256, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"In the providence of God, we are daily brought into connection with the unconverted. By His own right hand, God is preparing the way before us, in order that His work may progress rapidly. As co-laborers with Him, we have a sacred work to do. We are to have travail of soul for those who are in high places; we are to extend to them the gracious invitation to come to the marriage feast. [Lake Union Herald 11-25-08 para. 07] p. 257, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"Although now almost wholly in the possession of wicked men, all the world, with its riches and treasures, belongs to God. 'The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.' 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts.' 'Every beast of the forest is Mine, and all the birds of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are Mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee;

for the world is Mine, and the fulness thereof.' O that Christians might realize more and still more fully that it is their privilege and their duty, while cherishing right principles, to take advantage of every heaven-sent opportunity for advancing God's kingdom in this world!" Ellen G. White. [Lake Union Herald 11-25-08 para. 08] p. 257, Para. 2, [1908MS].

December 2, 1908 Extracts from Unpublished Testimonies.-- "Side by side, wearing the yoke of Christ, the laborers of God must do their appointed work. The question as to who is our neighbor is answered in the mission fields at home and abroad, that await our labor. These call for no Pharisaical principles, no narrow views. The worker is not to follow his own ideas and plans for work. The Lord's individuality is to be sunk in no living being. Christ's followers are to love God supremely, and their neighbor as themselves." [Lake Union Herald 12-02-08 para. 01] p. 257, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"The business connected with every branch of the work of God, requires men who are working in harmony with God; for power and success in the work can be obtained only through the co-operation of the human and the divine. Men who are not spiritually-minded, who are not consecrated to God, have no permission to perform, or authority to exercise, in regard to the willing and doing of their fellow-men. Without the best of evidence that one understands heavenly and eternal things, he should not be authorized to minister in matters connected with the work that concerns the salvation of souls for whom Christ has died." [Lake Union Herald 12-02-08 para. 02] p. 257, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"There are souls who are starving for sympathy, starving for the bread of life; but they have not confidence to make known their great need. Those who bear their responsibilities in connection with the work of God should understand that they are under the most solemn obligation to help those souls; and they would be prepared to help them if they, themselves, had retained the soft, subduing influence of the love of Christ. Do these poor souls, ready to die, look to them for help? No, they did this until they could have no hope of help from that quarter. They see not a hand outstretched to save." [Lake Union Herald 12-02-08 para. 03] p. 258, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"The Lord calls upon the churches who know the truth to be

converted, soul, body, and spirit, to be sanctified and dedicated to His service. They are not to stand, saying, "Who is my neighbor?" They are to bear in mind that their neighbor is the one who most needs their help and sympathy. Those who will stand where the Lord can work through them to communicate light to the world, will be chosen as vessels unto honor." [Lake Union Herald 12-02-08 para. 04] p. 258, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"The field of labor is vast; agencies of every kind will be set in action to oppose the works of God, and by indifference and unfaithfulness now, we shall range ourselves on the enemy's side. No wall of selfishness is to be erected to prescribe certain limits to any person's work in seeking to get light in any way before the people. One single act in this line is a link in a chain which will extend to others. Let there be no selfish practice in God's work. Let there be no narrow ideas; for they may shut out opportunities and privileges whereby souls may be reached. Limits may be prescribed which will dishonor God and encourage selfishness. And the spirit of selfishness is strange fire which should not be mingled with God's sacred sacrifice." [Lake Union Herald 12-02-08 para. 05] p. 258, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"God has sent His Son to communicate His own life to humanity. Christ declares, 'I live by the Father,' My life and His being one. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him. 'For as the Father hath life in Himself, so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself; and hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man.' The head of every man is Christ, as the head of Christ is God. 'And ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.'" Mrs. E. G. White. [Lake Union Herald 12-02-08 para. 06] p. 258, Para. 4, [1908MS].

December 9, 1908 Extract from an Unpublished Testimony Written March 13, 1897.--The word of God must be our authority in all things. The testimony of David in this respect was, "Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep Thy words. I entreated Thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to Thy word. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies. I made haste and delayed not to keep Thy commandments. The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten Thy law. At midnight I will arise to give thanks unto Thee

because of Thy righteous judgments." [Lake Union Herald 12-09-08 para. 01] p. 259, Para. 1, [1908MS].

How is the Lord the portion of His people? He can be such to them only when they choose Him above everything earthly and temporal. But there are very many who prefer every other portion rather than the heavenly treasure. This is not appreciated. They prize more highly the selfish pleasures that minister only to the gratification of self. They consider the possession of lands, of houses, and of money, the most desirable prize they can gain: for they know that when once these are in their hands, they will receive the esteem and favor of the world. The standard of the world estimates a man according to his money value. This certainly can raise him to position and honor as far as the world is concerned, but it can never give him true value of character. [Lake Union Herald 12-09-08 para. 02] p. 259, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Those who exercise true faith in Jesus Christ will be blessed with sharp discernment. Everything connected with truth and righteousness will be precious in His sight. The knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ whom He has sent, will lead man to place a high value on every faculty given him of God. He will have a keen sense of his obligation to keep these intrusted treasures in the most wholesome condition, that he may ever discern the value of God, and choose Him as his portion forever. [Lake Union Herald 12-09-08 para. 03] p. 259, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The privilege bestowed upon us in doing service for Christ is the highest exaltation that can be given to the human agent. And God desires that man shall choose Him as the portion of his soul. Without this decided acceptance of the heavenly gift, in preference to any other that the world can give, Christ's followers can never be one with Him, as He is one with the Father. [Lake Union Herald 12-09-08 para. 04] p. 259, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Consider the wondrous power of our God, and then call to mind His love for fallen man. He "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." How can man, for whom God has done so much, for whom Christ has given His life, continue in his perversity? Can we wonder that at the close of the thousand years, all who have refused to accept Him shall be destroyed with fire from

heaven outside the city of God? God declares that this shall be so. He says, "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. . . . And I will punish the world for their evil; and the wicked for their iniquity, and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and I will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible." [Lake Union Herald 12-09-08 para. 05] p. 260, Para. 1, [1908MS].

I love Jesus. I tremble at the word of God. I am seeking to hide myself in the cleft of the rock, that I may behold His holiness of character. God has a people, and I want to be among them. I want, too, that you shall be among them. And if you will, without any reservation, give up your way and will to God, you may. The Spirit calls to-day. There is hope still. [Lake Union Herald 12-09-08 para. 06] p. 260, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The church of God, enfeebled and defective though it is through yielding to temptation, is the only object upon earth on which He bestows His supreme regard. His interest, with all the interest of the heavenly host, is all with His people, who, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, are to shine as lights in the world. His Holy Spirit is giving rich and constant supplies of grace for every emergency. Not one needs to stumble, for Christ has said, "He that followeth Me, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." [Lake Union Herald 12-09-08 para. 08] p. 260, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Satan has a church upon the earth, which outnumbers the church of Christ. Christ calls it the "Synagogue of Satan," because its members are the children of sin and transgression. They have ceased to honor God; they have cast His divine law aside; they have confounded the distinction between good and evil. But the world's Redeemer will have a church in which these essential differences will be made apparent, where the character of God will be represented. In marked contrast to the character of Satan, the beauty of holiness will be exemplified, the loveliness of truth shine forth in life and practice. Its members will love, honor, and glorify God, whom the world has despised. These are the fruits by which they are known to the world; these will have the superscription of heaven, by which all men may know that they are Christ's disciples. Mrs. E. G. White. [To be continued.] [Lake Union Herald 12-09-08 para.

09] p. 260, Para. 4, [1908MS].

December 23, 1908 Extract from an Unpublished Testimony Written March 13, 1897. (Concluded)--Through Jesus Christ, God has made every provision that His people may connect with divine agencies, and that these agencies may cooperate with human instrumentalities. They may reveal to a world that is dead in trespasses and sins, the power and sufficiency of Christ. They will present before the world another world of higher, holier laws than worldly-wise men can invent or earth obey, a purer happiness and joy than earth can give to its votaries, coming through a service that is independent of all human inventions. [Lake Union Herald 12-23-08 para. 01] p. 261, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Christ's church on earth is to resemble heaven, a temple built after the pattern of things shown in the holy mount. Man must give up his ideas, his plans, and devices, and let God work out His original intentions. The great Designer must not be impeded in His work by human wisdom. His work and purpose have not been understood. Through the miscalculations of man, the church to-day is so misshapen that it can not be accepted by the great Builder. Human counsel has been so abundant, that individual experience is rare. Men are placed where God should be. God's plans are turned aside, and men's measures brought in to fashion and mould. But the great and perfect Designer pronounces the work imperfect. The temple that He is building after the pattern of things in the heavens must have the exact proportions assigned it by the Architect, whose pattern is without a flaw. He has brought the golden measuring rod from heaven, and every worker is employed only as he works under His superintendence, and according to His plans. [Lake Union Herald 12-23-08 para. 02] p. 261, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There must be no human calculations. God will have as workers, only those who will be laborers together with Him, who will yoke up with Christ, and learn of Him meekness and lowliness of heart. His directions are, " Make everything according to the pattern shown thee in the mount." Then a temple of heavenly design will be presented to the world, where the divine presence is manifested, and to which is affixed God's seal. [Lake Union Herald 12-23-08 para. 03] p. 261, Para. 3, [1908MS].

What has Jesus, the precious Saviour of the world done,

that human, finite beings should put Him to open shame, and thus crucify Him afresh? Satan has remarkable power over all who open their hearts to temptation. But the mind, the character, the reason, belong to God. Christ is saying, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you." But you are saying, "I will not do as Christ has said. I will seek my own interest first; I want none of God's ways." [Lake Union Herald 12-23-08 para. 04] p. 261, Para. 4, [1908MS].

While you thus co-operate with Satan, he walks by your side. He says, "Whatever may be true in regard to life eternal, in order to make a success of business, you must serve me. I hold your welfare in my hands. Riches, pleasure, honor, and happiness I can give you. If you will hearken only to my counsel, you will succeed. You can not be successful if you allow yourself to be carried away with any whimsical notions. I will prepare the way before you." These are Satan's temptations. But will any turn away for this from God and heaven, thrusting eternity out of your reckoning, working like a slave in the service of Satan? Will it pay to do this? [Lake Union Herald 12-23-08 para. 05] p. 262, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Like Christ, every man has had offered to him the kingdoms of this world if he will acknowledge the supremacy of Satan. And how many are doing this before the universe of heavenly intelligences, before God their Creator, and Jesus Christ their Redeemer? But suppose all of Satan's alluring temptations were just as he presents them, will you, even if you knew that by assenting to them you would gain the whole world, be so infatuated, so bewitched as to sacrifice your hope of heaven, your spiritual and immortal interests for mere worldly advantages? [Lake Union Herald 12-23-08 para. 06] p. 262, Para. 2, [1908MS].

You have another life than that which you live in this world. You are to consider this, and live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Happiness and success are the prospects presented before you if you will work in Christ's lines. But how many are saying, "I will not accept the conditions. I will have my own way and will in the matter." I warn you that if you keep on in this course, you will have all your own way with all it implies. This is nothing less than the loss of your soul. But for all who, for their Saviour's sake, will make any and every sacrifice, even to want, and hunger, and death, there

awaits the crown of eternal life that Paul was seeking for, and an eternal weight of glory. [Lake Union Herald 12-23-08 para. 07] p. 262, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Then no longer neglect this great salvation, as many of us are most assuredly doing. Your salvation has been purchased by the Lord Jesus, in giving His life for you. It will be found that there are some things worse than temporal death. It is better for a soul to die, than to sin; better to be in poverty and suffer hunger than to do a dishonest action. Should your success be purchased at so fearful a price as surrender to the control of Satan, you will find perplexities and embarrassments you never dreamed of. His presentations of worldly attractions are as a deceitful mirage, terrible as his own character, fearful as hell. Mrs. E. G. White. [Lake Union Herald 12-23-08 para. 08] p. 262, Para. 4, [1908MS].

December 30, 1908 Work for Every Member of the Family.-- Our households must be set in order, and earnest efforts must be made to interest every member of the family in missionary enterprises. We must seek to engage the sympathies of our children in earnest work for the unsaved, that they may do their best at all times, and in all places, to represent Christ. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 01] p. 263, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Satan and his angels are wide awake, and intensely active, working with energy and perseverance through human instrumentalities, to bring about his purpose of obliterating from the mind of man the knowledge of God. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 02] p. 263, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The reason why the churches sit in darkness and have no light, is that they have given no light; they have not been as a city set on a hill, that it cannot be hid. O that all would cultivate a love for souls, and deny inclination. Then the life of Christ would burn in the heart, and souls for whom he died, would rejoice in the revealed mercy of God. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 03] p. 263, Para. 3, [1908MS].

There can be no such thing as a slothful Christian. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 04] p. 263, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Parents should work to this end, that they and their

children might become missionaries. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 05] p. 263, Para. 5, [1908MS].

This means that you should be vigilant, diligent in searching the Scriptures, pouring out your soul before God in your closet, that you may not fail or be discouraged. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 06] p. 263, Para. 6, [1908MS].

We need missionary ministers. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 07] p. 263, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Spiritual indolence is sin. The secret of our success in the work of God, will be found in the harmonious working of the people. There must be concentrated action. Every member of Christ must act his part in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him. We must press together against obstructions and difficulties, shoulder to shoulder, and heart to heart. Christ drew the hearts of His hearers to Him by the manifestation of His love, and then little by little, as they were able to bear it, He unfolded to them the great truths of God. We must learn also to adapt our labors to different people--to meet them where they are. While the claims of the law of God are to be presented to the world, we should never forget that love, the love of Christ, is the only power that can soften the heart and lead to obedience. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 08] p. 263, Para. 8, [1908MS].

You cannot tell how few may be the days of your probation. The Lord may say very soon "Cut down the tree; for it is not profitable that it should stand in the garden of the Lord." [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 09] p. 264, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We need to branch out more in our methods of labor; not a hand should be bound; not a soul discouraged; not a voice should be hushed; let every individual labour privately or publicly to help forward this grand work. Place the burdens upon men and women of the church that they may grow by reason of exercise, and thus become efficient agencies in the hand of the Lord for the enlightenment of those who sit in darkness. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 10] p. 264, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There has been so much preaching to our churches that they have almost ceased to appreciate the gospel ministry. The

time has come when this order of things should be changed. Let the minister call out the individual church-members to help him by house-to-house work, to carry the truth into regions beyond. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 11] p. 264, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Let every church awake out of sleep; let the members unite themselves together in the love of Jesus, and in sympathy for perishing souls, all go forth to their neighbors, pointing them to the way of salvation. Our Leader has all power in heaven and in earth. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 12] p. 264, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Let men tremble with the sense of the responsibility of knowing the truth. The ends of the world are come. Proper consideration of these things will lead all to make an entire consecration of all that they have and are, to their God. There should be no boasting; no seeking for the highest places; but all should be ambitious to use their vitality with an eye single to the glory of God--the sacred work in which it is our exalted privilege to engage. Mrs. E. G. White. [Lake Union Herald 12-30-08 para. 13] p. 264, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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July 31, 1908 Home Schools.--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 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 the one that 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. [The Educational Messenger 07-31-08 para. 01] p. 264, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 the 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. [The Educational Messenger 07-31-08 para. 02] p. 265, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 07-31-08 para. 03] p. 265, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 elder 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 profit. [The Educational Messenger 07-31-08 para. 04] p. 265, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 07-31-08 para. 05] p. 265, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Parents are to teach their children pleasantly, without scolding, or fault finding, 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. [The Educational Messenger 07-31-08 para. 06] p. 265, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 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. [The Educational Messenger 07-31-08 para. 07] p. 265, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. 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 thus 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. [The Educational Messenger 07-31-08 para. 08] p. 266, Para. 1, [1908MS].

September 4, 1908 Words of Exhortation and Warning.--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:-- [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 01] p. 266, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 the 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 02] p. 266, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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." [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 03] p. 266, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 04] p. 266, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 05] p. 266, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 06] p. 267, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 servant 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." [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 07] p. 267, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 that are written therein; for the time is at hand." With such testimony as this, and seeing as we do the fulfillment of this prophecy, we are without excuse if we remain in ignorance of those things which must "shortly come to pass." [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 08] p. 267, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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." There are many among us who are deficient in spirituality, and who, unless they are converted, will certainly be lost. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 09] p. 267, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 10] p. 267, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 11] p. 267, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 appreciated 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 them 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 book have expressed unfavorable opinions regarding it. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 12] p. 267, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 13] p. 268, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 our 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 14] p. 268, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Those who engage in this line of 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 15] p. 268, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 practise the strictest economy. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 16] p. 268, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Lord has instituted a plan whereby many of the students in our schools can learn practical lessons needful for success in after life. 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 in the regions beyond. During their school life, as they handle these books, many will learn how to approach people courteously, and how to exercise tact in conversing with them on different points of 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 17] p. 268, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 practise 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 18] p. 268, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 for service in the Lord's vineyard. (*To be Concluded.*) [The Educational Messenger 09-04-08 para. 19] p. 269, Para. 1, [1908MS].

September 11, 1908 Words of Exhortation and Warning. Concluded)--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 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 01] p. 269, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. There 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 arch deceiver, and imperilling 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 02] p. 269, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 the victory over every one 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 03] p. 269, Para. 4, [1908MS].

There are those among us who claim to believe the truth, yet who refuse to be sanctified through the truth. When reproved 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 04] p. 269, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 05] p. 270, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 06] p. 270, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It is fully time that every responsible worker should take his stand firmly on the Word of God. This Word is to be our defence 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? [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 07] p. 270, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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." [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 08] p.

270, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 09] p. 270, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"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. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 10] p. 270, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"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. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 11] p. 270, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, 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 vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so-called; which some professing have erred from the faith." [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 12] p. 271, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"If ye then be risen with Christ," the apostle exhorts, "seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life

is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 13] p. 271, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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 the 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 14] p. 271, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 15] p. 271, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 16] p. 271, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Ellen G. White. [The Educational Messenger 09-11-08 para. 17] p. 271, Para. 6, [1908MS].

September 25, 1908 A Broader View.--In carrying forward the Lord's work at home and abroad, those in positions of trust and 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-25-08 para. 01] p. 271, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-25-08 para. 02] p. 272, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 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 the 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. [The Educational Messenger 09-25-08 para. 03] p. 272, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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! [The Educational Messenger 09-25-08 para. 04] p. 272, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 09-25-08 para. 05] p. 272, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 09-25-08 para. 06] p. 272, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 09-25-08 para. 07] p. 272, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. Sanitarium, California, April 17, 1908. Ellen G. White. [The Educational Messenger 09-25-08 para. 08] p. 273, Para. 1, [1908MS].

October 2, 1908 Sanctified Teachers.--Teachers should not be employed to train the youth who will not maintain the simplicity of Christ's methods. His teachings contained the very essence of sanctified simplicity. [The Educational Messenger 10-02-08 para. 01] p. 273, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 to 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. [The Educational Messenger 10-02-08 para. 02] p. 273, Para. 3, [1908MS].

There have been teachers in our schools who could pass well in a worldly institution of learning, but 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 these 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 for entrance into the holy city of God. It is our privilege to make continual advancement to a higher grade of Christian living. [The Educational Messenger 10-02-08 para. 03] p. 273, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 practise 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 and more fully sanctified through the truth. The influence of a consecrated medical missionary teacher in our schools is invaluable. [The Educational Messenger 10-02-08 para. 04] p. 273, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [The Educational Messenger 10-02-08 para. 05] p. 273, Para. 6, [1908MS].

When the people of God experience the new birth, their honesty, their uprightness, their fidelity, their steadfast principles, will unfailingly 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. [The Educational Messenger 10-02-08 para. 06] p. 274, Para. 1, [1908MS].

MONTHLY MISSIONARY READING

May 9, 1908 An Appeal for Missions.--I appeal to our brethren everywhere to awake, to consecrate themselves to God, and to seek wisdom from him. I appeal to the officers of our conferences to make earnest efforts in our churches to arouse them to give of their means for sustaining foreign missions. The Foreign Mission Board needs to carry a continual responsibility in this line. Unless your hearts are touched as you see the situation in foreign fields, the last message of mercy to be given to the world will be restricted, and the work which God would have done will be left undone. [Monthly Missionary Reading 05-09-08 para. 01]

p. 274, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The last days of probation are passing into eternity. The great day of the Lord is soon to open upon us. We should now use every ability we possess to arouse our people. [Monthly Missionary Reading 05-09-08 para. 02] p. 274, Para. 3, [1908MS].

God calls for men to give the message of warning to the world that is asleep, dead in trespasses and sins. He calls for free-will offerings from those whose hearts are in the work, who have a burden for souls, that they shall not perish, but have everlasting life. Satan is playing the game of life for the souls of men. He is seeking to secure means, that he may bind it up, so that it shall not be used to advance the missionary enterprises. Shall we be ignorant of his devices? Shall we allow him to stupefy our senses, so that we shall not discern the needs of this time? [Monthly Missionary Reading 05-09-08 para. 03] p. 274, Para. 4, [1908MS].

It is time for us to give heed to the teaching of the word of God. All his injunctions are given to do us good, to convert the soul from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. Every one who is converted to the truth should be instructed in regard to the Lord's requirements for tithes and offerings. As churches are raised up, this work must be taken hold of decidedly. All that men enjoy they receive from the Lord's great firm, and he is pleased to have his heritage enjoy his goods: but with all who stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel he has made a special contract that they show their dependence upon God and their accountability to him by returning to the treasury a certain portion of his own. This is to be invested in supporting the missionary work which must be done to fulfill the commission given by the Son of God just before he left his disciples: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, 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." [Monthly Missionary Reading 05-09-08 para. 04] p. 274, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Those who are truly converted are called to do a work

which requires money and consecration. The obligation which binds us to place our names on the church roll holds us responsible to work to the utmost of our ability for God. He calls for undivided service, for the entire devotion of heart, soul, mind, and strength. Christ has brought us into church captivity, that he may engage and engross all our capabilities in devoted service for the salvation of others. Anything short of this is opposition to the work. There are only two places in the universe where we can deposit our treasures--in God's storehouse or in Satan's; and all that is not devoted to God's service is counted on Satan's side, and goes to strengthen his cause. [Monthly Missionary Reading 05-09-08 para. 05] p. 275, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The heart of God is moved. Souls are very precious in his sight. It was for this world that Christ wept in agony: for this world he was crucified. God gave his only begotten Son to save sinners, and he desires us to love others as he has loved us. He desires to see those who have had great light, flashing that light upon the pathway of their fellow-men. [Monthly Missionary Reading 05-09-08 para. 06] p. 275, Para. 2, [1908MS].

One soul is of more value to heaven than a world of property, houses, lands, money. If the sacrifice were essential for the salvation of one soul, it would be the duty of the inhabitants of the earth to sell their possessions in order to secure that soul for eternity. For the conversion of one soul we should tax our resources to the utmost. One soul won to Christ will flash heaven's light all around him, penetrating the moral darkness, and saving other souls. Thus two, five, ten talents will accumulate and double. This is not exaggeration. If Christ left the ninety and nine, that he might seek and save the one lost sheep, shall we be justified in doing less? [Monthly Missionary Reading 05-09-08 para. 07] p. 275, Para. 3, [1908MS].

If there was ever a time when sacrifices should be made, it is now. Those who have means should understand that now is the time to use it for God. Let not means be absorbed in multiplying facilities where the work has already been established. Do not add building to building where many interests are now centered. Use the means to establish centers in new fields. Think of our missions in foreign countries! Some of them are struggling to gain even a

foothold; they are destitute of even the most meager facilities. Instead of adding to facilities already abundant, build up the work in these destitute fields. Again and again the Lord has spoken regarding this. His blessing cannot attend his people in disregarding his instruction. [Monthly Missionary Reading 05-09-08 para. 08] p. 275, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God calls upon his people to awake to their responsibilities. A flood of light is shining from the word of God, and there must be an awakening to neglected obligations. When these are met, by giving back to God his own in tithes and offerings, the way will be opened for the world to hear the message the Lord designs it shall hear. If God's people had the love of Christ in their heart, if every church member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice, if all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home and foreign missions; our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we should be invited to enter. Had the purpose of God been carried out by his people in giving the message of mercy to the world, *Christ would have come to the earth, and the saints would ere this have received their welcome into the city of God.* Mrs. E. G. White. [Monthly Missionary Reading 05-09-08 para. 09] p. 276, Para. 1, [1908MS].

November 14, 1908 Work for Every Member of the Family.-- Our households must be set in order, and earnest efforts must be made to interest every member of the family in missionary enterprises. We must seek to engage the sympathies of our children in earnest work for the unsaved, that they may do their best at all times, and in all places, to represent Christ. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 01] p. 276, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Satan and his angels are wide awake, and intensely active, working with energy and perseverance through human instrumentalities, to bring about his purpose of obliterating from the mind of man, the knowledge of God. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 02] p. 276, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The reason why the churches sit in darkness and have no light, is that they have not given light; they have not been as a city set upon a hill, that it cannot be hid. O that all would cultivate a love for souls, and deny

inclination. Then the life of Christ would burn in the heart, and souls for whom He died, would rejoice in the revealed mercy of God. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 03] p. 276, Para. 4, [1908MS].

There can be no such thing as a slothful Christian. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 04] p. 276, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Parents should work to this end, that they and their children might become missionaries for God. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 05] p. 276, Para. 6, [1908MS].

This means that you should be vigilant, diligent in searching the Scriptures, pouring out your soul before God in your closet, that you may not fail or be discouraged. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 06] p. 276, Para. 7, [1908MS].

We need missionary ministers. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 07] p. 277, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Spiritual indolence is sin. The secret of our success in the work of God, will be found in the harmonious working of our people. There must be concentrated action. Every member of Christ must act his part in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him. We must press together against obstructions and difficulties, shoulder to shoulder, and heart to heart. Christ drew the hearts of His hearers to Him by the manifestation of His love, and then little by little, as they were able to bear it, He unfolded to them the great truths of God. We must also learn to adapt our labors to different people--to meet them where they are. While the claims of the law of God are to be presented to the world, we should never forget that love, the love of Christ, is the only power that can soften the heart and lead to obedience. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 08] p. 277, Para. 2, [1908MS].

You cannot tell how few may be the days of your probation. The Lord may say very soon "Cut down the tree; for it is not profitable that it should stand in the garden of the Lord." [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 09] p. 277, Para. 3, [1908MS].

We need to branch out more in our methods of labor; not a

hand should be bound; not a soul discouraged; not a voice should be hushed; let every individual labour privately or publicly to help forward this grand work. Place the burdens upon men and women of the church that they may grow by reason of exercise and thus become efficient agencies in the hand of the Lord for the enlightenment of those who sit in darkness. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 10] p. 277, Para. 4, [1908MS].

There has been so much preaching to our churches that they have almost ceased to appreciate the gospel ministry. The time has come when this order of things should be changed. Let the minister call out the individual church-members to help him by house-to-house work, to carry the truth into regions beyond. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 11] p. 277, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Let every church awake out of sleep; let the members unite themselves together in the love of Jesus, and in sympathy for perishing souls, all go forth to their neighbors, pointing them to the way of salvation. Our Leader has all power in heaven and in earth. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 12] p. 277, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Let men tremble with the sense of the responsibility of knowing the truth. The ends of the world are come. Proper consideration of these things will lead all to make an entire consecration of all that they have and are, to their God. There should be no boasting; no seeking for the highest places; but all should be ambitious to use their vitality with an eye single to the glory of God--the sacred work in which it is our exalted privilege to engage. Mrs. E. G. White. [Monthly Missionary Reading 11-14-08 para. 13] p. 277, Para. 7, [1908MS].

NORTH PACIFIC UNION GLEANER

January 29, 1908 Instruction to Ministers.--Ministers are in danger of becoming lax in regard to the responsibilities that rest upon them. They need to bear in mind that it takes more than powers of oratory to make a minister an ambassador for Christ. The church and the world look to the pastor for an example in self-denial and cross-bearing and devotion to God. Indolence, fitfulness, irresolution, disqualify him for the position of a minister of God. [North Pacific Union Gleaner 01-29-08 para. 01] p. 278, Para. 1, [1908MS].

A man may be harsh and coarse in nature, and lacking in discernment; but by constant connection with Christ he may be assimilated to the divine nature, and come to reflect the likeness of Christ. Contact with truth will elevate and ennoble him. That which is rough and coarse in his nature, that which savors of pride of opinion and self-esteem, will be driven from the heart, and the gentleness and meekness of Christ will take their place. The man who is walking in the footsteps of Christ, looking to him as the Author and Finisher of his faith, will see the amazing contrast between his own weak character and the perfect pattern set in the life of the Saviour, and he will not, he can not, become exalted. In humility of heart he will cry, "Lord, who is sufficient for these things?" [North Pacific Union Gleaner 01-29-08 para. 02] p. 278, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The work of the minister of the gospel is not merely to preach. Christ is his example, and Christ gave himself. The expression of infinite love that God gave to the world in the gift of his Son marked the limit of his power to give. He could bestow no more. "If any man serve me," Christ said, "let him follow me." By studying the life of Christ, let the worker learn how he lived and worked, and strive each day to live his life. [North Pacific Union Gleaner 01-29-08 para. 03] p. 278, Para. 3, [1908MS].

There has been a decided failure among church members to be Christ-like in dealing with the erring. They have not sought to restore according to the directions given in the Word. The wrong-doer has not been considered from the standpoint of the value of the soul. There are youth in our midst who need to be looked after with tender pity; but instead of acting the part of the loving shepherd, many have acted the part of judges. They have condemned, instead of seeking after them with tender compassion. The minister needs much of the grace of Christ in his labors for this class. [North Pacific Union Gleaner 01-29-08 para. 04] p. 278, Para. 4, [1908MS].

My brethren, pray for the young, and converse with them. Present before them their baptismal vows. Teach them what it means to take this step, and kindly and affectionately show them their responsibility. "Ye are buried with him by baptism," the apostle declares, "wherein ye also are risen with him, through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." "If ye then be risen with

Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, and not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." [North Pacific Union Gleaner 01-29-08 para. 05] p. 278, Para. 5, [1908MS].

When you find the church members arrayed one against another, call a halt, and come to an understanding. There is one sure way of remedying this evil. Follow the Bible rule in dealing with the difficulty. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." A deep interest and love for souls will give tact in laboring for the erring. The tenderness and love of Christ manifested in your efforts for such souls will accomplish more than any other power. [North Pacific Union Gleaner 01-29-08 para. 06] p. 278, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The first work of every minister should be to conform his own life to the teachings of truth; for God can not give souls into the care of one who has not himself learned to humble the heart before him. O that the Holy Spirit would work mightily on the hearts of our ministers and teachers, making them willing to be taught God's way. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," the apostle says, "for it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Are we willing to enter into the work of self-examination that this command involves? Are we willing to put away the evil from our own lives, and live with an eye single to the glory of God? [North Pacific Union Gleaner 01-29-08 para. 07] p. 279, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The experience of Paul should be the experience of every true servant of God in these last days. He said, "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus our Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in your 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." [North Pacific Union Gleaner 01-29-08 para. 08] p. 279, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"As ye have therefore received the Lord, so walk ye in

him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him." Mrs. E. G. White. [North Pacific Union Gleaner 01-29-08 para. 09] p. 279, Para. 3, [1908MS].

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

February 20, 1908 Watchman, What of the Night?--Are the watchmen giving the trumpet a certain sound? Are the shepherds caring for the flock as those who must give an account? Are the ministers of God watching for souls, recognizing in them the purchase of the blood of Christ? [Pacific Union Recorder 02-20-08 para. 01] p. 279, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Too often in the past our people have had much sermonizing and little prayerful instruction on how to labor for others. The different lines of labor in which believers can engage have not been laid before them in such a way that they have been led to understand their duty, and constrained to take up their work. Had the work that has been done in our churches been established, companies of self-denying workers would have been raised up in every place where churches have been established, to work for unbelievers. [Pacific Union Recorder 02-20-08 para. 02] p. 279, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Church-members need to be taught that the measure of their success in ministering to souls will be the measure of their self-denial and their faithfulness in following Christ's example. Those who, while claiming to be Christians, think they have no church responsibility but to sit and listen to the preacher, fail of realizing the privileges of the children of God. What can be said to the idlers that will lead them to understand, and arouse them from their do-nothing position? O, that Zion would arouse and put on her beautiful garments. Brethren and sisters, as members of the church, let us act our part faithfully. Let us not allow the light which is in us to go out because we refuse to give that light to others. [Pacific Union Recorder 02-20-08 para. 03] p. 279, Para. 6, [1908MS].

God has given to every man his work; not one is excused from service. All should seek for an education that will enable them to give the truth of the gospel to their fellow men. Every agency in the church should become a channel of light to the world. There are many who will receive the evidences given, and will accept the truth. The youth are to take hold of this work of soul-saving. All our talents are to be used to the glory of God. I saw One standing with outstretched arms, saying in a clear, ringing voice, "Come into line, come into line." [Pacific Union Recorder 02-20-08 para. 04] p. 280, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Ministers, do not think that you have met all your responsibilities when you have delivered a long sermon in the church. It is your duty to train young men and women to do work for the Master. The Lord calls you to put forth all your ingenuity, that every church-member may become a working member. Even the children should be encouraged to work. The children, the youth, and those of middle age should be taught to labor in missionary lines. Then call upon them in the missionary meeting to report what they have done and to tell of their success. The missionary meeting should be full of interest and life. "Ye are the light of the world," said Christ, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [Pacific Union Recorder 02-20-08 para. 05] p. 280, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Those who heed the light God has given, line upon line, and precept upon precept, will be endowed with the Spirit of God for their labors. Heavenly influences will go with them to help them meet the emergencies that will arise in their work. If church-members will work, and watch, and pray, they will have light to comprehend and appreciate the work to be done for this time. [Pacific Union Recorder 02-20-08 para. 06] p. 280, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Will the ministers and the presidents of our conferences allow church-members to continue in their inefficient condition? Those who stand as overseers of the church of God need to arouse to their duty, and set souls to work. There is an abundance of work to be done, and the end is near. God calls upon the ministers to educate the people in various lines of labor, and set in order the things that remain. Ye are laborers together with God. My ministering brethren, angels of God will be with you as you thus become mediums of strength and blessing to uphold and encourage

the church of God. [Pacific Union Recorder 02-20-08 para. 07] p. 280, Para. 4, [1908MS].

We are certainly living in the closing days of this earth's history. We need to devote much time to our spiritual interests, if we would experience the spiritual growth that is essential in this age. We are to make decided reforms. The Voice said: The watchmen need to awake, and give the trumpet a certain sound. The morning cometh; and also the night. Wake up, My watchmen. Voices that should now be heard presenting the truth are silent. Souls are perishing in their sins, and ministers and physicians and teachers are asleep. Wake up the watchmen! Mrs. E. G. White. [Pacific Union Recorder 02-20-08 para. 08] p. 280, Para. 5, [1908MS].

February 27, 1908 The Temperance Work.--"We need to have the temperance question revived among our own people. It would be a good thing if at our camp-meetings we would invite the members of the W. C. T. U. to take part in our exercises. This will help them to become acquainted with the reasons of our faith, and will open the way for us to unite with them in temperance work. [Pacific Union Recorder 02-27-08 para. 01] p. 280, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"I have had some opportunity to see the great advantage to be gained by connecting with the W. C. T. U. workers, and I have been much surprised as I have seen the indifference of many of our leaders to this organization. I call on my brethren to awake. We can not do a better work than to unite, so far as we can do so without compromise, with W. C. T. U. workers. [Pacific Union Recorder 02-27-08 para. 02] p. 281, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"By holding ourselves aloof from the workers in the W. C. T. U., our people have lost much; and the members of the W. C. T. U. also have been on losing ground. . . . In some matters they are far in advance of our leaders on the important question of temperance."-- Mrs. E. G. White, in *Unpublished Testimony, dated Sept. 2, 1907.* [Pacific Union Recorder 02-27-08 para. 03] p. 281, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"Let us strive to reach their hearts--not through the learned arguments of ministers, but through the wise efforts of women of influence and tact who can devote time and thought to this line of work."-- Mrs. E. G. White, in *Special Testimony, dated April 18, 1900.* [Pacific Union

Recorder 02-27-08 para. 04] p. 281, Para. 3, [1908MS].

July 2, 1908 Morning Reflections.--The question is asked, "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith in the earth?" 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? [Pacific Union Recorder 07-02-08 para. 01] p. 281, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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." These are precious words of encouragement and hope. [Pacific Union Recorder 07-02-08 para. 02] p. 281, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Pacific Union Recorder 07-02-08 para. 03] p. 281, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. It 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 it will make the believer instrumental in leading other souls to accept Christ by faith. [Pacific Union Recorder 07-02-08 para. 04] p. 281, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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 can not be hid. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." If the believer fails of drawing light from the Sun of righteousness, he can not reflect light. [Pacific Union Recorder 07-02-08 para. 05] p. 281, Para. 8, [1908MS].

"He that is not with Me," Christ said. "is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." 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 can not 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 truth, angels are disappointed, and Christ is dishonored. Those who are true to their baptismal pledge can not 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. [Pacific Union Recorder 07-02-08 para. 06] p. 282, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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, unfailingly testify that he is a laborer together with God. [Pacific Union Recorder 07-02-08 para. 07] p. 282, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. Ellen G. White. [Pacific Union Recorder 07-02-08 para. 08] p. 282, Para. 3, [1908MS].

December 31, 1908 A Warning.--Sanitarium, Cal., Dec. 11, 1908. To Our Brethren in California: Last night instruction was given me for our people. I seemed to be in a meeting where representations were being made of the strange work of Brother Mackin and wife. I was instructed that it was a work similar to that which was carried on in -----, 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. [Pacific Union Recorder 12-31-08 para. 01] p. 282, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Pacific Union Recorder 12-31-08 para. 02] p. 282, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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." The words of inspiration carefully studied and prayerfully obeyed, will thoroughly furnish unto all good works. [Pacific Union Recorder 12-31-08 para. 03] p. 282, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 another spirit. [Pacific Union Recorder 12-31-08 para. 04] p. 283, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Pacific Union Recorder 12-31-08 para. 05] p. 283, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Great light has been given to the people of God. Let our people awake, and go forward to perfection. You will be exposed to 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. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Pacific Union Recorder 12-31-08 para. 06] p. 283, Para. 3, [1908MS].

REPORT OF PROGRESS

September 15, 1908 To the President of the Florida Conference.--Dear Brother: I have just read your article in the *Review*, and also your letter of June 18 to my son, regarding a place which you have found near Orlando where there is land and building that seems to be suitable for a sanitarium. I have no hesitancy in saying that I believe the time has come for Florida to have a sanitarium, so that the light which our sanitariums are established to reflect, may shine forth to the people of Florida, and to the many health-seekers who come from the Northern States. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 01] p. 283, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 02] p. 283, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 harvest-field. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 03] p. 284, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Not long ago I wrote a letter to our people in Indiana regarding their effort to establish a sanitarium in Lafayette. I will send a copy to you, because I desire our people in Florida to have the same encouragement and counsel. Mrs. E. G. White. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 04] p. 284, Para. 2, [1908MS].

September 15, 1908 Importance of the Sanitarium Work.--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 to establish a sanitarium in Lafayette. If the churches will unite heartily to carry to completion this good work that has been begun, very many will be benefited thereby. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 01] p. 284, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The blessing of the Word will come to God's 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 this subject. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 02] p. 284, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The message given to all our people regarding the "Extent of the Work," as published in Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, pp. 51-59, I here repeat to you. Also a few words from page 62:-- [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 03] p. 284, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"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. . . . [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 04] p. 284, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"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. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 05] p. 285, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 06] p. 285, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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-sacrifice than is at present manifest. The work for 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. . . . [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 07] p. 285, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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? [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 08] p. 285, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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.
[Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 09] p. 285, Para. 5,
[1908MS].

"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. . . .
[Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 10] p. 286, Para. 1,
[1908MS].

"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 women 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."
[Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 11] p. 286, Para. 2,
[1908MS].

"We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazarus-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 to-day is, 'Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.' [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 12] p. 286, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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, for they are reformers."
[Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 13] p. 286, Para. 4,
[1908MS].

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. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 14] p. 286, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 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. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 15] p. 287, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The apostle Paul declares to us that we are not our own, that we are bought with a price. 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. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 16] p. 287, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The strength of the temptation to indulge perverted appetite can be measured only by the long-suffering 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. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 17] p. 287, Para. 3, [1908MS].

To teach us how to overcome the temptations 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 power 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. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 18] p. 287, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Study again and again the counsel given in Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, regarding "God's Design in Our Sanitariums." From pp. 224, 225, I copy the following:-- [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 19] p. 288, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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 regulation 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 in spiritual lines, that 'the fear of the Lord tendeth to life.' 'If thou wilt enter into life,' Christ says, 'keep the commandments.' 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.' [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 20] p. 288, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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, an 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." Mrs. E. G. White. [Report of Progress 09-15-08 para. 21] p. 288, Para. 3, [1908MS].

THE WATCHMAN

February 4, 1908 God's Test of Obedience.--God will test all, even as he tested Adam and Eve, to see whether they will be obedient. Our loyalty or disloyalty will decide our destiny. Since the fall of Adam, men in every age have excused themselves for sinning, charging God with their sin, saying that they could not keep his commandments. This is the insinuation Satan cast at God in heaven. But the plea, "I cannot keep the commandments," need never be presented to God; for before him stands the Saviour, the marks of the crucifixion upon his body, a living witness that the law can be kept. It is not that men cannot keep the law, but that they will not. [The Watchman 02-04-08 para. 01] p. 288, Para. 4, [1908MS].

To-day men dare to charge Christ with being a Sabbath-breaker. Those who make this charge, made by the scribes and Pharisees, place themselves on the side of the enemy of God, and directly contradict Christ's teaching. With sacrilegious words the Pharisees charged him with transgression, and if they could have fastened crime upon him, as they flattered themselves they could do, they would have been able to prove that he would have to be sentenced by the very law he had given. But they could not prove in a single instance that his works were not in perfect harmony with the law. [The Watchman 02-04-08 para. 02] p. 289, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In his human nature Christ rendered perfect obedience to the law of God, thus proving to all that this law can be kept. He endured the death penalty himself, not to abrogate the law, not to immortalize sin, but to take away sin. It is because he has borne the punishment that man can have a

second probation. He may, if he will, return to his loyalty. But if he refuses to obey the commands of God, if he rejects the warnings and messages God sends, choosing rather to echo the words of the deceiver, he is willingly ignorant, and the condemnation of God is upon him. He chooses disobedience because obedience means lifting the cross, and practicing self-denial. [The Watchman 02-04-08 para. 03] p. 289, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The natural mind leans toward pleasure and self-gratification. It is Satan's policy to manufacture an abundance of this. He seeks to fill the minds of men with a desire for worldly amusement, that they may have no time to ask themselves the question, How is it with my soul? The love of pleasure is infectious. Given up to this, the mind hurries from one point to another, ever seeking for some amusement. Obedience to the law of God counteracts this inclination, and builds barriers against ungodliness. Each person, as a rational human being, is under the most sacred obligation to obey the law. The Spirit has been provided to enable all to do this. Those who transgress the law by resting on the first day of the week instead of on the seventh, bear false witness to the world. God desires his people to uphold the dignity of his law by resting on the seventh day, his memorial of creation. [The Watchman 02-04-08 para. 04] p. 289, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The ability to enjoy the riches of glory will be developed in proportion to the desire we have for these riches. How shall an appreciation of God and heavenly things be developed unless it is in this life? If the claims and cares of the world are allowed to engross all our time and attention, our spiritual powers weaken and die for lack of exercise. In a mind wholly given up to earthly things, every inlet through which light from heaven may enter, is closed. God's transforming grace cannot be felt on mind or character. The talents which should be used in active piety are ignored and neglected. How, then, can a response be made when the invitation is heard, "Come; for all things are now ready?" How is it possible for a man to receive the commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant," when he has been disobedient, unthankful, unholy, when he has trained his mind to disregard God's plainest requirements, and he loves the things of earth more than the things of heaven? [The Watchman 02-04-08 para. 05] p. 289, Para. 4, [1908MS].

But by faith and prayer all may meet the requirements of the gospel. No man can be forced to transgress God's holy law. Temptation, however strong, is no excuse for sin; for divine grace is sufficient for us, and "the Lord's eyes are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 02-04-08 para. 06] p. 289, Para. 5, [1908MS].

February 11, 1908 The Teacher Sent from God.--God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:17. Looking upon men in their suffering and degradation, Christ perceived ground for hope where appeared only despair and ruin. Wherever there existed a sense of need, there he saw opportunity for uplifting. Souls tempted, defeated, feeling themselves lost, ready to perish, he met, not with denunciation, but with blessing. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 01] p. 290, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The beatitudes were his greeting to the whole human family. Looking upon the vast throng gathered to listen to the sermon on the mount, he seemed for the moment to have forgotten that he was not in heaven, and he used the familiar salutation of the world of light. From his lips flowed blessings as the gushing forth of a long-sealed fountain. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 02] p. 290, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Turning from the ambitious, self-satisfied favorites of this world, Christ declared that those were blessed who, however great their need, would receive his light and love. To the poor in spirit, the sorrowing, the persecuted, he stretched out his arms, saying, "Come unto me, . . . I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 03] p. 290, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In every human being he discerned infinite possibilities. He saw men as they might be, transfigured by his grace--in "the beauty of the Lord our God." Ps. 90:17. Looking upon them with hope, he inspired hope. Meeting them with confidence, he inspired trust. Revealing in himself man's true ideal, he awakened, for its attainment, both desire and faith. In his presence souls despised and fallen realized that they still were men, and they longed to prove themselves worthy of his regard. In many a heart that seemed dead to all things holy were awakened new impulses. To many a despairing one there opened the possibility of a

new life. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 04] p. 290, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ bound men to his heart by the ties of love and devotion; and by the same ties he bound them to their fellowmen. With him love was life, and life was service. "Freely ye have received," he said, "freely give." Matt. 10:8. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 05] p. 290, Para. 5, [1908MS].

It was not on the cross only that Christ sacrificed himself for humanity. As "he went about doing good" (Acts 10:38), every day's experience was an outpouring of his life. In one way only could such a life be sustained. Jesus lived in dependence upon God and communion with him. To the secret place of the Most High, under the shadow of the Almighty, men now and then repair; they abide for a season, and the result is manifest in noble deeds; then their faith fails, the communion is interrupted, and the life-work marred. But the life of Jesus was a life of constant trust, sustained by continual communion; and his service for heaven and earth was without failure or faltering. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 06] p. 290, Para. 6, [1908MS].

As a man he supplicated the throne of God, till his humanity was charged with a heavenly current that connected humanity with divinity. Receiving life from God, he imparted life to men. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 07] p. 290, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"Never man spake like this man." John 7:46. This would have been true of Christ had he taught only in the realm of the physical and the intellectual, or in matters of theory and speculation solely. He might have unlocked mysteries that have required centuries of toil and study to penetrate. He might have made suggestions in scientific lines that, till the close of time, would have afforded food for thought and stimulus for invention. But he did not do this. He said nothing to gratify curiosity or to stimulate selfish ambition. He did not deal in abstract theories, but in that which is essential to the development of character; that which will enlarge man's capacity for knowing God, and increase his power to do good. He spoke of those truths that relate to the conduct of life, and that unite man with eternity. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 08] p. 291, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Instead of directing the people to study men's theories about God, his word, or his works, he taught them to behold him, as manifested in his works, in his word, and by his providences. He brought their minds in contact with the mind of the Infinite. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 09] p. 291, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The people "were astonished at his teaching [John 7:46, R. V.]; for his word was with power." Luke 4:32. Never before spoke one who had such power to awaken thought, to kindle aspiration, to arouse every capability of body, mind, and soul. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 10] p. 291, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Christ's teaching, like his sympathies, embraced the world. Never can there be a circumstance of life, a crisis in human experience, which has not been anticipated in his teaching, and for which its principles have not a lesson. The Prince of teachers, his words will be found a guide to his co-workers till the end of time. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 11] p. 291, Para. 4, [1908MS].

To Christ the present and the future, the near and the far, were one. He had in view the needs of all mankind. Before his mind's eye was outspread every scene of human effort and achievement, of temptation and conflict, of perplexity and peril. All hearts, all homes, all pleasures and joys and aspirations, were known to him. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 12] p. 291, Para. 5, [1908MS].

He spoke not only for, but to, all mankind. To the little child, in the gladness of life's morning; to the eager, restless heart of youth; to men in the strength of their years, bearing the burden of responsibility and care; to the aged in their weakness and weariness,--to all his message was spoken,--to every child of humanity, in every land and in every age. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 13] p. 291, Para. 6, [1908MS].

In his teaching were embraced the things of time and the things of eternity--things seen, in their relation to things unseen, the passing incidents of common life and the solemn issues of the life to come. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 14] p. 291, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The things of this life he placed in their true relation, as subordinate to those of eternal interest, but he did not

ignore their importance. He taught that heaven and earth are linked together, and that a knowledge of divine truth prepares man better to perform the duties of daily life. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 15] p. 291, Para. 8, [1908MS].

Christ lived, not to gratify himself, but to do good, to save others from suffering, to help those who most needed help. The bitter cup was apportioned to us to drink. Our sins mingled it. But our dear Saviour took the cup from our lips and drank it himself, and in its stead he presents to us a cup of mercy, blessing, and salvation. What a sacrifice was this! what love, what wondrous and matchless love! [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 16] p. 292, Para. 1, [1908MS].

If Christ be in us the hope of glory, we shall walk even as he walked; we shall imitate his life of sacrifice to save others; we shall welcome a life of devotion, trial, and self-denial for his sake; so shall we share in his eternal joy and bliss. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 02-11-08 para. 17] p. 292, Para. 2, [1908MS].

March 10, 1908 "Come Out from Among Them".--Were it not for the communication between heaven and earth, there would be no light in the world. Like Sodom and Gomorrah, all men would perish beneath the just judgments of God. But the world is not left in darkness. Provision has been made whereby the communication between heaven and our souls may be free and open. It is our privilege to stand with the light of heaven upon us. The light of the glory of God, which shines in the face of Jesus Christ, may shine upon us. [The Watchman 03-10-08 para. 01] p. 292, Para. 3, [1908MS].

It was thus that Enoch walked with God. It was no easier for Enoch to live a righteous life than it is for us at the present time. The world in his time was no more favorable to growth in grace and holiness than it is now. It was by prayer and communion with God that Enoch was enabled to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. We are living in the perils of the last days, and we must receive our strength from the same source. We must walk with God. A separation from the world is required of us; for we cannot remain free from its pollution unless we follow the example of faithful Enoch. But how many are slaves to the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes,

and the pride of life. [The Watchman 03-10-08 para. 02] p. 292, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Those who profess the religion of Christ should understand the responsibility resting upon them. They should feel that this is an individual work. If each would realize this, and would act accordingly, the church would be as mighty as an army with banners. The heavenly Dove would hover over us, and the light of the glory of God would no more be shut away from us than it was from the devoted Enoch. [The Watchman 03-10-08 para. 03] p. 292, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The command is given, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." But it is not for us to say, I have nothing to do with my neighbor. He is buried in the world; I am not his keeper. For this very reason we should have something to say to him. The truth was not given us to be hidden under a bushel, or enjoyed by ourselves alone. Let your light shine before men, is the command. Will we let it shine? [The Watchman 03-10-08 para. 04] p. 292, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The love revealed in Christ's life of self-denial and self-sacrifice is to be seen in the life of his followers. We are called "so to walk, even as he walked." The cause of our weakness is our refusal to obey this command. On every side opportunities are given us to work for our fellow men, in supplying not only their temporal wants, but also their spiritual necessities. It is our duty to lead souls to "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." It is important that we fill aright our position in the world, in society, and in the church; but in order to do this, we must have a firm hold upon righteousness. Our faith must reach within the veil, whither our Forerunner has for us entered. If we would take hold of the eternal promises of God, we must have a faith that will not be denied, a steadfast, immovable faith that will take hold of the unseen. [The Watchman 03-10-08 para. 05] p. 292, Para. 7, [1908MS].

It may be understood that as a church we believe that the seventh day is the Sabbath, and that Christ will soon return; but what good will this do our neighbors unless we carry our belief into our daily life? Our profession may be as high as heaven; but this will not save us or benefit our fellowmen, unless we are Christlike, unless we imitate the great Example. A pure example will do more to enlighten the

world than all the high profession the church can make. In this way our light will shine, and others, seeing our good works, will glorify our Father who is in heaven. [The Watchman 03-10-08 para. 06] p. 293, Para. 1, [1908MS].

God calls us to labor in his vineyard. And the work is retarded or urged forward according to the unfaithfulness or fidelity of human agencies. Often it is hindered by the failure of the human to co-operate with the divine. Men may pray, "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;" but if they fail of acting out this prayer in their lives, their petitions will be fruitless. But if we will walk humbly with God, if we will work in the spirit of Christ, none of us will carry heavy burdens. We shall lay them upon the great Burden-bearer. Then we may expect triumphs in the presence of the Lord, in the communion of his love. [The Watchman 03-10-08 para. 07] p. 293, Para. 2, [1908MS].

All heaven is interested in our salvation. The angels of God, thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand, are commissioned to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. They guard us against evil, and press back the powers of darkness that are seeking our destruction. [The Watchman 03-10-08 para. 08] p. 293, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The Lord himself is our helper. "Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem." The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing." Zeph. 3:14, 17. This is the testimony the Lord desires us to bear to the world. His praise should continually be in our hearts and upon our lips. [The Watchman 03-10-08 para. 09] p. 293, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Such a testimony will have its effect upon others. And its influence is needed; for the end is near. God calls upon his church now to set in order the things that remain. Workers together with God, you are empowered by the Lord to take others with you into the kingdom. You are to be the Lord's living agents, channels of light to the world. [The Watchman 03-10-08 para. 10] p. 293, Para. 5, [1908MS].

I appeal to the churches: Stand out separate and distinct from the world,--in the world, but not of it, reflecting

the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, being pure, holy, and undefiled, and in faith carrying light into all the highways and byways of the earth. Were every member a living missionary, the truth for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people, nation, and tongue. And this is the work that must be done before the Lord shall come in his glory. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 03-10-08 para. 11] p. 293, Para. 6, [1908MS].

March 24, 1908 Prevailing Faith.--Faith, the apostle says, "is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The faith of the Christian rests on the Word of God, which is a lamp to the feet of his people. Following its rays, they walk in the light; but those who reject the light, determining not to hear and obey, will be left in the darkness of error. [The Watchman 03-24-08 para. 01] p. 293, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The day of God's vengeance is just before us. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the 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; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." [The Watchman 03-24-08 para. 02] p. 294, Para. 1, [1908MS].

When the time of trouble comes, every case will have been decided. No longer will probation linger; no longer will there be mercy for the impenitent. Our own course of action is determining whether we shall be destroyed with the workers of iniquity, or delivered with the people of God. The Lord is willing to help us. While his face "is against them that do evil," his eyes "are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayer." [The Watchman 03-24-08 para. 03] p. 294, Para. 2, [1908MS].

What we need now is a living, active faith in God. You do not know, dear reader, that you will live one day longer. You cannot call one hour your own. You do not know how soon death may feel for your heart-strings. Will you, then, let envy, hatred, and jealousy live in your hearts? or have you gained one precious attainment after another, until pride, malice, and selfishness have been swept away, and there remain the graces of the Spirit,--meekness, forbearance, gentleness, charity? God will help every one of us, if we will take hold of the help he has provided. [The Watchman

03-24-08 para. 04] p. 294, Para. 3, [1908MS].

This is an individual work. Every man is to build over against his own house. You have nothing to do with the sins of others, but you have much to do with yourself. Take your Bibles, and in humble faith send your petition to God. Do not rest day nor night until you can say, Hear what the Lord hath done for me,--until you can bear a living testimony, and tell of victories won. [The Watchman 03-24-08 para. 05] p. 294, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Jacob wrestled with the angel all night before he gained the victory. When morning broke, the angel said, "Let me go, for the day breaketh." But Jacob answered, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Then his prayer was answered. "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob," the angel said, "but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God and men, and hast prevailed." [The Watchman 03-24-08 para. 06] p. 294, Para. 5, [1908MS].

When the test on Mount Carmel was over, and God had answered by fire, then it was that the prophet "went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees"--an attitude indicating deep humility and earnest supplication. Time after time Elijah sent his servant to see if in answer to his prayer a cloud was rising; but no cloud was to be seen. At the seventh time, the servant returned with the word, "There ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand." Did Elijah stand back and say, I will not receive this evidence; I will wait until the heavens gather blackness?--No; he ventured all upon that token from the Lord, and sent his messenger to tell Ahab that there was the sound of abundance of rain. [The Watchman 03-24-08 para. 07] p. 294, Para. 6, [1908MS].

We need the perseverance of Jacob, and the unyielding faith of Elijah,--faith that will take hold, and will not let go. Inspiration tells us that Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are; yet the Lord heard his prayer. And why should not the Lord be entreated in behalf of his people to-day? He will; for heaven is not closed against the fervent prayer of the righteous. The only reason of our lack of power with God is to be found in ourselves. [The Watchman 03-24-08 para. 08] p. 295, Para. 1, [1908MS].

By many such a faith as these mighty men of God had in

times past, is considered old fashioned. It is pronounced absurd, mystical, and unworthy of an intelligent mind. Unbelief of the truths of God's Word, because human judgment cannot comprehend the mysteries of his work, is found in every community, in all ranks of society. It is taught in many schools, and comes into the lessons of the nurseries. Everywhere the spirit of darkness in the garb of religion will confront the soul; thousands who profess to be Christians give heed to living spirits. And the time is not far distant when every soul will be tested. [The Watchman 03-24-08 para. 09] p. 295, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In the name of Christ I would address you: Abide in the faith which you have received from the beginning. We must keep close to the Word of God. There is danger in departing in the least from its instructions. We need its warnings and encouragement, its threatenings and its promises. We need the perfect example given only in the life and character of our Saviour. [The Watchman 03-24-08 para. 10] p. 295, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In order to stand fast in the truth we need to have a living, active faith in God and his Word. Without such faith it is impossible to please God; for "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." The faith that is required is not a mere assent to doctrines; it is the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Humility, meekness, and obedience are not faith, but they are the effects, or fruits, of faith. Implicit trust in God's power to save, and its effect on the life and character, do not come in a moment. These heavenly graces are acquired by the experience of years. By a life of holy endeavor and firm adherence to the right, the people of God seal their destiny. [The Watchman 03-24-08 para. 11] p. 295, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Do not be afraid to trust God. Rely upon his sure promise, "Ask, and ye shall receive." Do not let go of the promise, even though you do not see an immediate answer to your prayers. God is too wise to err, and too good to withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly. Man is erring, and although his petitions may be sent up from an honest heart, he does not always ask for the things that are good for him or that will glorify God. When this is so, our wise and good Father hears our prayers, and answers, sometimes immediately; but he gives us the things that are for our good and his own glory. If we could look into his

plan, we should clearly see that our prayers are answered in wisdom and love. And through the temptations and trials of life the promise will be fulfilled, "I will guide thee with mine eye." Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 03-24-08 para. 12] p. 295, Para. 5, [1908MS].

March 31, 1908 Our Accountability to God.--God has committed to us sacred truths for which he holds us responsible. He has given us mental and moral faculties that should be developed by education into a well-balanced mind and a symmetrical character. But education alone will not prepare a man to meet the object of his creation. He needs the grace of God. Divine power united with human effort will enable him to do good and glorify his Creator. [The Watchman 03-31-08 para. 01] p. 295, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Few appreciate the value of man, and the glory that would redound to God, were he to cultivate and preserve purity, nobility, and integrity of character. The value that God sets upon man is shown by the price that has been paid for his redemption; his love is expressed in that he withheld not his beloved Son, but gave him to die for a sinful race. Angels could not, by any sacrifice that they could make, accomplish the work of man's redemption. It was only through the suffering and death of Christ that he could be restored to the favor of God. For our sakes He who knew no sin was made an offering for sin. He was afflicted, insulted, oppressed. Arraigned as a criminal, he suffered shame, insult, mockery, a cruel, painful death. [The Watchman 03-31-08 para. 02] p. 296, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Sin is the transgression of the law, and death is its penalty. It was to save man from these that Christ suffered. Through his perfect obedience, the law was exalted. He will elevate man and give him rich and glorious possessions if he will respect the claims of God's law; but if he chooses to ruin his hopes of heaven by his stubborn sinfulness, he will lose these blessings. To choose to be a sinner is to refuse to stand before the throne of God washed from the defilement of sin; it is to refuse the riches of eternal glory, refuse to be a joint-heir with Christ to the immortal inheritance;--it is to reject all these, and choose instead the sure consequences of sin, the sinner's fixed doom. [The Watchman 03-31-08 para. 03] p. 296, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Those who might do good service in advancing the cause of Christ, but who use their talents and influence to tear down instead of to build up, will feel the wrath of God. They will experience what Christ suffered in saving men from the penalty of the broken law. The value of man and the measure of his accountability can be known only by the cross of Calvary. He who presents himself to the sinner as the One strong to deliver, will prove himself mighty to execute wrath and judgment upon every unrepenting son of Adam. He who holds the worlds in position, who weighs the hills in scales, and the mountains in a balance, who taketh up the isles as a very little thing, will show himself mighty to avenge his unrequited mercy and spurned love. Those who flatter themselves that God is too merciful to punish the sinner, have only to look at Calvary to make assurance doubly sure that vengeance will be visited upon every transgressor of his righteous law. [The Watchman 03-31-08 para. 04] p. 296, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The short space of time allotted to men here is exceedingly valuable. Now, while probation lingers, God proposes to unite his strength with the weakness of finite man. We should so educate ourselves that we can serve him intelligently. Those who have cherished skepticism may, by proper discipline of the mind, learn to cherish faith. Those who truly love God will desire so to improve the talents that he has given them, that they may be a blessing to others. And by and by the gates of heaven will be thrown wide open to admit them, and from the lips of the King of Glory the benediction will fall upon their ear like richest music, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Thus the redeemed will be welcomed to the mansions that Jesus is preparing for them. There their companions will not be the vile of earth, but those who through divine aid have formed perfect characters. Every sinful tendency, every imperfection, has been removed by the blood of Christ; and the excellence and brightness of his glory, far exceeding the brightness of the sun in its meridian splendor, is imparted to them. And the moral beauty, the perfection of his character, shines through them, in worth far exceeding this outward splendor. They are without fault before the great white throne, sharing the dignity and privileges of the angels. [The Watchman 03-31-08 para. 05] p. 296, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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." In view of the glorious inheritance which may be his, "what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" He may be poor; yet he possesses in himself a wealth and dignity that the world could never bestow. The soul, redeemed and cleansed from sin, with all its noble powers dedicated to the service of God, is of surpassing worth; and there is joy in heaven, in the presence of God and holy angels, over one sinner that repents,--a joy that is expressed in songs of holy triumph. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 03-31-08 para. 06] p. 297, Para. 1, [1908MS].

April 7, 1908 The Peace that Passeth All Understanding.-- Before our Lord went to his agony on the cross, he made his will. He had not silver or gold or houses to leave his disciples. He was a poor man, as far as earthly possessions were concerned. Few in Jerusalem were so poor as he. But he left his disciples a richer gift than any earthly monarch could bestow on his subjects. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you," he said; "not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." [The Watchman 04-07-08 para. 01] p. 297, Para. 2, [1908MS].

He left them the peace which had been his during his life on the earth, which had been with him amidst poverty, buffeting, and persecution, and which was to be with him during his agony in Gethsemane and on the cruel cross. [The Watchman 04-07-08 para. 02] p. 297, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The Saviour's life on this earth, though lived in the midst of conflict, was a life of peace. While angry enemies were constantly pursuing him, he said, "He that sent me is with me; the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him." No storm of Satanic wrath could disturb the calm of that perfect communion with God. And he says to us, "My peace I give unto you." [The Watchman 04-07-08 para. 03] p. 297, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Those who take Christ at his word, and surrender their souls to his keeping, their lives to his ordering, will find peace and quietude. Nothing of the world can make them sad when Jesus makes them glad by his presence. In perfect acquiescence there is perfect rest. The Lord says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee." [The Watchman 04-07-08

para. 04] p. 297, Para. 5, [1908MS].

It is the love of self that destroys our peace. While self is alive, we stand ready continually to guard it from mortification and insult; but when self is dead, and our life hid with Christ in God, we shall not take neglects or slights to heart. We shall be deaf to reproach, and blind to scorn and insult. "Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth. [The Watchman 04-07-08 para. 05] p. 297, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Every man's experience testifies to the truth of the words of Scripture: "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest . . . There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Sin has destroyed our peace. While self is unsubdued we find no rest. The masterful passions of the heart on human power can control. We are as helpless here as were the disciples to quiet the raging storm. But he who spoke peace to the billows of Galilee, has spoken the word of peace for every soul. However fierce the tempest, those who turn to Jesus with the cry, "Lord, save us," will find deliverance. His grace, which reconciles the soul to God, quiets the strife of human passion, and in his love the heart is at rest. "He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven." "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." "The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness, and assurance forever." [The Watchman 04-07-08 para. 06] p. 297, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"The mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee." When we receive Christ into the soul as an abiding guest, the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, will keep our hearts and minds. There is no other ground of peace than this. The grace of Christ, received into the heart, subdues enmity; it allays strife, and fills the soul with love. He who is at peace with God and his fellow men, cannot be made miserable. Envy will not

be in his heart, evil surmisings will find no room there; hatred cannot exist. The heart that is in harmony with God is a partaker of the peace of heaven, and will diffuse its blessed influence all around. The spirit of peace will rest like dew upon hearts weary and troubled with worldly strife. [The Watchman 04-07-08 para. 07] p. 298, Para. 1, [1908MS].

God is love. He has a care for the creatures he has formed. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." What a precious privilege is this, that we should be sons and daughters of the Most High, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. How can we refuse to lift heart and voice in grateful praise, when we remember the love to us expressed by the cross of Calvary? [The Watchman 04-07-08 para. 08] p. 298, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Our God, the Creator of the heaven and the earth, declares, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me." All Heaven unite in praising God. Then let us learn the song of the angels now, that we may sing it when we join their shining ranks. Let us say with the psalmist, "While I live, I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being." "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee." Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 04-07-08 para. 09] p. 298, Para. 3, [1908MS].

April 14, 1908 "Be Ye Separate".--The requirements of God are set plainly before us; the question to be settled is, Will we comply with them? Will we accept the condition laid down in his Word--separation from the world? This is not the work of a moment or of a day. It is not accomplished by bowing at the family altar and offering up lip-service, nor by public exhortation and prayer. It is a lifelong work. Our consecration to God must be a living principle, interwoven with the life, and leading to self-denial and self-sacrifice. It must underlie all our thoughts, and be the spring of every action. This will elevate us above the world, and separate us from its polluting influence. [The Watchman 04-14-08 para. 01] p. 298, Para. 4, [1908MS].

As the truth is brought into practice in the life, the standard is to be elevated higher and higher, to meet the requirements of the Bible. This will necessitate opposition

to the fashions, customs, practices, and maxims of the world. Worldly influences, like the waves of the sea, beat against the followers of Christ to sweep them away from the true principles of his meekness and grace; but we are to stand as firm as a rock to principle. It requires moral courage to do this, and those who are not firmly established on the Eternal Rock will be swept away by the worldly current. We can stand firm only as our life is hid with Christ in God. [The Watchman 04-14-08 para. 02] p. 298, Para. 5, [1908MS].

All our actions are affected by our religious experience. If our experience is founded in God; if we are daily tasting the power of the world to come, and have the fellowship of the Spirit; if each day we hold with a firmer grasp the higher life, principles that are holy and elevating will be inwrought in us, and it will be as natural for us to seek purity and holiness and separation from the world, as it is for the angels of glory to execute the mission of love assigned them. Every one who enters the pearly gates of the city of God will be a doer of the Word. He will be a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. [The Watchman 04-14-08 para. 03] p. 298, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Probation is about to close. In heaven the edict will soon go forth, "It is done." "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. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Soon the last prayer for sinners will have been offered, the last tear shed, the last warning given, the last entreaty made, and the sweet voice of mercy will be heard no more. [The Watchman 04-14-08 para. 04] p. 299, Para. 1, [1908MS].

This is the reason why Satan is making such mighty efforts to secure men and women in his snare. He has come down with great power, knowing that his time is short. His special work is to secure professed Christians in his ranks, that through them he may allure and destroy souls. The enemy is playing the game of life for every soul. He is working to remove from us everything of a spiritual nature, and in the place of the precious graces of Christ to crowd our hearts with the evil traits of the carnal nature,--hatred, evil surmising, jealousy, love of the world, love of self, love

of pleasure, and the pride of life. We need to be fortified against the incoming foe, who is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; for unless we are watching and prayerful, these evils will enter the heart, and crowd out all that is good. [The Watchman 04-14-08 para. 05] p. 299, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Many who profess to believe the word of God do not seem to understand the deceptive working of the enemy. They do not realize that the end of time is near. It is so easy to drift into worldly methods and customs, and have no more thought of the time in which we live than had the people in Noah's day. But if men forget, Satan does not; and while men sleep, he works. Through his influence, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life control men and women. Satan is at work even among the people of God, to cause disunion. Selfishness, corruption, and evil of every kind are taking a firm hold upon hearts. With many the precious word of God is neglected. A novel or a story book engages the attention, and fascinates the mind. That which excites the imagination is eagerly devoured, while the word of God is set aside. [The Watchman 04-14-08 para. 06] p. 299, Para. 3, [1908MS].

It was because they overlooked the word of God that the Jewish nation rejected Christ, demanding that a robber be granted them, and that the Prince of Life be crucified. And in these last days professed Christians are committing the same sin. They are weighed in the balances and are found wanting because they suffer their minds to be engrossed with things of little importance, while eternal truth is neglected. The truth of God, which would elevate and sanctify and refine, and fit men for the finishing touch of immortality, is set aside for things of minor importance. [The Watchman 04-14-08 para. 07] p. 299, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I appeal to the churches: Stand out separate and distinct from the world,--in the world, but not of it, reflecting the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, being pure, holy, and undefiled, and by faith carrying light into all the highways and byways of the earth. O that all may arouse and manifest to the world that theirs is a living faith, that a vital issue is before the world, and soon Jesus will come. Let men see that we believe that we are on the borders of the eternal world. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 04-14-08 para. 08] p. 299, Para. 5, [1908MS].

April 28, 1908 Our Divine Helper.--From the beginning it has been Satan's plan to lead men to forget God, that he might secure them to himself. To do this he has misrepresented the character of God, and has led men to cherish false ideas of him. The Creator has been presented to their minds as possessing the attributes of the prince of evil himself,--as arbitrary, severe, and unforgiving,--that he might be feared, shunned, and even hated by men. It was by thus falsifying the character of God and exciting distrust of him, that Satan tempted Eve to transgress. By sin the minds of our first parents were darkened, and their natures were degraded. As men became bolder in sin, the knowledge and the love of God faded from their minds and hearts. "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God," they "became vain in their imagination, and their foolish heart was darkened." [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 01] p. 300, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Christ came to reveal God to the world in his true character, as a God of love, full of mercy, tenderness, and compassion. The thick darkness with which Satan had endeavored to surround the throne of Deity was swept away, and the Father was again manifested to men as the Light of Life. [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 02] p. 300, Para. 2, [1908MS].

When Philip came to Jesus with the request, "Show us the Father, and it sufficeth us," the Saviour answered, "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?" Christ here declares that he was sent into the world as a representative of the Father. And of his life here John testifies that it was "full of grace and truth." In his nobility of character, in his mercy and tender pity, in his love and goodness, he stands before us not only as the embodiment of divine perfection, but as the "image of the invisible God." [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 03] p. 300, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Christ died to redeem the race, who had fallen under the power of Satan's temptations. To carry on this work, the Father has given him all power "in heaven and in earth," so that with him nothing is impossible. He will enable us to meet the enemy and all his forces. The battle against sin will be won, and the victory gained, by every one who chooses Christ as his leader, determined to do right

because it is right. [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 04] p. 300, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Then come to Christ just as you are, weak, helpless, and ready to die. Cast yourself wholly on his mercy. There is no difficulty within or without that cannot be surmounted in his strength. All who choose can come to him and find the help they need. Some have stormy tempers. But he who calmed the stormy sea of Galilee will say to the troubled heart, "Peace, be still." There is no nature so rebellious that Christ cannot subdue it, no temper so stormy that he cannot quell it, if the heart is surrendered to his keeping. Those who are overcome have only themselves to blame. [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 05] p. 300, Para. 5, [1908MS].

He who commits his soul to Jesus need not despond. We have an all-powerful Saviour. Looking to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, we can say, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 06] p. 300, Para. 6, [1908MS].

To all who receive him Christ will give power to become the sons of God. But do not think that the Christian life will be free from temptations. Temptations will come to every Christian. And there will be trials. Both the Christian and the one who does not accept Christ will have trials. The difference is that the latter is serving a tyrant, while the Christian is serving One who loved him, and gave himself for him. [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 07] p. 301, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Even in the darkest hours we can trust the love of God. The work of creation was a work of love; but the Gift of God to save the guilty and ruined race, alone reveals the infinite depth of divine love and compassion. Only as we contemplate the great plan of redemption, and the blessings that come to us through Christ, can we realize what that love means to us. [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 08] p. 301, Para. 2, [1908MS].

But our sea will not always be smooth. We shall have storm and tempest. But we are not to look upon these as something

strange. Meeting difficulties is a part of our education, and is necessary to the formation of a strong, symmetrical character. And through trials we are to be purified and our faith strengthened. So James says, "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." We do not always understand the meaning of our trials and difficulties; but in the future life we shall understand things that here greatly perplex us. We shall also realize how strong a helper we had, and how angels were commissioned to guard us as we followed the counsel of the Word of God. [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 09] p. 301, Para. 3, [1908MS].

We must have help in meeting the darkness of error and the temptations and trials of life. But the help we need will not come from human beings. We must look to Him who has said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 10] p. 301, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie; so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old." [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 11] p. 301, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Let us have more confidence in our Redeemer. Turn not from the waters of Lebanon to seek refreshment at broken cisterns, which can hold no water. Have faith in God. Trustful dependence on Jesus makes victory not only possible, but certain. Though multitudes are pressing on in the wrong way, though the outlook be ever so discouraging, yet we may have full assurance in our Leader; for "I am God," he declares, "and there is none else." He is infinite in power, and able to save all who come to him. There is no other in whom we can safely trust. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 04-28-08 para. 12] p. 301, Para. 6, [1908MS].

June 16, 1908 A Lesson in Liberality.--In his wise plans

God has made the advancement of his cause dependent upon the personal efforts of his people and upon their tithes and offerings. The Levitical dispensation was distinguished in a remarkable manner by the consecration of property. When we speak of the tithe as the standard of Jewish contributions to religious purposes, we do not speak understandingly. The Lord kept his claims paramount, and in almost every article they used, they were reminded of the Giver by being required to make returns to him. At the harvest and the vintage, the first-fruits of the field,-- the corn, the wine, and the oil,--were to be consecrated as an offering to the Lord; also the first-fruits of the wool when the sheep were shorn and of the grain when the wheat was threshed. [The Watchman 06-16-08 para. 01] p. 301, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The Lord was first; but our gracious heavenly Father did not neglect the needs of the poor. The gleanings and the corners of the fields were reserved for them, and the poor, the widows, the orphans, and the strangers were to be invited to share their feasts. And at the close of every year, all were required to make solemn oath whether or not they had done according to the command of God. [The Watchman 06-16-08 para. 02] p. 302, Para. 1, [1908MS].

This arrangement was made to impress upon the people the thought that in everything the Lord must be first. He was the true proprietor of their fields, their flocks, and their herds, and it was he that sent them sunshine and rain for their seed-time and harvest. All was the Lord's, and he had made them stewards of his goods. [The Watchman 06-16-08 para. 03] p. 302, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The liberality of the Jews in the construction of the tabernacle and the erection of the temple illustrates a spirit of liberality which has never since been equaled. When the call came for offerings for the tabernacle, they had just been freed from their long bondage in Egypt. They were wanderers in the wilderness with small possessions and no flattering prospect of adding to them; but an object was before them,--to build a tabernacle for God. The Lord had spoken, and they must obey his voice. They withheld nothing, but willingly, gladly, devoted to the Lord not a certain part of their increase, but a large portion of their actual possessions. No urging was needed. The people brought even more than was required; they gave until they were told to desist, for there was already more than

enough. [The Watchman 06-16-08 para. 04] p. 302, Para. 3, [1908MS].

When the temple was to be built, the people rejoiced in the prospect of having a house for the worship of God, and they did not give reluctantly. In this case, as when the tabernacle was building, they devoted their means gladly and heartily to the Lord, and pleased him by so doing. David blessed the Lord before all the congregation, and gave thanks, saying, "Who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." "O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee a house for thine holy name, cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own." [The Watchman 06-16-08 para. 05] p. 302, Para. 4, [1908MS].

David well understood from whom came all his bounties. Would that those who now rejoice in a Saviour's love could realize that their silver and gold are the Lord's, and should be freely used to promote his glory, not grudgingly given or retained to enrich and gratify themselves. [The Watchman 06-16-08 para. 06] p. 302, Para. 5, [1908MS].

How can Christians, who boast of a broader light than had the Hebrews, give less than they? Living near the close of time, can they be satisfied with their offerings when not half so large as were those of the Jews? Their liberality was to benefit their own nation; the work in these last days extends to the entire world. The message of truth is to go to all nations, tongues, and peoples; its publications, printed in many different languages, are to be scattered abroad like the leaves of autumn. [The Watchman 06-16-08 para. 07] p. 302, Para. 6, [1908MS].

It is written: "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind." Again: "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk even as he walked." In our place, what would our Saviour do? What would be his efforts for the salvation of souls? His example shows what he would do. He left his royalty, laid aside his glory, and clothed his divinity with humanity, that he might reach men where they were. Yea, more, he laid down his life for sinners. [The Watchman 06-16-08 para. 08] p. 302, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven; the

spirit of selfishness is the spirit of Satan. The cross of Christ appeals to the benevolence of all his followers. The principle there illustrated is to give, give. This, carried out in good works, is the true fruit of the Christian life. The principle of worldlings is to get, and thus they expect to secure happiness; but carried to its conclusion, the result is misery and death. [The Watchman 06-16-08 para. 09] p. 303, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We should be zealous workers in the cause of God, seeking to impress sinners with an exalted sense of God's love to man, to lead them, repenting and believing, to a divine Redeemer. 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." What an incomparable love is this,--a theme for the most profound meditation! How the amazing love of God for a world that did not love him, brings the soul into captivity to the divine will. Men who are crazy for gain, and disappointed and unhappy in their pursuit of the world, need this truth to quiet the restless hunger and thirst of their souls. [The Watchman 06-16-08 para. 10] p. 303, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Let us give while we have the power; let us do while we have the strength; let us work while it is day; let us devote our time and our means to the service of God, that we may have his approbation and receive his reward. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 06-16-08 para. 11] p. 303, Para. 3, [1908MS].

June 23, 1908 The Rejection of Light.--Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. [The Watchman 06-23-08 para. 01] p. 303, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God has given us his commandments, not only to be believed, but to be obeyed. The great Jehovah laid the foundations of the earth, arrayed the whole world in a robe of beauty, and filled it with things useful to man; and when he had created all the wonders of the land and of the sea, he instituted the Sabbath day and made it holy. God blessed and sanctified the seventh day, because he rested upon it from all his work of creation. [The Watchman 06-23-08 para. 02] p. 303, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The Sabbath was made for man. God designed that upon that

day men should engage in no secular pursuits, but should worship him. And those who reverence the commandments of God, will, after seeing the claims of the fourth precept of the decalogue, obey it without questioning the feasibility or convenience of such obedience. But if light on this subject is presented from the word of God, and men reject that light, they thereby refuse to obey God, and cannot be saved in their disobedience. [The Watchman 06-23-08 para. 03] p. 303, Para. 6, [1908MS].

But none will be held responsible for light which they never received. Christ said of the scribes and Pharisees, "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloak for their sin." Again he said, "For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin; but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." [The Watchman 06-23-08 para. 04] p. 303, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Thus Jesus caused the Pharisees to understand that if he, the light and truth, had not come, they would not have been guilty of the sin of rejecting him. But he came, and flashed the light upon their pathway, and they chose darkness rather than light. This was their guilt. Thus it is with the Sabbath. We are not living in the age in which our fathers lived. God gave them treasures of wisdom which have come down along the line to our time. We have all the light that they had, and additional light is continually shining, and will shine more and more unto the perfect day. This generation is responsible, not only for the light imparted to past generations, but for the more abundant light now shining. In order to be blessed of God as our fathers were blessed, we must be faithful in improving the increased light, as they were faithful in improving the light that God gave them. Our heavenly Father requires of his people devotion and obedience according to the light and truth given them. His claims are right and just, and he will accept nothing less; all his righteous demands must be fully met, or they will remain in force against the transgressor. [The Watchman 06-23-08 para. 05] p. 304, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The understanding of those who trifle with the plain

testimonies of God's Word, and refuse to believe because it is inconvenient or unpopular to do so, will become darkened; truth will appear to them as error, and error will be accepted as truth. There are so many teachers who confuse the mind, and lead men away from the path of obedience, that we need to watch, and pray much for divine guidance. Those who transgress God's law will have much to say about charity; and when the truth is spoken, they talk of the liberality of God's Word and the license given in it. But love for Christ and for the souls for whom he died, will lead the servant of God to make faithful warnings and appeals. [The Watchman 06-23-08 para. 06] p. 304, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Those who walk in the light will progress. They will grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. This is the result of sanctification through the truth. Truth is progressive: and those who are preparing for the last great day will go forward, in accordance with the accumulated light which shines upon them from the prophecies and from the lessons of Christ and his apostles. [The Watchman 06-23-08 para. 07] p. 304, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Regarding the rapidly approaching advent of our Lord, the prophet Malachi raises the question, "Who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth?" Surely the arrows of God's wrath will pierce where the arrows of conviction could not. Where will the sinner flee when God pronounces judgment against him? Where will be the men in whom he trusted? Where are the false shepherds that led him astray? They can pay no ransom for his soul; for they themselves will be pressed under a still heavier load of guilt. The dens and caves of the earth afford no shelter for either deceiver or deceived. [The Watchman 06-23-08 para. 08] p. 304, Para. 4, [1908MS].

There are souls to be saved; but the plan of salvation must be God's plan. He will not lower his law to meet man's standard. But through the merits of the blood of a crucified and risen Saviour, all who will may become overcomers. It is an exalted privilege to become sons and daughters of God. Christ says, "I have kept my Father's commandments." He pleased his Father in all things; it was his meat and drink to do his divine will. We should imitate Christ in his implicit obedience. And night and day our prayers should ascend to heaven, that we may walk in the

light of truth, and at last be permitted to sing the song of triumph in the kingdom of glory. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 06-23-08 para. 09] p. 304, Para. 5, [1908MS].

June 30, 1908 Christ's "Living Epistles".--The apostle Paul says to his Corinthian brethren, "Ye are. . . the epistle of Christ. . . written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." For the disciples of Christ are his representatives upon the earth. If they obey the teachings of Christ in his sermon on the mount, they will be seeking continually for perfection of character, and they will become mediums through whom God will communicate his divine will, the truth of heavenly origin, to those who have no knowledge of the way of life and salvation. [The Watchman 06-30-08 para. 01] p. 305, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The people of God are lights in the moral darkness of the world, dotting the country, the towns, the villages, and the cities, "a spectacle unto the world, to angels, and to men." God cannot display the knowledge of his will and the wonders of his grace in the unbelieving world, without these, his witnesses. This is God's plan: that men and women who are partakers of his great salvation through Christ, shall be his missionaries, bodies of light throughout the world, living epistles, known and read of all men, their faith and works testifying to the near approach of the coming Saviour, and that they have not received the grace of God in vain. [The Watchman 06-30-08 para. 02] p. 305, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The people must be warned to prepare for the coming judgment. And for this purpose God calls for workers who are true and faithful, pure and holy, for those who have felt their own need of the atoning blood of Christ and the sanctifying grace of his Spirit. The self-sufficient, the envious and jealous, the critical and fault-finding, can well be spared. When we see men firm in principle, fearless in duty, zealous in the cause of God, gentle and tender, patient toward all, ready to forgive, manifesting love for souls for whom Christ died, we know they have "the wisdom from above," that is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated; full of mercy and good fruits." And the Lord can bless their labors as he cannot those of the self-centered and self-sufficient. [The Watchman 06-30-08 para. 03] p. 305, Para. 3, [1908MS].

All the followers of Jesus have their work to do, in their families, in their neighborhoods, in the towns and cities where they live. If they are consecrated, they become channels of light. God makes them instruments of righteousness to communicate the light of truth, the riches of his grace, to others. The unbelieving may appear indifferent and careless; yet God impresses and convicts their hearts that there is a reality in the truth. It is God's design that all should be warned and tested, and have an opportunity to decide for or against the truth, that they may be without excuse. To those who have been listening only to fables, God will give an opportunity to hear the sure word of prophecy, whereunto they will do well to take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place. The truth will be presented to all who will take heed, contrasting truth with the fables taught by men who profess to understand the Word of God and to be able to instruct those in darkness. [The Watchman 06-30-08 para. 04] p. 305, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Such is the value of men made in the image of God, that the Father is satisfied with the infinite price paid when he yielded up his own dear Son to die for their redemption. What wisdom, mercy, and love in its fulness, are here manifested. It is through the cross alone that we can estimate the worth of a human soul. [The Watchman 06-30-08 para. 05] p. 305, Para. 5, [1908MS].

What a responsible work to unite with the world's Redeemer in the work of saving men for whom he died. This is a work that calls not only for self-sacrifice and benevolence, but also for perseverance, courage, and faith. The reason that the results of the labors of many who minister in word and doctrine are so small, is that they have not the fruits of the grace of God in their own hearts and lives. Many manifest a wonderful submission in seeing the unconverted all around them going to perdition. A minister has no right to sit down at ease when the truth is powerless, and souls are not stirred by its presentation. He should resort to prayer; he should work and pray without ceasing. [The Watchman 06-30-08 para. 06] p. 306, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In order for laborers to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth, they must have a varied experience, which will be best acquired in extended labor in new fields, coming in contact with all classes of people, living in different localities, and with all varieties of

minds. This calls into exercise varied talents. It drives the true laborer to God and the Bible for light, and strength, and knowledge, that he may be able to meet the wants of the people. He should heed the exhortation given to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." "Who then is that faithful and wise steward whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season." Wisdom is needed to decide on the most appropriate subjects to be presented on different occasions. [The Watchman 06-30-08 para. 07] p. 306, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Again Paul exhorts Timothy: "Be thou an example to the believers in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 06-30-08 para. 08] p. 306, Para. 3, [1908MS].

July 14, 1908 The Government of God.--It is time for thee, Lord, to work; for they have made void thy law. Therefore I love thy commandments above gold, yea, above fine gold. Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way." Ps. 119:126-128. If this prayer was appropriate in David's time, it is especially appropriate now; for the warring powers of darkness are prevailing to a remarkable extent. The law of God is made void in the land, and the penalty of its transgression is death. For this cause Christ suffered death for man, bringing to light life and immortality. [The Watchman 07-14-08 para. 01] p. 306, Para. 4, [1908MS].

When Christ died, the death-knell of sin and Satan was sounded. The effect of his work was to destroy him that had the power of death; therefore we are to-day prisoners of hope. How grateful we should be that, notwithstanding this earth is so small, God notices even us. The nations are before him as a drop in a bucket, and as small dust in the balance; and yet the great, the stupendous work that has been done for us shows how much our Saviour loves us. [The Watchman 07-14-08 para. 02] p. 306, Para. 5, [1908MS].

When we look at the cross of Calvary, we cannot doubt God's love or his willingness to save. He has worlds upon worlds that give him divine honor; but so great was his love for the fallen race that he gave his well-beloved Son to die that they might be redeemed from eternal death. In view of this great salvation, we cannot afford to lose our souls; we cannot afford to sin against God. Life, eternal life in the kingdom of glory is worth everything. But if we would obtain this precious boon, we must live a life of obedience to all of God's requirements; we must carry out the principles of the Christian religion--which are the principles of the divine law--in all our daily life. [The Watchman 07-14-08 para. 03] p. 307, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Satan gained such control over the Jewish nation that they rejected and crucified the Son of God. As soon as Christ was raised from the dead, he started the lie that Christ's body had been stolen. He thought by this method to conceal the fact that it was the Son of God who died and was raised again. He now pretends to exalt Christ before the Christian world by telling them that instead of keeping the seventh-day Sabbath, they must keep the first day of the week in memory of Christ's resurrection. Anything, he cares not what, to show that the law of God can be changed! If he can make the world believe that this law can be changed, he will have gained his point. [The Watchman 07-14-08 para. 04] p. 307, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There is one pointed out in prophecy as the man of sin. Taking the suggestion of Satan concerning the law of God, which is as unchangeable as his throne, the man of sin represents to the world that he has changed that law, and that the first day of the week instead of the seventh is now the Sabbath. Professing infallibility, he claims the right to change the law of God to suit his own purposes. By so doing he exalts himself above God, and leaves the world to infer that God is fallible. If it were indeed true that God made a rule of government that needed to be changed, it would certainly show fallibility. [The Watchman 07-14-08 para. 05] p. 307, Para. 3, [1908MS].

But Christ declared that not one jot or tittle of the law should fail until heaven and earth should pass away. The very work that he came to do was to exalt that law, and show to the universe that God is just and his law unchangeable. But here is the papacy trying to amend the

law; and the Christian world has sanctioned its efforts by adopting the Sunday institution. [The Watchman 07-14-08 para. 06] p. 307, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God has borne long with the perversity of the human race; he has tried to win them to himself. But the time will come when they will have filled their measure of iniquity; and then it is that God will work. This time is almost reached. God keeps a record with the nations in the books of heaven, and soon their cup will be full. And every one who sees the light in regard to the law of God, should help to repair the breach that has been made in that law by the man of sin. "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. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." [The Watchman 07-14-08 para. 07] p. 307, Para. 5, [1908MS].

We should consider that it was not merely to accomplish the redemption of man that Christ came to earth; it was not merely that the inhabitants of this little world might have a just regard for the law of God; but it was to demonstrate to all the worlds that the divine law is unchangeable, and that the wages of sin is death. The very fact that it was necessary for him to give his life for the fallen race, shows that the law of God will not release man from one tittle of its claims upon him. The fact that he bore the penalty of transgression is a mighty argument to all created intelligences, in heaven and in other worlds, that that law is changeless; that God is righteous, merciful, and self-denying; and that his administration is one of justice and mercy. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 07-14-08 para. 08] p. 308, Para. 1, [1908MS].

July 21, 1908 The Spirit of Law-Breakers, And How to Meet It.--The Jewish nation would not receive the light which Christ brought to them. The wonderful evidences of his Messiahship which he gave in the miracles he performed in healing the sick and raising the dead, instead of softening

their hearts and overcoming their wicked prejudices, inspired them with such hatred and fury as Satan possessed when he was thrust out of heaven. The greater the light and evidence that they had, the greater was their hatred. And finally they determined to extinguish the light by putting Christ to death. [The Watchman 07-21-08 para. 01] p. 308, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The law of God is the foundation of his government in heaven and on earth, and those who hate that law are on the same ground as the unbelieving Jews. They will not admit the claims of that law, nor open their eyes or consciences to the evidences on this subject. In many cases they are in as hopeless a state as were the Jews in their rejection of Christ. [The Watchman 07-21-08 para. 02] p. 308, Para. 3, [1908MS].

How did Christ meet the opposers and cavilers in his day? -He went about doing good. Benevolence was the life of his soul, and the eternal welfare of sinners regulated his conduct. He not only did good to all who came to him soliciting his mercy, but he perseveringly sought out those who needed his ministrations. He ate and lodged with the rich and the poor, and made himself familiar with the occupations of men. Thus he disarmed prejudice and gained access to hearts. [The Watchman 07-21-08 para. 03] p. 308, Para. 4, [1908MS].

In the subjects he presented and his manner of teaching, Christ met the needs of every class of his hearers. He availed himself of every opportunity to give instruction on the heavenly doctrines and precepts which should be incorporated into the lives of the people, and which should make them distinct from all other religionists, because of their holy, elevated character. The most learned and intellectual were charmed with his discourses, which were yet so plain and simple as to be comprehended by the humblest minds. [The Watchman 07-21-08 para. 04] p. 308, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The Saviour was never elated by applause, nor dejected by censure or disappointment. When he met with the greatest opposition and the most cruel treatment, he was of good courage. [The Watchman 07-21-08 para. 05] p. 308, Para. 6, [1908MS].

One of the most important discourses Inspiration has given

us, Christ preached to only one listener. As he sat by the well to rest, a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and he saw an opportunity to reach her mind, and through her to reach the minds of the Samaritans, who were in great darkness and error. Although weary, he presented the truths of his spiritual kingdom, which charmed the heathen woman, and filled her with admiration for Christ. She went out publishing the news, "Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ?" Her testimony converted many to a belief in Jesus as the Messiah, and through her report many came to hear for themselves, and believed because of his own word. [The Watchman 07-21-08 para. 06] p. 308, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The teachers of divine truth should carefully study the life of Christ, and the practical lessons he taught on true godliness and right living for all who should believe on his name. They should be imbued with the spirit of their great Example, and have a high sense of the sacred life of a follower of Christ. Here is a field of study for the Bible student that he cannot possibly be interested in without having the Spirit of the divine Teacher in his own heart. Here are subjects which Christ presented to all classes; and thousands of people of every stamp of character, of every grade of society, were attracted and charmed with the matter brought before them. [The Watchman 07-21-08 para. 07] p. 309, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The truth of God is plain and conclusive. It is harmonious, and in contrast with error shines with clearness and beauty. Its consistency commends it to every heart that is not filled with prejudice. The Sacred Book, inspired by God, and written by holy men, is a perfect standard of doctrine and character, and a guide under all circumstances of life. It sets forth distinctly the duties of both old and young. If it is allowed to influence the life, its teachings will lead the soul upward. It will elevate the mind, improve the character, and give peace and joy to the heart. [The Watchman 07-21-08 para. 08] p. 309, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The days are evil, wickedness prevails; therefore there is the greater need that Christ should now be faithfully represented to the world as a mighty Saviour, able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by him. The men and women whom we daily meet are judgment-bound. They will either live to offer praise to God and the Lamb through

ceaseless ages, or they will perish with the wicked. Christ suffered and died that they might enjoy a blissful eternity. What sacrifices are we willing to make for their salvation? Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 07-21-08 para. 09] p. 309, Para. 3, [1908MS].

July 28, 1908 The Power of Love.--Love is power. Intellectual and moral strength are involved in this principle, and cannot be separated from it. The power of wealth has a tendency to corrupt and destroy; the power of force is strong to do hurt; but the excellence and value of pure love consist in its efficiency to do good and nothing else but good. Whatever is done from pure love, be it ever so small and contemptible in the sight of men, is wholly fruitful; for God regards the love that actuates the worker more than he does the amount of work done. [The Watchman 07-28-08 para. 01] p. 309, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Love is of God. The unconverted heart cannot produce this plant of heavenly growth, which lives and flourishes only where Christ reigns. Love cannot live without action, and every act increases, strengthens, and extends it. Love will prevail and gain the victory when argument and authority are powerless. Love works not for profit or reward; yet God has ordained that great gain shall be the certain result of every labor of love. It is diffusive in its nature, and quiet in its operation, yet mighty in its purpose to overcome great evils. It is subduing and transforming in its influence, and will take hold of the lives of the sinful and affect their hearts when every other means has proved unsuccessful. Wherever the power of intellect, authority, or force is used, and love is not manifestly present, resistance is aroused in those whom we wish to reach. [The Watchman 07-28-08 para. 02] p. 309, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Jesus was the Prince of Peace. He came into the world to bring resistance and authority into subjection to himself. He could command wisdom and strength; but the means he employed to overcome evil were the wisdom and strength of love. He is our example. He lived to bless others, and went about doing good. Love beautified and ennobled all his actions. [The Watchman 07-28-08 para. 03] p. 310, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Blessed results would follow as the fruit of

such a course. "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Here are strong motives which should constrain us to love one another with a pure heart fervently. The measure we mete is always meted to us again. [The Watchman 07-28-08 para. 04] p. 310, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Pure love is simple in its operation, and is distinct from any other principle of action. Love of influence and a desire for the esteem of others may produce a well-ordered life and frequently a blameless conversation. Self-respect may lead us to avoid the appearance of evil. A selfish heart may perform generous actions, acknowledge truth, and express humility and affection, while the motives are deceptive and impure. The actions that flow from such a life will be destitute of the savor and fruits of true holiness, because the principle of true love is lacking. Love should be cultivated and cherished, for its influence is divine. [The Watchman 07-28-08 para. 05] p. 310, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Nothing is more treacherous than the deceitfulness of sin. It is the god of this world that deludes, and blinds, and leads to destruction. Satan does not enter with his array of temptations at once. He disguises them. With amusements and folly he mingles some little improvement, and deceived souls make the excuse that great good is to be derived from them. This is only the deceptive masking of Satan's arts. Beguiled souls take one step, then are prepared for the next. Satan does not want them to give up praying and maintaining a form of religious duties; for he can thus make them more useful in his service. He unites his sophistry and deceptive snares with their experiences and professions, and thus wonderfully advances his cause. The hypocritical Pharisees prayed and fasted, and observed the forms of godliness while corrupt at heart. [The Watchman 07-28-08 para. 06] p. 310, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Solomon says, "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool," and this truth was never more applicable than at the present time. It is inappropriate for Christians, in any age of the world, to be lovers of pleasure; but how much more so now, when the scenes of earth's history are so soon to close. Yet one of the sins that constitute a sign of the last days is this love of pleasure on the part of professed Christians. Then deal truly with your own soul, dear reader. Search carefully. The welfare of your soul and your

eternal happiness depend upon your foundation being built on Christ. Do not rest until you can say, My life is hid with Christ in God, and when he who is my life shall appear, then shall I also appear with him in glory. [The Watchman 07-28-08 para. 07] p. 310, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The love and grace of God! O precious grace, more valuable than fine gold! It subdues sin; elevates and ennobles the spirit beyond all other principles. It sets the heart and affections upon Heaven. While those around us may be absorbed in the pleasures and vanities of the world, the conversation is in heaven, whence we look for the Saviour; the soul is reaching out after God for pardon and peace, for righteousness and true holiness. Converse with God, and contemplation of things above, transform the soul into the likeness of Christ. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 07-28-08 para. 08] p. 310, Para. 6, [1908MS].

August 4, 1908 Whom Will Christ Welcome?--Christ says to his redeemed people, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. [The Watchman 08-04-08 para. 01] p. 311, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Faithful work is acceptable to God. Heaven smiles upon the one who through patient continuance in well-doing accomplishes a work which can only be done through self-denying labor. Talk is cheap; but good works, like carrying for the needy, the fatherless, and widows, are genuine fruits, and grow naturally on a good tree. This is working together with Christ. [The Watchman 08-04-08 para. 02] p. 311, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Pure religion and undefiled before the Father is this: "To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep . . . unspotted from the world." Christ requires deeds of benevolence, of kind words, of tender regard for the

poor, the needy, and the afflicted. When hearts sympathize with hearts burdened with discouragement and grief, when the hand dispenses to the needy, when the naked are clothed, and the stranger made welcome to a seat at your fireside and a place in your heart, angels come very near; and an answering strain responds in heaven; for every deed of justice and mercy makes sweet music in the courts of the great King. The Father from his throne beholds, and numbers the doers with his most precious treasures. "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day, when I make up my jewels." Every kind and merciful act is counted as if done for Jesus, and brings the doer into closer relationship with him. [The Watchman 08-04-08 para. 03] p. 311, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Then shall Christ "say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, . . . and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal." [The Watchman 08-04-08 para. 04] p. 311, Para. 4, [1908MS].

What a oneness Jesus here expresses as existing between himself and his suffering disciples. He makes their case his own. He identifies himself with them as being in person the very sufferer. And the terrible punishment threatened those on the left is not in this case on account of their great sins. They are not condemned for the things they did do, but for what they did not do. Mark it, selfish Christians, every neglect of yours to the needy poor, the widow, the fatherless, is a neglect to Jesus in their persons. You are unfaithful to the duties Heaven assigns you. You please yourself, and can take your portion with the self-pleasers. [The Watchman 08-04-08 para. 05] p. 311, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Our heavenly Father lays blessings disguised in our pathway, but some will not touch these for fear of detracting from their own enjoyment. Angels are waiting to see if we will accept these opportunities, if we will bless

others that they may bless us again. The Lord himself has made us to differ--some poor, some rich, some afflicted--that all may have an opportunity to develop character. The poor are purposely permitted of God to be thus, that we may be tested and proved, and develop what is in our hearts. [The Watchman 08-04-08 para. 06] p. 312, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers," an apostle says; "for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." When Elijah came to the widow of Sarepta, she shared her morsel with the prophet of God; and through the miracle that followed, she herself was sustained, and her life and that of her son preserved. Thus will it prove in the case of many, if they will do their duty cheerfully, for the glory of God. [The Watchman 08-04-08 para. 07] p. 312, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"That which ye sow shall ye also reap." The harvest is coming, the great reaping time, when we shall reap what we have sown. There will be no failure in the crop; the harvest is sure. Now is the sowing time. Now is the time to become rich in good works, "ready to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up in store for yourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that ye may lay hold on eternal life." Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 08-04-08 para. 08] p. 312, Para. 3, [1908MS].

August 11, 1908 The Law of God not Abrogated by the Saviour.--There stood up a certain lawyer, and tempted Christ, saying, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live." Christ here shows the lawyer that it is not alone a professed belief in the claims of God's law that makes the Christian; it is the carrying out of that law. To love God with all the heart and our neighbor as ourselves is the true fruit of piety. [The Watchman 08-11-08 para. 01] p. 312, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God has given us his holy precepts, because he loves mankind. To shield us from the results of transgression, he reveals the principles of righteousness. The law is an

expression of the thought of God; when received in Christ, it becomes our thought. It lifts us above the power of natural desires and tendencies, above temptations that lead to sin. God desires us to be happy, and he gave us the precepts of the law that in obeying them we might have joy. When at Jesus' birth the angels sang--"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men."--they were declaring the principles of the law which he had come to magnify and make honorable. [The Watchman 08-11-08 para. 02] p. 312, Para. 5, [1908MS].

When the law was proclaimed from Sinai, God made known to men the holiness of his character, that by contrast they might see the sinfulness of their own. The law was given to convict them of sin, and reveal their need of a Saviour. It would do this as its principles were applied to the heart by the Holy Spirit. This work it is still to do. [The Watchman 08-11-08 para. 03] p. 312, Para. 6, [1908MS].

In the life of Christ the principles of the law are made plain; and as the Holy Spirit of God touches the heart; as the light of Christ reveals to men their need of his cleansing blood and his justifying righteousness, the law is still an agent in bringing us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." [The Watchman 08-11-08 para. 04] p. 312, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"Till heaven and earth pass," said Jesus, "one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." The sun shining in the heavens, the solid earth upon which you dwell, are God's witnesses that his law is changeless and eternal. Though they may pass away, the divine precepts shall endure. "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." The system of types that pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God was to be abolished at his death; but the precepts of the decalogue are as immutable as the throne of God. [The Watchman 08-11-08 para. 05] p. 313, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Since "the law of the Lord is perfect," every variation from it must be evil. Those who disobey the commandments of God, and teach others to do so, are condemned by Christ. The Saviour's life of obedience maintained the claims of the law; it proved that the law could be kept in humanity, and showed the excellence of character that obedience would develop. All who obey as he did, are likewise declaring

that the law is "holy, and just, and good." On the other hand, all who break God's commandments are sustaining Satan's claim that the law is unjust, and cannot be obeyed. Thus they second the deceptions of the great adversary, and cast dishonor upon God. They are the children of the wicked one, who was the first rebel against God's law. To admit them into heaven would again bring in the elements of discord and rebellion, and imperil the well-being of the universe. No man who wilfully disregards one principle of the law shall enter the kingdom of heaven. [The Watchman 08-11-08 para. 06] p. 313, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The Lord means what he says, and man cannot set aside his commands with impunity. The example of Adam and Eve in the garden should sufficiently warn us against any disobedience of the divine law. Their sin brought guilt and sorrow upon the world, and caused the death of the Son of God. He was subjected to insult, rejection, and crucifixion by the very ones he came to save. What infinite expense attended that disobedience in the garden of Eden. [The Watchman 08-11-08 para. 07] p. 313, Para. 3, [1908MS].

God will not pass over any transgression of his law more lightly now than when he pronounced judgment against Adam. The Saviour of the world raises his voice in protest against those who regard the divine commandments with carelessness and indifference. He said, "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." [The Watchman 08-11-08 para. 08] p. 313, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God has spoken, and he means that man shall obey. He does not inquire if it is convenient for him to do so; and if we are true servants of God, there will be no question in our minds as to the course we will take. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 08-11-08 para. 09] p. 313, Para. 5, [1908MS].

August 18, 1908 Repent, and Do the First Works.--Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found

them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." [The Watchman 08-18-08 para. 01] p. 313, Para. 6, [1908MS].

At the first, the experience of the church at Ephesus was marked by childlike fervor and simplicity. An ardent, heartfelt love for Christ controlled the believers. They rejoiced in the love of God because Christ was an abiding presence in their hearts. In sentiment and action they were united. Love for Christ was the golden chain that bound them together. They followed on to know the Lord more and still more perfectly, and brightness and comfort and peace came into their lives. They trusted in the Lord. They did not think of hoarding the precious treasures of the grace of Christ. Their highest aim was to win souls to the Saviour. They felt the importance of their calling; and weighted with the precious message of the gospel,--peace on earth and good will toward men,--they called upon all to come to Christ. [The Watchman 08-18-08 para. 02] p. 314, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In every city around them the work was carried forward. Warm, inspired appeals were made, and sinners were brought to the cross. In their turn they felt that they must tell of the inexhaustible treasure they had found. They could not rest until the beams of light which had illumined their minds were shining into the minds of others. Multitudes of believers were made acquainted with the reason of the hope held by the Christians. Precious light was flashed into minds darkened by error. [The Watchman 08-18-08 para. 03] p. 314, Para. 2, [1908MS].

After a time coldness crept into the church. Differences unworthy of notice sprang up, and the eyes of the believers were taken from beholding Jesus as the author and finisher of their faith. Their love for one another began to wane. The multitudes that might have been convicted and converted by a faithful practice of the truth were left unwarned. [The Watchman 08-18-08 para. 04] p. 314, Para. 3, [1908MS].

How is it with the church of to-day, which has received

such great light? God sees that its members have lost the love for souls which Christ revealed to them when first they saw his unspeakable mercy for the fallen race. Then they could not keep silent. They were filled with a desire to give to others the blessings they had received. Thus it is with all who are truly converted. Those who love sinners with the love of God, will work the works of God. [The Watchman 08-18-08 para. 05] p. 314, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Let the church arise and shine; for their light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. Let them understand that Christ expects them to do the work that he did while on this earth. That belief that is laid aside when convenient, and put on and off like a garment, is not the religion of Christ, but a spurious article that will not bear the tests even of this world. True religion is ever distinctly seen in our words and deportment, and in every act of life. The knowledge that we are children of God should give tone and character even to the every-day duties of life, making us not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit. Such a religion will bear the scrutiny of a critical world with a grand consciousness of integrity. [The Watchman 08-18-08 para. 06] p. 314, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The end of all things is at hand, and we have no time to be idle, or to live in pleasure, at cross purposes with God. [The Watchman 08-18-08 para. 07] p. 314, Para. 6, [1908MS].

We need to break up the monotony of our religious labor. We may perform all the outward acts of service, and yet be as destitute of the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit as the hills of Gilboa were destitute of dew and rain. We need spiritual moisture; and we need also the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness to soften and subdue our hearts. [The Watchman 08-18-08 para. 08] p. 315, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Remember that there are those who will perish unless we, as God's instrumentalities, work with a determination which will not fail or become discouraged. The Lord will provide ways and means for those who will seek him with all the heart. He has in readiness the most precious revelations of his grace to strengthen and encourage the sincere, humble worker. There is no excuse for the faith of our churches being so feeble. "Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners

of hope." There is strength for us in Christ. He is our Advocate. He dispatches his messengers to every part of his dominion to communicate his will to his creatures. He walks in the midst of his churches. He desires to sanctify, elevate, and ennoble his followers. The influence of those who truly believe in him will be a savor of life in the world. Christ holds the stars in his right hand, and it is his purpose to let his light shine forth through them to the world. Thus he desires to prepare his people for higher service in the church above. He has given us a great work to do. Let us do it faithfully. Let us show forth in our lives what divine grace can do for humanity. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 08-18-08 para. 09] p. 315, Para. 2, [1908MS].

August 25, 1908 "Go, and Do Thou Likewise".--Behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor? [The Watchman 08-25-08 para. 01] p. 315, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. [The Watchman 08-25-08 para. 02] p. 315, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that showed

mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise." [The Watchman 08-25-08 para. 03] p. 315, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Here the conditions of inheriting eternal life are plainly stated by our Saviour in the most simple manner. The man robbed and wounded represents those who are objects of our interest, sympathy, and charity. If we neglect to care for the needy and unfortunate, whoever they may be; if because they are no kith or kin to us we are not pitiful and compassionate to humanity, we do not answer the claims that God has upon us; and how can we have a firm assurance of eternal life? [The Watchman 08-25-08 para. 04] p. 315, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Every one must give to God an account of himself, whether he is faithful or otherwise. Great principles have been laid down in the Divine Word, which are sufficient to guide us in our Christian walk and general deportment. But those have never kept the principles of the law of God who have never felt the burden of the duty of man toward his fellow-men. Those who do not open their hearts to the wants and sufferings of humanity, will not open their hearts to the claims of God stated in the first four precepts of the decalogue. Idols claim the heart's affections, and God does not reign supreme. [The Watchman 08-25-08 para. 05] p. 316, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The simplicity of the Word will ever lead us to feel a sympathy for the woes of others. We need to cultivate sympathy and love. The exercise of these traits is a part of the life-work which Christ has assigned to us all. And when the cases of all come in review before God, the question asked will not be, What have they professed? but, What have they done? Have they been doers of the Word? Have they lived for themselves? or have they been exercised in works of benevolence, in deeds of kindness, denying themselves that they might bless others? If the record shows that their characters have been marked with tenderness, self-denial, and benevolence, they will receive from Christ the benediction, "Well done!" "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." [The Watchman 08-25-08 para. 06] p. 316, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Many times our best efforts may seem to be disregarded and lost upon others, and we may be disappointed in the

results; but this should not lead us to become weary in well doing, and indifferent to the woes of others. How often is Christ disappointed in his children, yet he has given them unmistakable evidences of his love. What if he had refused to bear our iniquity because he was rejected by many, and so few appreciated the infinite blessings he came to bring them? We need to encourage painstaking effort. We are in the world to do work for the Master. Why, then, should we become discouraged and give up when we do not see the immediate results we desire? [The Watchman 08-25-08 para. 07] p. 316, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ," the apostle exhorts us. Keeping the commandments requires of us self-denial for the good of others, not that good works alone can save us; but we surely cannot be saved without good works. After we have done all that we are capable of doing, we are still unprofitable servants; and Christ must be our righteousness and the crown of our rejoicing. 08-25-08 para. 08] p. 316, Para. 4, [1908MS].

September 1, 1908 Experience as a Teacher.--Experience is said to be the best teacher, and genuine experience is indeed superior to knowledge gained from books. But habits and customs gird people as with iron bands, and these habits and customs are generally justified by experience, according to the common understanding of the term. Very many cling to injurious habits, which are decidedly enfeebling to physical, mental, and moral health, and against all remonstrances concerning their course, they urge their experience. But true experience is in harmony with natural law and science. [The Watchman 09-01-08 para. 01] p. 316, Para. 5, [1908MS].

It is right here that we have met with the greatest difficulties in religious matters. The plainest facts may be presented, and the clearest truths brought before the mind, sustained by the Word of God. but ear and heart are closed, and the all-convincing argument is "my experience." Some will say, "The Lord has blessed me in believing and doing as I have; therefore I cannot be in error." Thus the most elevating, sanctifying truths of the Bible are rejected for what they are pleased to call their experience. [The Watchman 09-01-08 para. 02] p. 316, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The Lord made man upright in the beginning. Adam was a

perfect type of man, possessing a perfectly balanced mind. Adam and Eve were permitted to eat of all trees in the garden, save one. Concerning the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the Lord said, "Thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Eve was beguiled by the serpent to believe that God would not do as he said he would. "Ye shall not surely die, the serpent said, Eve ate, and imagined that she felt the sensations of a new and more exalted life. She bore the fruit to her husband; and it was her "experience" that had an overmastering influence upon him. The serpent had said she should not die, and she felt no ill effects. [The Watchman 09-01-08 para. 03] p. 317, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The experience of his wife stood arrayed against the positive command of Jehovah, and Adam permitted himself to be seduced by it. Thus it is with the religious world generally. God's express commands are transgressed; and "because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. [The Watchman 09-01-08 para. 04] p. 317, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In the face of the most positive commands of God, men will follow their own inclination, and then dare to pray over the matter, and endeavor to prevail upon God to allow them to go contrary to his expressed will. They have exercises of mind which they consider a most wonderful experience which God has given them; but God is not pleased with such prayers, and it is not God who gives them the "wonderful experience." True experience will be in perfect harmony with natural and divine law; but a false experience will array itself against the principles of science and the precepts of Jehovah. Superstition and bigotry control the minds of many and blind their judgment, so that they do not discern their duty to their fellow-men nor to yield unquestioned obedience to the will of God. [The Watchman 09-01-08 para. 05] p. 317, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Balaam inquired of God if he might go to Moab to curse Israel, because for so doing he had the promise of great reward. God said, "Thou shalt not go." But Balaam was urged by the messengers, and greater inducements were presented. Balaam had been shown the will of the Lord in the matter, but he was so eager for the reward that he ventured to ask the Lord the second time. The Lord permitted Balaam to go. Then he had a wonderful experience; but who would wish for

such an experience? [The Watchman 09-01-08 para. 06] p. 317, Para. 4, [1908MS].

There are persons who would understand their duty clearly, if their duty was in harmony with their natural inclinations. Reason and circumstances may point out their duty clearly; but when the path of duty is not in line with their inclinations, these evidences are frequently set aside. Then these persons will presume to go to God to learn their duty. But God will not be trifled with. He will permit such persons to follow the desires of their own hearts. "My people would not hearken to my voice," he says; "so I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust; and they walked in their own counsels." Ps. 81:11,12. [The Watchman 09-01-08 para. 07] p. 317, Para. 5, [1908MS].

An experience of genuine faith is followed by love, and love by unquestioning obedience. All the powers and passions of the converted man are brought under the control of Christ. The Holy Spirit is a renewing power, transforming to the divine image all who will receive it. The daily inquiry is, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? For the true Christian accounts the service of Jesus as the truest joy and freedom. The law of God is his delight. And instead of trying to bring the divine requirements into harmony with his own inclinations or deficiencies, he is constantly striving to rise to the level of their perfections. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 09-01-08 para. 08] p. 317, Para. 6, [1908MS].

September 8, 1908 Walk in the Light.--God's people dwell too much under a cloud of unbelief. It is not his will that they should do this. Jesus is light, and in him is no darkness at all. His children are the children of light. They are renewed in his image, and called out of darkness into his marvelous light. He is the light of the world, and they that follow him are also the light of the world; for they do not walk in darkness, but have the light of life. Every disciple of Christ should be a light in the world. While they enjoy communion with God, they will seek intercourse with their fellow-men, that by words and acts they may express the love of God that animates their hearts. In this way they will be lights in the world. And their light will not go out or be taken away, but will shine with increasing brightness on those who walk in the path of obedience. [The Watchman 09-08-08 para. 01] p. 318, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Accountable beings must walk in the light that shines upon them. The Spirit, wisdom, and goodness of God, revealed in his Word, are to be exemplified by his people. He requires of them according to the grace and truth given them. All his righteous demands must be fully met. If the people of God fail to do this, their light becomes darkness, and their darkness is great according as their light was abundant. [The Watchman 09-08-08 para. 02] p. 318, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It is not for lack of knowledge that God's people are now perishing. They will not be condemned because they do not know the way, the truth, and the life. But they have seen light and heard much truth, yet many are not wise and holy. God calls upon his people to act. The truth that has reached their understanding, but which they, instead of cherishing, have neglected or refused, will condemn them. What more could have been done for God's vineyard than has been done? but the minds of his people are not exercised unto godliness and true holiness. If their moral character and true state do not correspond with the blessings, privileges, and light which have been conferred upon them, angels make the report, "Wanting." [The Watchman 09-08-08 para. 03] p. 318, Para. 3, [1908MS].

From some the knowledge of their true state seems to be hidden. They see the truth, but perceive not its duties or its claims; or they hear the truth, but do not fully understand it, because they do not conform their lives to it. Yet they rest as unconcerned and self-satisfied as if the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, as tokens of God's favor, went before them. How great is the darkness of such! yet they know it not. No stronger delusion can deceive the human mind than that which makes them believe that they are right and accepted of God, when they are sinning against him. They mistake the form of godliness for the spirit and power thereof. They believe that they are rich and have need of nothing, when they are poor, wretched, blind, and naked, and need all things. [The Watchman 09-08-08 para. 04] p. 318, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The people of God should be careful to depart from all iniquity. Christ is denied in many ways. We may deny him by speaking contrary to truth, or by speaking evil of others, or by foolish talking or jesting, or by words that are idle. In these things we manifest little wisdom. We make

ourselves weak. Then with our feeble efforts we cannot resist the great enemy, and we are conquered. From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, and through lack of watchfulness we confess that Christ is not in us. [The Watchman 09-08-08 para. 05] p. 318, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Many who profess Christ are by no means laborers in his vineyard. In any worldly enterprise they manifest energy, an ambition to accomplish their object; but in the enterprise of everlasting life, where all is at stake, and their eternal happiness depends upon their success, they seem as indifferent as if another were playing the game of life for them, and they had nothing to do but to wait the result. If they would manifest the same degree of zeal and earnestness to gain everlasting life that they do in their worldly pursuits, they would be victorious overcomers. [The Watchman 09-08-08 para. 06] p. 319, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The life and spirit of Christ are our only standard of excellence and perfection, and our only safe course is to follow the Saviour's example. There must be an entire, unreserved surrender to God, a forsaking and turning away from the love of the world. But it is the privilege of the Christian to obtain strength from God day by day. Fervent and effectual prayer will be regarded in heaven. When the servants of Christ take the shield of faith for their defense, and the sword of the Spirit for war, there is fear in the enemy's camp, and something must be done. When the truth in its simplicity and strength prevails among believers, and is brought to bear against the spirit of the world, it will be evident that between Christ and Belial there is no concord. The disciples of Christ must be living examples of the life and spirit of their Master. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 09-08-08 para. 07] p. 319, Para. 2, [1908MS].

September 15, 1908 Gain that is Loss.--Christ is our example. We are to study his life, his method of teaching, and follow his footsteps. [The Watchman 09-15-08 para. 01] p. 319, Para. 3, [1908MS].

On one occasion Christ was teaching, and, as usual, others besides his disciples had gathered about him. He had been speaking to the disciples of the scenes in which they were soon to act a part. They were to publish abroad the truths he had committed to them, and they would be brought in conflict with the rulers of this world. For his sake they

would be called into courts and before magistrates and kings. He had assured them of wisdom which none could gainsay. His own words, that moved the hearts of the multitude, and brought to confusion his wily adversaries, witnessed to the power of that indwelling Spirit which he had promised to his followers. [The Watchman 09-15-08 para. 02] p. 319, Para. 4, [1908MS].

But there were many who desired the grace of heaven only to serve their selfish purposes. They recognized the marvelous power of Christ in setting forth the truth in a clear light. They heard the promise to his followers of wisdom to speak before rulers and magistrates. Would he not lend his power for their worldly benefit? [The Watchman 09-15-08 para. 03] p. 319, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." Through Moses, God had given directions concerning the transmission of property. The eldest son received a double portion of the father's estate, while the younger brothers were to share alike. This man thinks that his brother has defrauded him of his inheritance. His own efforts have failed to secure what he regards as his due; but if Christ will interpose, the end will surely be gained. He has heard Christ's stirring appeals, and his solemn denunciations of the scribes and Pharisees. If words of such command could be spoken to this brother, he would not dare to refuse the aggrieved man his portion. [The Watchman 09-15-08 para. 04] p. 319, Para. 6, [1908MS].

In the midst of the solemn instruction that Christ had given, this man had revealed his selfish disposition. He could appreciate that ability of the Lord which might work for the advancement of his own temporal affairs; but spiritual truths had taken no hold on his mind and heart. The gaining of the inheritance was his absorbing theme. Jesus, the King of glory, who was rich, yet for our sake became poor, was opening to him the treasures of divine love. The Holy Spirit was pleading with him 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. [The Watchman 09-15-08 para. 05] p. 320, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Saviour's mission on earth was fast drawing to a close. Only a few months remained for him to complete what he had come 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?" [The Watchman 09-15-08 para. 06] p. 320, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Jesus could have told this man just what was right. He knew the right in the case; but the brothers were in a quarrel because both were covetous. Christ virtually said, It is not my work to settle controversies of this kind. He came for another purpose, to preach the gospel, and thus to arouse men to a sense of eternal realities. [The Watchman 09-15-08 para. 07] p. 320, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In Christ's treatment of this case is a lesson for all who minister in his name. When he sent forth the twelve, he said, "As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." They were not to settle the temporal affairs of the people. Their work was to persuade men to be reconciled to God. In this work lay their power to bless humanity. The only remedy for the sins and sorrows of men is Christ. The gospel of his grace alone can cure the evils that curse society. The injustice of the rich toward the poor, the hatred of the poor toward the rich, alike have their root in selfishness, and this can be eradicated only through submission to Christ. He alone, for the selfish heart of sin gives the new heart of love. Let the servants of Christ preach the gospel with the Spirit sent down from heaven, and work as he did for the benefit of men. Then such results will be manifest, in the blessing and uplifting of mankind, as are wholly impossible of accomplishment by human power. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 09-15-08 para. 08] p. 320, Para. 4, [1908MS].

September 22, 1908 The Graces of the Spirit.--We are plainly told what are the fruits of the Spirit. They are "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Since the word of inspiration has told us what they are, and has made plain to us how we

can cherish and cultivate them, who in the day of God can be found excused for cherishing evils that will shut him out of the everlasting kingdom? [The Watchman 09-22-08 para. 01] p. 320, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Are you in a position where you do not possess these graces of the Spirit? Just as soon as any one crosses or offends you, does there arise in your heart a feeling of bitterness, a spirit of rebellion? If this is the spirit that you have, remember that it is not the spirit of Christ. It is another spirit that is ruling the life and molding the character. [The Watchman 09-22-08 para. 02] p. 321, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We need to have a spirit of gentleness. We cannot live right in the family without it. In order to have the proper control of our children, we must manifest a spirit of meekness, gentleness, and long-suffering. If we would teach them to be gentle and patient, we must manifest these qualities ourselves. If we would win their affections, we must manifest a loving, gentle spirit to them. We cannot win them by fretfulness, fault-finding, and scolding. But there should be no weakness or unwise indulgence on the part of parents. The mother should have firmness and decision, and never allow herself to be swerved from the right. Her commands should be carried out at all times; but she can do this with gentleness and meekness, and without awakening a spirit of opposition. A family trained after this plan will be a power in favor of Christianity; for the children will grow up God-fearing men and women. But in a family where the opposite course is taken, even though the parents may profess to be followers of Jesus, you will almost surely find the children going in the ways of the world. And what influence does this have upon the outside world? Does it testify in favor of Christianity?--No, indeed. [The Watchman 09-22-08 para. 03] p. 321, Para. 2, [1908MS].

We need to have godliness and faith. Any one can be just what he chooses to be. Character is not obtained by receiving an education. Character is not obtained by amassing wealth or gaining worldly honor. Character is not obtained by proxy. We must work for it ourselves, with a purpose, will, and determination. To form a character that God will approve requires persevering effort. But we are to believe in God, and trust in his willingness and power to help and save. Christ says, "I will make a man more

precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." How?--By the cultivation of the graces of the Spirit--love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith. [The Watchman 09-22-08 para. 04] p. 321, Para. 3, [1908MS].

We should all have an interest in this matter of faith. Christ said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Here is the promise. Where is the faith to grasp it, and never give up until the victory is gained? There is not a soul that is not indebted to God. Christ died for all. He died for you, reader, that you might have the graces of the Spirit, that you might become conquerors, that you might have eternal life. [The Watchman 09-22-08 para. 05] p. 321, Para. 4, [1908MS].

We want piety. If piety was practiced every day, you would find that it would be a living testimony to the youth and to all around you. Have you the light? Is your fire kindled from off the altar? Then let your light shine forth in good works to those around you. Let the divine rays of truth shine upon those who are in error and in moral darkness. There are some who realize their need of light, and help, and strength, and you are to let your light shine to them. [The Watchman 09-22-08 para. 06] p. 321, Para. 5, [1908MS].

A genuine receiver of truth is a doer of the Word, and not a hearer only. As the truth is brought into the life, the whole character is changed. "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." The character of the truly converted soul will be marked with simplicity. He will be spiritually minded. Self-exaltation will cease, for his affections have centered in a new channel. He now loves Jesus with his whole heart, and his brethren as the purchase of the blood of Christ. Here is fruit that will certainly appear in the renewed heart. [The Watchman 09-22-08 para. 07] p. 322, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We have a most solemn faith. Believing as we do that Christ is soon to come, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness! What holy energy and diligence should be manifested in our lives. [The Watchman 09-22-08 para. 08] p. 322, Para. 2, [1908MS].

We all need the graces of the Spirit of God. May God help

us to seek for this experience, and not to rest until we have received it. Come where the living waters flow, and drink of salvation. Then if Christ is in you a well of water springing up into everlasting life, you may water all that are around you, and bring others into the kingdom of God. May you, dear reader, receive that divine inheritance. Christ has bought you, and you cannot afford to be lost. May you in divine strength make your calling and election sure. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 09-22-08 para. 09] p. 322, Para. 3, [1908MS].

September 29, 1908 Love for the Erring.--Christ came to bring salvation within the reach of all. Upon the cross of Calvary he paid the infinite redemption price for a world lost. His self-denial and self-sacrifice, his unselfish labor, his humiliation, and, above all, the offering up of his life, testify of the depth of his love for fallen man. It was to seek and to save that which was lost that he came to earth. His mission was to save sinners--sinners of every grade, of every tongue and nation. He paid the ransom price for all. None were passed by, no matter how erring and sinful; his labors were especially for those who most needed the salvation he came to bring. His great heart of love was stirred to its depths for those who were the most hopeless, and who most needed his transforming grace. [The Watchman 09-29-08 para. 01] p. 322, Para. 4, [1908MS].

In the parable of the lost sheep is represented the wonderful love of Christ for the erring and the wandering. The true shepherd leaves the flock that love him, and goes out into the wilderness, enduring hardship, and facing danger and death, to seek and save the sheep that has wandered from the fold, and that must perish if not brought back. When after diligent search the lost is found, the shepherd, though suffering from weariness, pain, and hunger, does not leave it in its weakness to follow him, nor does he drive it back; but he tenderly gathers it in his arms, and placing it upon his shoulders, bears it to the fold. Then he calls upon his neighbors to rejoice with him over the lost that is found. Thus is illustrated the wondrous love of Christ for the lost and perishing. [The Watchman 09-29-08 para. 02] p. 322, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The parable of the prodigal son and that of the lost piece of silver teach the same lesson. Christ does not bestow all his blessings upon those who accept his salvation, content with their gratitude and love. Every soul that is

especially imperiled by falling into temptation or sin pains his loving heart, and calls forth his tenderest sympathy and most earnest care. Over one sinner that repents he rejoices with exceeding joy. [The Watchman 09-29-08 para. 03] p. 322, Para. 6, [1908MS].

These lessons are for our benefit. Christ has enjoined upon his disciples that they co-operate with him in his work; that they love one another as he has loved them. The agony he endured upon the cross testifies of the estimate he places upon the human soul. All who accept this great salvation pledge themselves to be co-workers with him. They are to work as he worked and love as he loved, even those who are in ignorance and sin. [The Watchman 09-29-08 para. 04] p. 323, Para. 1, [1908MS].

But there is a great lack of deep, earnest, soul-touching sympathy for the tempted and the erring. Many pass by on the other side, keeping as far as possible from those who most need help. Sometimes the newly converted or weak soul yields to some form of temptation, and is overtaken in a fault. In such cases the instructions of God's Word apply: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." But how little of the pitying tenderness of Christ is manifested by his professed followers. [The Watchman 09-29-08 para. 05] p. 323, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Let those who have been remiss in this work consider their duty in the light of the great commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This obligation is resting upon all. All are required to seek to diminish the ills and multiply the blessings of their fellow-creatures. If we are strong to resist temptation, we are under the greater obligation to help those who are weak and yielding. If we have knowledge, we should instruct the ignorant. If God has blessed us with this world's goods, it is our duty to succor the poor. We must work for the good of others, and let all within the sphere of our influence be partakers of whatever of excellence we may possess. None should be content to feed on the bread of life without sharing it with those about them. [The Watchman 09-29-08 para. 06] p. 323, Para. 3, [1908MS].

God has ordained that in order to grow in grace and in a knowledge of Christ, men must follow his example, and work as he worked. It will often require a struggle to control our own feelings, and refrain from speaking in a manner to discourage those who are laboring under temptation. A life of daily communion with God, a life that will shed light upon the path of others, cannot be maintained without earnest, persistent effort. But such effort will yield precious fruit, blessing both the receiver and the giver. The spirit of unselfish love for others gives depth, stability, and Christlike loveliness of character, and brings peace and happiness into the heart. [The Watchman 09-29-08 para. 07] p. 323, Para. 4, [1908MS].

There is no room for sloth or selfishness; but those who exercise the Christian graces will grow. They will have spiritual muscle, and will be strong to work for God. They will have clear spiritual perception, growing faith, and increased power in prayer. Those who are watching for souls, those who devote themselves most fully to labor for the salvation of the erring, are most surely working out their own salvation. [The Watchman 09-29-08 para. 08] p. 323, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The erring can be restored in no other way than in the spirit of love and meekness. Then let us never become cold, unsympathetic, and censorious. And let us never lose an opportunity to say a word to encourage and inspire hope. We cannot tell how far-reaching may be our words of kindness, our efforts to lighten some burden. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 09-29-08 para. 09] p. 323, Para. 6, [1908MS].

October 13, 1908 The Duty of Forgiveness.--Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," Christ taught us to pray. But it is most difficult, even for those who claim to be followers of Jesus, to forgive as he forgave us. The true spirit of forgiveness is so little practiced, and so many interpretations are placed upon Christ's requirement, that its force and beauty are lost sight of. We have very uncertain views of the great mercy and loving-kindness of God. He is full of compassion and forgiveness, and freely pardons when we truly repent and confess our sins. But when the message of God's pardoning love comes from a heart that has an experimental knowledge of it, to those who have not experienced it for themselves it is like speaking in parables. We must bring into our characters the love and sympathy expressed in Christ's life. [The Watchman 10-13-08

para. 01] p. 324, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Peter, when brought to the test, sinned greatly. In denying the Master he had loved and served, he became a cowardly apostate. But his Lord did not cast him off; he freely forgave him. After the resurrection, an angel told the women who came to the tomb with spices, to carry the glad news of a risen Lord to the "disciples and Peter." And when afterward Christ thrice repeated the question, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" Peter cast himself on the tender mercy of the Master he had so wronged, and said, "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee." And when our Lord entrusted to him the care of his "sheep and lambs," Peter knew that he was taken back into divine confidence and affection. To fulfil this charge, he would need to have the mind that was in Jesus Christ; he must copy the Pattern. Henceforth, remembering his own weakness and failures, he would be patient with his brethren in their mistakes and errors. Remembering the patient love of Christ, who had afforded him another opportunity, he would be more conciliatory toward erring ones. [The Watchman 10-13-08 para. 02] p. 324, Para. 2, [1908MS].

If we have received the gift of God, and have a knowledge of Jesus Christ, we have a work to do for others. We must imitate the long-suffering of God toward us. The Lord requires of us the same treatment toward his followers that we receive of him. We are to exercise patience and to be kind, even though they do not meet our expectations. The Lord expects us to be pitiful and loving, to have sympathetic hearts. He desires us to show the fruits of the grace of God in our deportment one to another. Christ did not say, You may tolerate your neighbor, but "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. This means a great deal more than professing Christians carry out in their daily life. [The Watchman 10-13-08 para. 03] p. 324, Para. 3, [1908MS].

When Christ was on earth, instead of removing from the commandments one jot or tittle of their force, he showed by precept and example how far-reaching their principles are, how much broader they are than the scribes and Pharisees thought. They thought that Christ was lowering the Old Testament standard, yet he was teaching the people practical godliness. Christ understood their feelings, and reproved these self-righteous rulers in these words to his

disciples: "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." "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." [The Watchman 10-13-08 para. 04] p. 324, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ proceeds to teach that the principles of God's law reach even to the intents and purposes of the mind. And he plainly states that if we faithfully keep the ten precepts, we shall love our neighbor as ourselves. "Ye have heard," he says, "that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." [The Watchman 10-13-08 para. 05] p. 325, Para. 1, [1908MS].

A consistent religious life, holy conversation, a godly example, true-hearted benevolence, mark the representative of Christ. He will labor to pluck sinners as brands from the burning; he will perform every duty faithfully. Thus he will become a beacon light. [The Watchman 10-13-08 para. 06] p. 325, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Brethren, we are nearing the judgment. Talents have been lent us on trust. Let none of us be at last condemned as slothful servants. Send forth the words of life to those in darkness. Let the church be true to her trust. Her earnest, humble prayers will make the presentation of truth effectual, and Christ will be glorified. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 10-13-08 para. 07] p. 325, Para. 3, [1908MS].

October 20, 1908 To Every Man his Work.--When Christ ascended on high, he bade his disciples take up the gospel work where he had left it, and carry it forward to completion. Though almost nineteen centuries have passed since that command was uttered, it has lost none of its force. Today the last warning message of mercy, the closing invitation of the gospel, is going to the world. A great work is yet to be accomplished, a work which will require most earnest, determined effort. Every one who has received the light of truth is required, in turn, to aid in giving that light to the world. If we would at last share the reward of the righteous, we must wisely improve the time of our probation. Moments are more precious than gold. [The Watchman 10-20-08 para. 01] p. 325, Para. 4, [1908MS].

We have been redeemed by the blood of Christ; our time, our talents, belong to him, and we should improve every opportunity to advance his cause. We should seek to preserve the full vigor of all our powers for the accomplishment of this work. Whatever detracts from physical vigor weakens mental effort. Hence every practice unfavorable to the health of the body, should be resolutely shunned. We cannot maintain consecration to God, and yet injure our health by the wilful indulgence of a wrong habit. "I keep under my body," the great apostle says, "and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway." [The Watchman 10-20-08 para. 02] p. 325, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Self-denial is one of the conditions not only of admission into the service of Christ, but of continuance therein. Christ himself declared, in unmistakable language, the conditions of discipleship: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Yet how often, even in the case of those who call themselves Christians, the love for some pernicious indulgence is stronger than the desire for a sound mind in a sound body. Precious hours of probation are spent, God-given means squandered, to please the eye or to gratify the appetite. Custom holds thousands in bondage to the earthly and the sensual. Many are willing captives; they desire no better portion. [The Watchman 10-20-08 para. 03] p. 325, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked." He knows whether our

hearts are wholly devoted to his service, or are given to the things of the world. If we would not be misled by error and falsehood, the heart must be preoccupied by the truth. The Word of God will furnish the mind with weapons of divine power, to vanquish the enemy. Happy is the man, who, when tempted, finds his soul rich in the knowledge of the Scriptures, who finds shelter in the promises of God. "Thy Word," the psalmist said, "have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." We need now, as never before, that calm, steady faith, that undaunted moral courage, which can only be gained from communion with Christ and his Word, to brace us for trial and strengthen us for duty. [The Watchman 10-20-08 para. 04] p. 326, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Genuine love for Jesus will be manifested in a desire to work for him. Love for Jesus will lead to love, tenderness, and sympathy for his followers, and so to conscientious, enthusiastic efforts for their salvation. We must work with the same earnestness with which Christ worked. Our efforts should be marked by intensity and perseverance proportionate to the importance of the object we seek-- eternal life. [The Watchman 10-20-08 para. 05] p. 326, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Conscientious, enthusiastic workers are needed. The Lord is soon coming. The time for labor is short. The months of 1908 are swiftly passing. Soon this year with its burden of records will be numbered with the past. Let the precious time remaining be devoted to earnest labor for our Master. Even when we consecrate to him the full strength of our powers, we can do but little in comparison with all that he has done for us. [The Watchman 10-20-08 para. 06] p. 326, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In the service of Christ there is no middle ground. Christ said, "He that is not with me is against me." Let none expect to make a compromise with the world, and yet enjoy the blessing of the Lord. Let God's people come out from this world, and be separate. Let unbelievers see that the faith we hold is a living reality, sanctifying the character and transforming the life. Let us surround ourselves with an atmosphere of Christian cheerfulness. Let us show that our religion can stand the test of trial. Let us by kindness, forbearance, and love, prove to the world the power of our faith. [The Watchman 10-20-08 para. 07] p. 326, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Life, with its marvelous privileges and opportunities, will soon be ended. The time for improvement in character will be past. Unless our sins are now repented of, and blotted out by the blood of the Lamb, they will stand in the ledger of heaven to confront us in the coming day. Then let us earnestly examine ourselves in the light of God's Word, seeking to discover every defect of character, that we may wash our robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. [The Watchman 10-20-08 para. 08] p. 326, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Life is short. The things of the world must perish with the using. Let us be wise, and build for eternity. We cannot afford to idle away our precious moments, or engage in busy activities that will bring forth no fruit for eternity. Let the time hitherto devoted to idleness, frivolity, and worldliness be spent in gaining a knowledge of the Scriptures, in beautifying our life, and blessing and ennobling the lives and characters of others. This work will be approved of God, and win for us the heavenly benediction, "Well done." Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 10-20-08 para. 09] p. 326, Para. 6, [1908MS].

November 3, 1908 Nature Speaks of God.--The glory of God is displayed in his handiwork. Here are mysteries that the mind will become strong in searching out. Minds that have been amused and abused by reading fiction may in nature have an open book, and read truth in the works of God around them. All may find themes for study in the simple leaf of the forest tree, the spires of grass covering the earth with their green, velvet carpet, the plants and flowers, the stately trees of the forest, the lofty mountains, the granite rocks, the restless ocean, the precious gems of light, studding the heavens to make the night beautiful, the exhaustless riches of the sunlight, the solemn glories of the moon, the winter's cold, the summer's heat, the changing, recurrent seasons in perfect order and harmony, controlled by infinite power; here are subjects which call for deep thought, for the stretch of the imagination. [The Watchman 11-03-08 para. 01] p. 327, Para. 1, [1908MS].

If the frivolous and pleasure-seeking will allow their minds to dwell upon the real and true, the heart cannot but be filled with reverence, and they will adore the God of nature. The contemplation and study of God's character as

revealed in his created works will open a field of thought that will draw the mind away from low, debasing, enervating amusements. [The Watchman 11-03-08 para. 02] p. 327, Para. 2, [1908MS].

When the Lord was training Israel to be the special representatives of himself, he gave them homes among the hills and valleys. In their home life and their religious service they were brought in constant contact with nature and the Word of God. So also Christ taught his disciples by the lake, on the mountain-side, in the fields and groves, where they could look upon the things of nature by which he illustrated his teachings. [The Watchman 11-03-08 para. 03] p. 327, Para. 3, [1908MS].

So through the creation we are to become acquainted with the Creator. The book of nature is a great lesson-book, which in connection with the Scriptures we are to use in teaching others of his character, and guiding lost sheep back to the fold of God. As the works of God are studied, the Holy Spirit flashes conviction into the mind. It is not the conviction that logical reasoning produces; but unless the mind has become too dark to know God, the eye too dim to see him, the ear too dull to hear his voice, a deeper meaning is grasped, and the sublime, spiritual truths of the written Word are impressed on the heart. [The Watchman 11-03-08 para. 04] p. 327, Para. 4, [1908MS].

In these lessons direct from nature, there is a simplicity that makes them of the highest value. All need the teaching to be derived from this source. In itself the beauty of nature leads the soul away from sin and worldly attractions, and toward purity, peace, and God. Too often the minds of students are occupied with men's theories and speculations, falsely called science and philosophy. They need to be brought into close contact with nature. Let them be taught to see the harmony of the natural with the spiritual. Let everything which their eyes see or their hands handle be made a lesson in character-building. Thus the mental powers will be strengthened, the character developed, the whole life ennobled. [The Watchman 11-03-08 para. 05] p. 327, Para. 5, [1908MS].

But the teacher of sacred truth can impart only that which he himself knows by experience. Christ taught the truth because he was the truth. His own thought, his character, were embodied in his teaching. So with his servants: those

who would teach the Word are to make it their own by a personal experience. They cannot teach from nature without being in sympathy with nature and nature's God. [The Watchman 11-03-08 para. 06] p. 327, Para. 6, [1908MS].

But the knowledge of God's works and ways we can only begin to obtain in this world; the study will be continued throughout eternity. God has provided for man subjects of thought which will bring into activity every faculty of the mind. We may read the character of the Creator in the heavens above and the earth beneath, filling the heart with gratitude and thanksgiving. Every nerve and sense will respond to the expressions of God's love in his marvelous works. [The Watchman 11-03-08 para. 07] p. 328, Para. 1, [1908MS].

God, who created everything lovely and beautiful that the eye rests upon, is a lover of the beautiful. He shows us how he estimates true beauty. The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit is in his sight of great price. Shall we not seek earnestly to gain that which God estimates as more valuable than costly dress, or pearls, or gold? The inward adorning, the grace of meekness, a spirit in harmony with the heavenly angels, will not lessen true dignity of character, or make us less lovely here in this world. The Redeemer has warned us against the pride of life, but not against its grace and natural beauty. He pointed to the glowing beauty of the flowers of the field, and said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Here he shows that, even though persons may toil with weariness to make themselves objects of admiration, that which they value so highly will not bear comparison with the flowers of the field. [The Watchman 11-03-08 para. 08] p. 328, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In the growth and development of nature, learn the principles of Christ's kingdom. Thus the light of heaven will quicken the mind. Christ himself will be your teacher. Those who combine with their school education a knowledge of God's working through physical life, in the garden of nature, will receive lessons simple, yet full of instruction, in regard to his working through spiritual life, in the garden of the heart. Such an education will restore the image of God in the soul. It will strengthen and fortify the mind against temptation, and fit the

learner to become a co-worker with Christ in his mission of mercy to the world. It will make him a member of the heavenly family, and prepare him to share the inheritance of the saints in light. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 11-03-08 para. 09] p. 328, Para. 3, [1908MS].

December 15, 1908 Honoring God.--The question is asked, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" 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." These are precious words of encouragement and hope. [The Watchman 12-15-08 para. 01] p. 328, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 can refuse to represent him in word and deed, and be guiltless. None are excused for living idle lives. [The Watchman 12-15-08 para. 02] p. 328, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three highest powers in the universe, 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. [The Watchman 12-15-08 para. 03] p. 328, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." If the believer fails of drawing light from the Sun of righteousness, he cannot reflect light. [The Watchman 12-15-08 para. 04] p. 329, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"He that is not with me," Christ said, "is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." 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. When we give to the cause of evil the influence and ability which belong to the cause of 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. [The Watchman 12-15-08 para. 05] p. 329, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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, unfailingly testify that he is a laborer together with God. [The Watchman 12-15-08 para. 06] p. 329, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [The Watchman 12-15-08 para. 07] p. 329, Para. 4, [1908MS].

For God's people are to be channels for the outworking of the highest influence in the universe. A great work is to be accomplished by them in setting before men the saving truths of the gospel. This is the means ordained by God to stem the tide of moral corruption. This is his means of restoring his moral image in man. It is his remedy for universal disorganization. [The Watchman 12-15-08 para. 08] p. 329, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The purpose which God seeks to accomplish through his people to-day is the same that he desired to accomplish through Israel when he brought them forth out of Egypt. By beholding the goodness, the mercy, the justice, and the love of God revealed in the church, the world is to have a representation of his character. And when the law of God is thus exemplified in the life, even the world will recognize the superiority of those who love and serve God. [The Watchman 12-15-08 para. 09] p. 329, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The Lord has his eye upon every one of his people; he has his plans concerning each. It is his purpose that those who practice his precepts shall be a distinguished people. To the people of God to-day as well as to ancient Israel belong the words written by Moses through the Spirit of inspiration: "Thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God; the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." Deut. 7:6. [The Watchman 12-15-08 para. 10] p. 329, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Brethren, "we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." Then "what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting the coming of the day of God?" I Cor. 4:9; 2 Peter 3:11, 12, margin. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Watchman 12-15-08 para. 11] p. 330, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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February 11, 1908 New-Year Resolutions.--Although in one sense the first day of a new year is no more to God than any other day, yet he often puts into the heart of his children at that time a desire to begin the new year with good resolves, perhaps with plans to carry out some worthy enterprise, and with purposes to depart from the wrongs of the old year, and to live the new year with new determinations. [The Youth's Instructor 02-11-08 para. 01] p. 330, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In God's plan for his ancient people, he gave the command, "On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle." We have no tabernacle to set up as had the children of Israel, but we have a work of building to do, the importance of which all need to understand. "Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building," said the apostle. If we will work with God in the building of this tabernacle, establishing it firmly on the broad principles of heaven, then it can truly be said of us, "We are laborers together with God." [The Youth's Instructor 02-11-08 para. 02] p. 330, Para. 3, [1908MS].

We are yet in the early part of the new year. Let this work of consecration and progression be begun without delay. Let this first part of the new year be given to the work of pruning away the branches of selfishness. Let the

mind turn with clear discernment to the work of examining critically our individual course of action. It is not our privilege to measure the actions of others or criticize their failings. God has not made us the bearers of others' sins. It is with our own selves we have to do. The more thorough the work of repentance and reform in our own lives, the less we shall see to criticize in others. [The Youth's Instructor 02-11-08 para. 03] p. 330, Para. 4, [1908MS].

We do wrong when we measure ourselves by the defects we see in others. God does not do so. He understands the circumstances of every life, and he measures the human being by the advantages that each one has had for perfecting a Christian character. He takes into consideration the opportunities the human agent has had for obtaining a knowledge of God and his truth. [The Youth's Instructor 02-11-08 para. 04] p. 330, Para. 5, [1908MS].

He who has a true estimation of the law of God will not compare his character with the character of others, or be led into having a pharisaical opinion of himself. He will judge his life by the holy law of God. When a certain lawyer came to Christ with the question, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Christ said to him, "What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." The lawyer recognized the two great principles which underlie the law of God. Jesus said to him, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live." [The Youth's Instructor 02-11-08 para. 05] p. 330, Para. 6, [1908MS].

It is for our own benefit and safety that God asks us to abandon the selfish and questionable projects, and make thorough work in cleansing the soul temple of sin. In his instruction to his disciples the Saviour shows how complete must be the work of eradication of evil. "If thy right eye offend thee," he declares, "pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." [The Youth's Instructor 02-11-08 para. 06] p. 330, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The fourth chapter of Ephesians contains precious instruction for the children of God at this time. We are to make continual advancement in the perfecting of Christian character, that we may be no more "children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight 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." Mrs. E. G. White. [The Youth's Instructor 02-11-08 para. 07] p. 331, Para. 1, [1908MS].

March 3, 1908 A Preparation for Efficient Service.--There are many lines in which the youth can find opportunity for helpful effort. As they organize into bands for Christian service, their cooperation will prove an assistance and encouragement. Parents and teachers, by taking an interest in the work of the young people, will be able to give them the benefit of their own larger experience, and can help to make their efforts effective for good. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 01] p. 331, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In this closing work of the gospel there is a vast field to be occupied; and, more than ever before, the work is to enlist helpers from the common people. Both the youth and those older in years will be called from the field, from the vineyard, and from the workshop, and sent forth by the Master to give his message. Many of these may have had little opportunity for education; but Christ sees in them qualifications that will enable them to fulfil his purpose. If they put their hearts into the work, and continue to be learners, he will fit them to labor for him. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 02] p. 331, Para. 3, [1908MS].

With such preparation as they can gain, thousands upon thousands of the youth and those older in years should be giving themselves to the work. Already many hearts are responding to the call of the Master Worker, and their numbers will increase. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 03] p. 331, Para. 4, [1908MS].

All who engage in ministry are God's helping hand. There is no line of work in which it is possible for the youth to receive greater benefit. They are co-workers with the angels; rather, they are human agencies through whom the angels accomplish their mission. Angels speak through their voices, and work by their hands. And the human workers,

cooperating with heavenly agencies, have the benefit of their education and experience. As a means of education, what "university course" can equal this? With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Saviour might be carried to the world! [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 04] p. 331, Para. 5, [1908MS].

He who puts on the armor to war a good warfare will gain greater and still greater ability as he strives to perfect his knowledge of God, working in harmony with the plan God has laid down for the perfect development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 05] p. 331, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Young men and young women, gather a stock of knowledge. Do not wait until some human examination pronounces you competent to work; but go out into the highways and hedges, and begin to work for God. Use wisely the knowledge you have. Exercise your ability with faithfulness, generously imparting the light that God gives you. Study how best to give to others light, and peace, and truth, and the many other rich blessings of heaven. Constantly improve. Keep reaching higher and still higher. It is the ability to put to the test the powers of mind and body, ever keeping eternal realities in view, that is of value now. Seek the Lord most earnestly, that you may become more and more refined, more spiritually cultured. Then you will have the very best diploma that any one can have, the indorsement of God. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 06] p. 331, Para. 7, [1908MS].

However large, however small, your talents, remember that what you have is yours only in trust. Thus God is testing you, giving you an opportunity to prove yourself true. To him you are indebted for all your capabilities. To him belong your powers of body, mind, and soul, and for him these powers are to be used. Your time, your influence, your capabilities, your skill, all must be accounted for to him who gives all. He uses his gifts best who seeks by earnest endeavor to carry out the Lord's great plan for the uplifting of humanity, remembering always that he must be a learner, as well as a teacher. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 07] p. 332, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Every church is in need of the controlling power of the Holy Spirit; and now is the time to pray for it. But in all

God's work for man, he plans that man shall cooperate with him. To this end the Lord calls upon the church to have a higher piety, a more just sense of duty, a clearer realization of their obligations to their Creator. He calls upon them to be a pure, sanctified, working people. The Christian Help work is one means of bringing this about; for the Holy Spirit communicates with all who are doing God's service. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 08] p. 332, Para. 2, [1908MS].

To those who have been engaged in this work, I would say, Continue to work with tact and ability. Combine medical missionary work with the proclamation of the third angel's message. A new element needs to be brought into the work. God's people must realize their great need, and take up the work that lies nearest them. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 09] p. 332, Para. 3, [1908MS].

With those who engage in this work, speaking words in season and out of season, helping the needy, telling them of the wonderful love of Christ for them, the Saviour is always present, impressing the hearts of the poor and miserable and wretched. When the church accepts its God given work, the promise is, "Thy light shall 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." Christ is our righteousness. He goes before us in this work, and the glory of the Lord follows. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 10] p. 332, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The youth who aim to labor in the Master's vineyard must be as apprentices who are to learn a trade. They must learn to be useful in the work by doing errands for the Lord, improving opportunities for missionary labor anywhere and in any capacity. Thus they may give evidence that they possess tact and qualifications for the greatest work ever entrusted to men. They should be continually improving in mind, in manners, in speech, learning how to become successful laborers. They should cultivate tact and courtesy, and manifest the spirit of Christ. Onward and upward should be their constant endeavor. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 11] p. 332, Para. 5, [1908MS].

He who is seeking to qualify himself for the sacred work of God, should be careful not to place himself on the enemy's ground, but should choose the society of those who

will help him to obtain divine knowledge. So far as it is consistent, we should shun every influence that would tend to divert the mind from the work of God. Especially should those who are young in faith and experience beware that they do not in self-confidence place themselves in the way of temptation. Those who take hold of the work aright will feel the necessity of having Jesus with them at every step. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 12] p. 332, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Be careful to maintain the elevated character of the missionary work. Let all connected with missions be constantly inquiring, "What am I? and what ought I to be and do?" Let all consider that they can not give to others what they do not possess themselves; therefore they should not settle down content with their natural ways and habits, seeking to make no change for the better. Paul says that he had not attained; but, he adds, "I press toward the mark." There must be constant reformation, unceasing advancement, if we would perfect a symmetrical character. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 13] p. 333, Para. 1, [1908MS].

All who become efficient workers must give much time to prayer. The communication between God and the soul must be kept open, that the workers may recognize the voice of their Captain. The Bible should be diligently studied. The truth of God, like gold, is not always lying right on the surface; it is to be obtained only by earnest thought and study. This study will not only store the mind with most valuable knowledge, but will strengthen and expand the mental powers, and it will develop a true estimate of eternal things. Let the divine precepts be brought into the daily life; let the life be fashioned after God's great standard of righteousness, and the whole character will be strengthened and ennobled. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 14] p. 333, Para. 2, [1908MS].

He who has appointed "to every man his work," according to his ability, will never let the faithful performance of duty go unrewarded. Every act of loyalty and faith will be crowned with special tokens of God's favor and approbation. To every worker is given the promise, "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Mrs. E. G. White. [The Youth's Instructor 03-03-08 para. 15] p. 333, Para. 3, [1908MS].

April 7, 1908 Knowing God.--It is the privilege of the youth to have an education in the things of God. God loves them, and he will give to them a rich experience if they will deny self for Christ's sake, if they will depart from sin, and serve the Lord with full purpose of heart. By giving up worldly pleasure, by ceasing to serve self, and learning to serve the Lord, they can give to the world one of the most striking evidences that God is working through his church on the earth. [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 01] p. 333, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God is giving to the children and youth many opportunities of knowing his will, and of learning how to do that will. In the Sabbath school, in the services of the church, through the study of his Word in the home and in the school, he is constantly providing ways by which they may learn what is his purpose for the youth who accept him. By an earnest study of the Word of God, dear youth, you may learn to distinguish between right and wrong, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. If you will put away your novel and romance, and with simplicity of heart search the Scriptures, the Lord will impress your mind with his truth, and will make you a blessing to others. You will see the converting power of God come into the church. [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 02] p. 333, Para. 5, [1908MS].

A faithful study of the story of Daniel and his three friends will teach the principles that underlie a strong, true character. These young men had first learned to serve God in their homes. They had there learned the meaning of true religion and what God would do for them if they remained loyal to him. When they were carried to the court of Babylon, they determined to yield up life itself rather than be untrue to God. [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 03] p. 333, Para. 6, [1908MS].

A severe test came to three of these youth when Nebuchadnezzar issued a proclamation, calling upon all the officers of the kingdom to assemble at the dedication of the great image, and at the sound of the musical instruments, to bow down and worship it. Should any fail of doing this, they were immediately to be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. The worship of this image had been brought about by the wise men of Babylon in order to make the Hebrew youth join in their idolatrous worship. They were beautiful singers, and the Chaldean wanted them

to forget their God, and accept the worship of the Babylonian idols. [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 04] p. 334, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The appointed day came, and at the sound of the music, the vast company that had assembled at the king's command "fell down and worshiped the golden image." But these faithful young men would not bow down. [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 05] p. 334, Para. 2, [1908MS].

When the men of Babylon saw that the youth would not join in the songs or bend the knee, they went to Nebuchadnezzar, saying, "O king, live forever. . . . There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 06] p. 334, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The king was filled with rage, and commanded that the men be brought before him. "Is it true," he inquired, "do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?" Pointing to the fiery furnace, he reminded them of the punishment that would be theirs if they refused to obey his will. [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 07] p. 334, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The king decided to give them a second trial. "If ye be ready," he said, "that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made, well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." Then, with hand stretched upward in defiance, he asked, "And who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?" [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 08] p. 334, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The fearless youth replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, . . . but if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 09] p. 334, Para. 6, [1908MS].

In vain were the king's threats. He could not turn these noble men from their allegiance to the great Ruler of nations. When opportunity was again given them to yield to the king's decree, and at the sound of the music the great men and officers of the kingdom bowed in worship before the image, the three Hebrews stood erect; they would not dishonor God by engaging in idol worship. They had been obedient to the laws of Babylon so far as these did not conflict with the claims of God; but they would not be swayed a hair's breadth from the duty they owed their Creator. [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 10] p. 334, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Then the king commanded the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than it was wont to be heated; and when this was done, the three Hebrews were cast in. So furious were the flames, that the men who cast the Hebrews in were burned to death. [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 11] p. 335, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Suddenly the countenance of the king paled with terror. He looked intently into the glowing flames, and turning to his lords, in tones of alarm, he inquired, "Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" The answer was, "True, O king." His voice trembling with excitement, the monarch exclaimed, "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 12] p. 335, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Nebuchadnezzar knew enough of the true God through Daniel to know whose was the form of the fourth in the flames. With remorse and shame, the king cried, "Ye servants of the most high God, come forth." And as they obeyed and came forth, there was not even the smell of fire upon their garments. [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 13] p. 335, Para. 3, [1908MS].

God asks the youth of today to serve him with the same earnest purpose that these Hebrew youth revealed. He bids you make straight paths for your feet. He does not promise you that your Christian life will be free from trial; for the enemy will come in some form to every child of God. But in every trial you may claim the companionship of the Son of God. "Lo, I am with you always," he declares, "even unto the end of the world." "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they

shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the holy One of Israel, thy Saviour." Mrs. E. G. White. [The Youth's Instructor 04-07-08 para. 14] p. 335, Para. 4, [1908MS].

April 28, 1908 Wise Counsel to Youth.--"I write unto you, young men," says the apostle, "because ye have overcome the wicked one." There is a work of overcoming to be done, and it is given to the youth to experience the joys of the overcomer. Into the life of every believing child of God is to be brought the work of resisting evil. [The Youth's Instructor 04-28-08 para. 01] p. 335, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Take the promises of God, and claim them as your own. If you fail, and you may; for older persons fail, do not give up in discouragement, and say, The Lord has forsaken me. If you have done wrong, go to the one you have wronged, and confess your fault. Then go to the Lord, and ask his forgiveness. He will receive you; for he has promised. "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." When Christ abides in your life, you may look to him to complete the work he has begun in you. [The Youth's Instructor 04-28-08 para. 02] p. 335, Para. 6, [1908MS].

God will give wisdom and understanding and knowledge to the youth who seek him with sincerity of heart. He will help the student to be a power for good in the schoolroom, and outside the school to live so true a life that the world will take knowledge of him that he has been with Jesus and learned of him. He will enable the older members of the family to set a true example before the younger members, and will teach them how to seek together for perfection of character. [The Youth's Instructor 04-28-08 para. 03] p. 335, Para. 7, [1908MS].

God wants us to be good and to do good. It is your privilege to learn of God, and then teach others what they must do to be saved. The voice is a wonderful talent. God wants you to improve this talent, that you may be a blessing to others. Learn to speak the kind and helpful and tender word. It is your privilege to break away from every form of wrongdoing. By putting away pride and selfishness

and coming into right relation with God, you may begin to have heaven right here on earth. And in this work you will be laborers together with God. [The Youth's Instructor 04-28-08 para. 04] p. 336, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Do not cease to pray. The Lord will hear the prayer of the contrite heart. Repeat the promise. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." With this threefold promise God desires to impress your hearts with the assurance that if you will go to him in your need, he will surely help you. When you make an entire surrender to God, he will give you most precious thoughts, and heavenly angels will cooperate with you. The Spirit of God will give you words to speak that will touch hearts and help you to reach souls. [The Youth's Instructor 04-28-08 para. 05] p. 336, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Satan has a great desire to ruin souls; Christ has a great desire to save them. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden," he invites, "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." This is a blessed invitation to lay all our perplexities at the feet of Jesus, and to rest in his love. [The Youth's Instructor 04-28-08 para. 06] p. 336, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Take time to think of the pleasures that await those who are faithful. When this earthly pilgrimage is ended, you will have the Saviour's presence with you continually. He will lead you to behold the beautiful scenes of the earth made new. He will talk to you about the things most precious, and will teach you a fuller knowledge of his way. The education you gain in the things of God in this life will not end here. All that you gain you will take with you to the future life; and Christ, as your teacher, will continue the work of education through the eternal ages. And your love for him will broaden and deepen as you realize more fully all that his sacrifice has purchased for you. Ellen G. White. [The Youth's Instructor 04-28-08 para. 07] p. 336, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. God's people should be preparing for what is to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise. [The Youth's Instructor 04-28-08

para. 08] p. 336, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Our time is precious. We have but a few, very few, days of probation in which to make ready for the future, immortal life. We have no time to spend in haphazard movements. We should fear to skim the surface of the Word of God. Mrs. E. G. White. [The Youth's Instructor 04-28-08 para. 09] p. 336, Para. 6, [1908MS].

November 3, 1908 Suffer the Children to Come.--When the Saviour was on earth, he took little children in his arms, and blessed them. On one occasion the disciples would have sent these little ones away, but Jesus heard their words of rebuke, and he said to them, "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 01] p. 336, Para. 7, [1908MS].

In the children who were brought in contact with him, Jesus saw the men and women who should be the heirs of his grace and subjects of his kingdom, and some of whom would become martyrs for his sake. He knew that these children would listen to him, and accept him as their Redeemer far more readily than would grown-up people, many of whom were worldly wise and hardhearted. In his teaching he came down to their level. He, the Majesty of heaven, did not disdain to answer their questions, and simplify his important lessons to meet their childish understanding. He planted in their minds the seeds of truth, which in after-years would spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 02] p. 337, Para. 1, [1908MS].

It is still true that children are most susceptible to the teachings of the gospel; their hearts are open to divine influences, and strong to retain the lessons received. The little children may be Christians, having an experience in accordance with their years. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 03] p. 337, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It has been my privilege to see many of the young converted and baptized, some in their early childhood. In one church where I labored with my husband in our early experiences in the message, there were about fourteen children nearly of an age, who wished to be baptized. A father came to Elder White and said, "What are you going to do with these children? They say they are converted to God; but they are too young to be baptized." "No, indeed, they

are not," my husband responded. "My wife can tell you a story of what a child can experience in spiritual things, if you care to hear." Then I related my own experience in conversion. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 04] p. 337, Para. 3, [1908MS].

I was eleven years old when the light broke into my heart. I had pious parents, who in every way tried to make their children acquainted with their Heavenly Father. We sang the praises of God in our household. Every morning and evening we had family prayer. There were eight children in the family, and every opportunity was improved by our parents to lead us to give our hearts to Jesus. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 05] p. 337, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I was not unmindful of the voice of prayer daily going up to God. These influences were working on my heart; and in my earlier years I had often sought for the peace that there is in Christ; but I could not seem to find the freedom that I desired. A terrible feeling of sadness and despair rested upon my heart. I did not think of anything that I had done to cause me to feel sad; but it seemed that I was not good enough ever to enter heaven. Such a thing seemed altogether too much for me to expect. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 06] p. 337, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The mental anguish I passed through at this time was very great. I believed in an eternally burning hell; and as I thought of the wretched state of the sinner before God, I was in deep despair. I feared that I should be lost, and that I should live through eternity suffering a living death. But I learned better than this. I learned that I had a God who is altogether too merciful to perpetuate throughout eternity the lives of the beings whom he created for his glory, but who, instead of accepting the Saviour, had died unrepentant, unforgiven, and unsaved. I learned that the wicked shall be consumed as stubble, and that they shall be as ashes under our feet in the new earth; they shall be as though they had not been. There is no eternally burning hell; there are no living bodies suffering eternal torment. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 07] p. 337, Para. 6, [1908MS].

But for a long time not one ray of light pierced the dark cloud of distress and despondency that was surrounding me. My sufferings were very great. Night after night, while my twin sister was sleeping, I would arise, and bow by the

bedside before the Lord, and plead with him for mercy. All the words that I had any confidence to utter were, "Lord, have mercy." Such complete hopelessness would seize me that I would fall on my face with an agony of feeling that can not be described. Like the poor publican, I dared not so much as lift my eyes toward heaven. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 08] p. 338, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Finally I had a dream which gave me a faint hope that I might be saved. Soon afterward I attended a prayer meeting, and when others knelt to pray, I bowed with them tremblingly; and after two or three had prayed, I began to pray. Then the promises of God appeared to me like so many precious pearls that were to be received only by asking for them. As I prayed, the burden and agony of soul, that I had felt so long, left me, and the blessing of God came upon me like gentle dew, and I gave glory to God for what I felt. Everything was shut out from me but Jesus and glory, and I did not know what was going on around me. It seemed as if I was at the feet of Jesus, and that the light of his countenance was shining upon me in all its brightness. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 09] p. 338, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Everything appeared glorious and new, and as if smiling and praising God. I seemed to be shut in with God. I was then willing to confess Jesus everywhere. The sacrifice that my Redeemer had made to save me from death and sin seemed very great. I could not dwell upon it without weeping. I experienced the peace of Christ, which the world could not give nor take away. Although I expected to live but a few months because of feeble health, my life was peaceful and happy. I clung in faith to the Lord, and he took control of me and healed me. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 10] p. 338, Para. 3, [1908MS].

From this time I felt that I was the happiest being on the earth. I could see Jesus in everything. How I loved him! How precious he was to me! I felt that I must reveal his loveliness to my companions, and I began at once to work for the young. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 11] p. 338, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I arranged meetings with my young friends, some of whom were considerably older than myself, and a few were married persons. A number of them were vain and thoughtless; my experience sounded to them like an idle tale, and they did

not heed my entreaties. But I determined that my efforts should never cease till these dear souls, for whom I had so great an interest, yielded to God. Several entire nights were spent by me in earnest prayer for those for whom I was so earnestly laboring. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 12] p. 338, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Some of these attended from curiosity to know what I had to say; others thought me beside myself to be so persistent in my efforts, especially when they felt no concern on their part. But at every one of our little meetings I continued to exhort, and to pray for one and then another, until every one had yielded to Jesus, acknowledging the merits of his pardoning love. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 13] p. 338, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Night after night in my dreams I seemed to be laboring for the salvation of souls. At such times special cases were presented to my mind; these I afterward sought out and prayed with. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 14] p. 338, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Some of our more formal brethren feared that I was too zealous for the conversion of souls; but time seemed to me so short that it behooved all who had a hope of blessed immortality, and looked for the soon coming of Christ, to labor without ceasing for those who were still in their sins and standing on the awful brink of ruin. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 15] p. 339, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Though I was very young, I felt that it was my duty to continue my efforts for the salvation of precious souls, and to pray, and confess Christ at every opportunity. My entire being was offered to the service of my Master. Let come what would, I determined to please God, and live as one who expected the Lord to come and reward the faithful. I felt like a little child coming to God as to my father, and asking him what he would have me to do. Then as my duty was made plain to me, it was my greatest happiness to perform it. Peculiar trials sometimes beset me. Those older in experience than myself endeavored to hold me back, and cool the ardor of my faith; but with the smiles of Jesus brightening my life, and the love of God in my heart, I went on my way with a joyful spirit. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 16] p. 339, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The children and youth who give themselves to God can do a

similar work of service for him. It is your privilege to lead your companions and associates to Christ. You can not tell what an influence you may have with the young of your own age. You can give them an example, and the older ones can help the children who want to give their hearts to God. You can have little prayer meetings. I remember how in my childhood I used to go a mile to attend a little prayer meeting in a family, and then another day we would go to another, and then to still another family. In these little meetings we used to read the Bible, sing a hymn, pray, and then speak to one another, relating experiences, and telling how we could love and serve God. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 17] p. 339, Para. 3, [1908MS].

I know that if we had such experiences now, we would have happier homes. We would see of the salvation of God, and the light of his countenance would shine upon us. Begin to say that you love the Lord, and that you will give yourselves to him. In doing this, you will begin to have new courage and faith to believe that your hearts are converted, that your souls are saved. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 18] p. 339, Para. 4, [1908MS].

God can not make you good, unless you condescend to be good. You must condescend to be good, and then God will cooperate with you, and he will help you to do good, and to keep from sinful ways. Shall we not together, young and old, get ready for the kingdom of heaven? Before we can enter the gates of the city of God, we must have the spirit that the heavenly beings possess; and we can never have this spirit until we bow in humility before God and accept the cross of Christ. "Whosoever will come after me," the Saviour said, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Ellen G. White. [The Youth's Instructor 11-03-08 para. 19] p. 339, Para. 5, [1908MS].

SERMONS AND TALKS, VOLUME 1

Sermon by Mrs. E. G. White at Lodi, California, May 9, 1908. [Acts 2:1-11, quoted.] [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 391 para. 01] p. 339, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 391 para. 02] p. 339, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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 in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 391 para. 03] p. 340, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Some who heard the disciples tried to say something that would counteract the influence of their preaching. [Acts 2:12-21, quoted.] [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 391 para. 04] p. 340, Para. 2, [1908MS].

If this prophecy of Joel met a partial fulfillment 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 391 para. 05] p. 340, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 392 para. 01] p. 340, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 392 para. 02] p. 340, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"It shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." This 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? [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 392 para. 03] p. 340, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 392 para. 04] p. 340, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 392 para. 05] p. 340, Para. 8, [1908MS].

Peter then speaks of the resurrection of Jesus: [verses 24-27, quoted]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 392 para. 06] p. 341, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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! [Verses 32-39, quoted.] [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 392 para. 07] p. 341, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 393 para. 01] p. 341, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation"

[verse 40]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 393 para. 02] p. 341, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage" [Matt. 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 393 para. 03] p. 341, Para. 5, [1908MS].

[Acts 2:41, 42, quoted.] [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 393 para. 04] p. 341, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 393 para. 05] p. 341, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 394 para. 01] p. 341, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 394 para. 02] p. 341, Para. 9, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 394 para. 03] p. 342, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 [on] how to eat, how to drink, how to dress, and how to live so that the health may be preserved. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 394 para. 04] p. 342, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 395 para. 01] p. 342, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Thus we combined prayer and labor. We used the simple water treatments, and then tried to fasten the eyes of the patients on 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 395 para. 02] p. 342, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 395 para. 03] p. 342, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 395 para. 04] p. 342, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 396 para. 01] p. 342, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 396 para. 02] p. 343, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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.--Ms. 49, 1908. (MR 900.19) [Sermons and Talks, Volume 1 p. 396 para. 03] p. 343, Para. 2, [1908MS].

SERMONS AND TALKS, VOLUME 2

[Sermon by Mrs. E. G. White, at Oakland., California, Tuesday, March 10, 1908.] "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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 292 para. 01] p. 343, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 292 para. 02] p. 343, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 292 para. 03] p. 343, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 292 para. 04] p. 343, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 292 para. 05] p. 344, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 292 para. 06] p. 344, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 292 para. 07] p. 344, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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" John 5:3. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 293 para. 01] p. 344, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 293 para. 02] p. 345, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" [John 15:11]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 293 para. 03] p. 345, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 countenance, 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 293 para. 04] p. 345, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 fulfill all that He has promised. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 293 para. 05] p. 345, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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." [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 293 para. 06] p. 345, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 293 para. 07] p. 346, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 294 para. 01] p. 346, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 294 para. 02] p. 346, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 294 para. 03] p. 347, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Insofar 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 provision 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 294 para. 04] p. 347, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 294 para. 05] p. 347,

Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 294 para. 06] p. 347, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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? [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 295 para. 01] p. 347, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"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]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 295 para. 02] p. 348, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Can we desire more than this? Then why, with such a promise, should we manifest unbelief? Why should we be half-hearted 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 295 para. 03] p. 348, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 295 para. 04] p. 348, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 295 para. 05] p. 348, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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." 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 295 para. 06] p. 348, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 296 para. 01] p. 349, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 296 para. 02] p. 349, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 296 para. 03] p. 349, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 296 para. 04] p. 349, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 296 para. 05] p. 350, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 296 para. 06] p. 350, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Jesus says, "They hated Me without a cause." 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 297 para. 01] p. 350, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 297 para. 02] p. 350, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 everyone 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 straight forward, following in the footsteps of our Lord. We are to trust Him who is spirit and life to the believer. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 297 para. 03] p. 351, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Confess your sins while you may. Clear the King's highway, that He may use you as His disciples. He will accept everyone 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." Not that he would be with Christ in Paradise that same day, for Jesus did not then Himself go to Paradise. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 297 para. 04] p. 351, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 297 para. 05] p. 351, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 cleaning 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 297 para. 06] p. 352, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 [with God]! 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.--Ms. 37, 1908. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 298 para. 01] p. 352, Para. 2, [1908MS].

[Sermon by Mrs. E. G. White, at Lodi, California, May 7, 1908.] "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" [Matt. 18:1-6] [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 299 para. 01] p. 352, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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

everyone who will receive Him as his Saviour may also be an overcomer. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 299 para. 02] p. 353, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Let us be careful that we do not offend one of the little ones who 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 who 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 299 para. 03] p. 353, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." Those who have a knowledge of the Scriptures are not to hide their light under a bushel. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 299 para. 04] p. 353, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 299 para. 05] p. 353, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 300 para. 01] p. 354, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 anyone to refuse to cooperate with Him, and to work against Him! [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 300 para. 02] p. 354, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Everyone 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." 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 300 para. 03] p. 354, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Fathers and mothers, you are responsible for your children. Be careful under what influence you place them. Do not, by scolding and 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 300 para. 04] p. 354, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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" [Matt. 18:7-9]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 300 para. 05] p. 355, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 300 para. 06] p. 355, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven. For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost" [verses 10, 11]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 301 para. 01] p. 355, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 cooperate 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 301 para. 02] p. 355, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 301 para. 03] p. 355, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 301 para. 04] p. 356, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. Oh, 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! [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 301 para. 05] p. 356, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 301 para. 06] p. 356, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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, 13]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 301 para. 07] p. 356, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 302 para. 01] p. 357, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 302 para. 02] p. 357, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. "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]. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 302 para. 03] p. 357, Para. 3, [1908MS].

If, when you find the battle is strong, you would go to one or 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 302 para. 04] p. 358, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 302 para. 05] p. 358, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 303 para. 01] p. 358, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 303 para. 02] p. 358, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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" John 3:1-3. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 303 para. 03] p. 359, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 303 para. 04] p. 359, Para. 2, [1908MS].

We are told that "whoso offereth praise glorifieth God." 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. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 303 para. 05] p. 359, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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.-- Ms. 47, 1908. [Sermons and Talks, Volume 2 p. 303 para. 06] p. 359, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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June 19, 1908 MS. 73, '08 Counsels Repeated -- 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. [Paulson Collection p. 2 para. 01] p. 360, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Our sanitariums should be established in retired places, that are free from all noise and confusion, such as the rumbling of carriages and street cars. [Paulson Collection p. 2 para. 02] p. 360, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The Lord has taught us that great efficacy for healing lies in a proper use of water. These treatments should be given skillfully. 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. [Paulson Collection p. 2 para. 03] p. 360, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 2 para. 04] p. 360, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 2 para. 05] p. 360, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 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 message He sends. [Paulson Collection p. 2 para. 06] p. 360, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 2 para. 07] p. 360, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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 criticise the Testimonies will also lead them to watch their brethren to find in them something to condemn. [Paulson Collection p. 3 para. 01] p. 360, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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 his followers a hopeless future. [Paulson Collection p. 3 para. 02] p. 361, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 3 para. 03] p. 361, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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!" [Paulson Collection p. 3 para. 04] p. 361, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 3 para. 05] p. 361, Para. 4, [1908MS].

June 9, '08-6- MS.-65-'08 Labor to be Given to Lakeport and the Surrounding Settlements -- ...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... [Paulson Collection p. 8 para. 04] p. 361, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The people who live in the country places 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... [Paulson Collection p. 8 para. 05] p. 361, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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... [Paulson Collection p. 9 para. 01] p. 362, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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."... [Paulson Collection p. 9 para. 02] p. 362, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There are many of our people who, if they would go out of the cities, and begin to 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." (signed) Ellen G. White. [Paulson Collection p. 9 para. 03] p. 362, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The following is quoted from a letter written to Elder J.A. Burden, Nov. 25, 1908, File No. B-332--'08 [Paulson Collection p. 11 para. 01] p. 362, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 11 para. 02] p. 362, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 proscribe 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. [Paulson Collection p. 11 para. 03] p. 362, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Judas was tempted and tried, but not rising above 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 restrained, 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. [Paulson Collection p. 11 para. 04] p. 363, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 11 para. 05] p. 363, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The following is from a letter addressed "Dear Brethren in the Ministry and the Medical Missionary Work," written April 10, 1905, File B.-317--'05; [Paulson Collection p. 11 para. 06] p. 363, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The cloud of divine wrath was gathering over Jerusalem. Christ saw the city beleaguered. He saw it lost. In a voice full of tears He exclaimed, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." [Paulson Collection p. 11 para. 07] p. 363, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I present this feeble representation of a terrible picture, to those who today are going over the same ground, refusing the messages of the grace of God, rejecting the warnings against a course of wickedness. The ground trodden by the Jewish leaders is being trodden today by those who have made light of the warnings from heaven, with looks, with words, with gesticulations. I have heard the ridicule of the warnings sent them and refused by them, I know that the same spirit that existed in the days of Christ exists today. The blessings that the Saviour longs to bestow He is forced to withhold, because of the contempt manifested by the men who give proof in their lives that they reject all warnings, all entreaties, all efforts for their salvation. They know not the day of their visitation. They despise the evidence of God's working, and history is being repeated. [Paulson Collection p. 11 para. 08] p. 363, Para. 5, [1908MS].

From MS. 83, 1908 Written June 25, 1908 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 patrons of the health institution being a means of hindrance to the students. [Paulson Collection p. 34 para. 04] p. 363, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Education includes the important work of voice culture. The students are to be taught to give their reading 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. [Paulson Collection p. 34 para. 05] p. 363, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 34 para. 06] p. 364, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 the highest value to those who go out to labor in foreign countries. And the simple remedies used will save many lives. [Paulson Collection p. 35 para. 01] p. 364, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Drugs. From MS No. 49, 1908. "Lessons from the Experience of Pentecost" Page 7: 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. [Paulson Collection p. 35 para. 02] p. 364, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 35 para. 03] p. 364,

Para. 4, [1908MS].

Thus we combined prayer and labor. We used the simple water treatments, and then tried to fasten the eyes of the patient onto 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. [Paulson Collection p. 35 para. 04] p. 364, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Extract from letter B.90 '08, dated March 24, 1908. 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. [Paulson Collection p. 35 para. 05] p. 364, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 35 para. 06] p. 364, Para. 7, [1908MS].

On one such 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 campground, and was taken to our school building, near Melbourne, Australia. But she became so much worse that it was feared she could not live. [Paulson Collection p. 36 para. 01] p. 365, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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." [Paulson Collection p. 36 para. 02] p. 365, Para. 2, [1908MS].

I replied, "Send to a blacksmith shop, and get some pulverised charcoal, make a poultice of it, and lay it over her stomach and sides." [Paulson Collection p. 36 para. 03]

p. 365, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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." [Paulson Collection p. 36 para. 04] p. 365, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 36 para. 05] p. 365, Para. 5, [1908MS].

My mother told me that snake bites and the sting of reptiles and poisonous insects could often be rendered harmless by the use of charcoal poultices. [Paulson Collection p. 36 para. 06] p. 365, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 36 para. 07] p. 365, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 36 para. 08] p. 365, Para. 8, [1908MS].

Extract from letter B.82, dated FEB. 20, '08. 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 of 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. [Paulson Collection p. 36 para. 09] p. 365, Para. 9, [1908MS].

Nature's simple remedies will aid in recovery without leaving the deadly after-effects 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, but refusing to overload the stomach with a variety of foods at one meal. All these things should be given showing how to preserve health, how to shun sickness, how to rest when rest is needed. [Paulson Collection p. 37 para. 01] p. 366, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 ministration 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. [Paulson Collection p. 37 para. 02] p. 366, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 37 para. 03] p. 366, Para. 3, [1908MS].

B.-90-'08 Sanitarium, California March 14, 1908 Elder J. A. Burden and Others Bearing Responsibilities at Loma Linda
Dear Brethren: I feel a deep interest that careful study

shall be given to the needs of our institutions at Loma Linda, and that the right moves may be made. In the carrying forward of the work at this place, men of talent and of decided spirituality are needed. [Paulson Collection p. 260 para. 01] p. 366, Para. 4, [1908MS].

We may, in the work of educating our nurses, reach a high standard of the knowledge of the true science of healing. That which is of most importance is that the students be taught 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. [Paulson Collection p. 260 para. 02] p. 366, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 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. [Paulson Collection p. 260 para. 03] p. 366, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 260 para. 04] p. 367, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 260 para. 05] p. 367, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 261 para. 01] p. 367, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 longer than they can handle without being overburdened. [Paulson Collection p. 261 para. 02] p. 367, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 than can qualify physicians to compete with the physicians of the world. [Paulson Collection p. 261 para. 03] p. 367, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 261 para. 04] p. 367, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 been accustomed, which demands the use of poisonous drugs. [Paulson Collection p. 261 para. 05] p. 368, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 for the sick. [Paulson Collection p. 261 para. 06] p. 368, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There should be at our sanitariums intelligent men and women, who can instruct in 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. [Paulson Collection p. 261 para. 07] p. 368, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. . . . [Paulson Collection p. 262 para. 01] p. 368, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 us. 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. [Paulson Collection p. 262 para. 02] p. 368, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 262 para. 03] p. 368, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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." [Paulson Collection p. 262 para. 04] p. 369, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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." 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. [Paulson Collection p. 262 para. 05] p. 369, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 263 para. 01] p. 369, Para. 3, [1908MS].

B.-132-'08 Sanitarium, California April 23, 1908 To the Brethren in Southern California Dear Brethren: I am

instructed to say to you, Let every soul earnestly seek the Lord. We all need to understand clearly what is our duty, that we may make no false moves. We need to hold fast the experiences which in the past the Lord has given us. I have a great desire to see success attend every movement we shall make. [Paulson Collection p. 263 para. 02] p. 369, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 263 para. 03] p. 369, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"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 hearts to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto the Lord." [Paulson Collection p. 263 para. 04] p. 369, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 263 para. 05] p. 370, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 that 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. [Paulson Collection p. 263 para. 06] p. 370, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 264 para. 01] p. 370, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 be obtained. [Paulson Collection p. 264 para. 02] p. 370, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 264 para. 03] p. 370, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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." [Paulson Collection p. 264 para. 04] p. 370, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 264 para. 05] p. 370, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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." 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. [Paulson Collection p. 264 para. 06] p. 371, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 schoolrooms 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. [Paulson Collection p. 265 para. 01] p. 371, Para. 2, [1908MS].

D.-196-'08 Sanitarium, California June 20, 1908 Elder A. G. Daniells Tacoma Park Station Washington, D. C. Dear Brother: I have been reading letters from you concerning the Bible teacher needed at Union College. [Paulson Collection p. 265 para. 02] p. 371, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 265 para. 03] p. 371, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 265 para. 04] p. 371, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 supposition of man. [Paulson Collection p. 265 para. 05] p. 372, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 265 para. 06] p. 372, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 266 para. 01] p. 372, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Paulson Collection p. 266 para. 02] p. 372, Para. 4, [1908MS].

LOMA LINDA MESSAGES

(579)--MS--3--'08--The Work in Southern California. Southern Calif. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 327 para. 03] p. 372, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Southern Calif. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 327 para. 04] p. 372, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 327 para. 05] p. 372, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 327 para. 06] p. 373, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 (580) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 327 para. 07] p. 373, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It was the Lord who placed in our possession the sanitariums at Loma Linda, Glendale, and Paradise Valley. . . [Loma Linda Messages p. 328 para. 01] p. 373, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 328 para. 02] p. 373, Para. 4, [1908MS].

(585)--Jan. 5, 1908.--B.-12-'08--Elmshaven, Sanitarium, Calif. Jan. 5, 1908.--Dear Brother Burden: I have received and read your letter. I have written a letter in response to the one which Elder Reaser wrote me, and sent the same to Elder Haskell to deliver. Today I sent Elder Haskell a telegram, telling him to hold the letter until later. [Loma Linda Messages p. 330 para. 01] p. 373, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 traveled. Much will be gained if he learns to stand. not in his own strength, but in the strength of God. I was so thankful for the acknowledgements 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 330 para. 02] p. 373, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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, (586) was all that we need ask. I can not 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 Calif. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 331 para. 01] p. 374, Para. 1, [1908MS].

I send these lines to you and to 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 331 para. 02] p. 374, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 331 para. 03] p. 374, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 331 para. 04] p. 374, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. (587) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 331 para. 05] p. 374, Para. 5, [1908MS].

God help him, is my prayer. Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 332 para. 01] p. 375, Para. 1, [1908MS].

(588)--Feb. 2, 1908--B.-58-'08--Sanitarium, Calif., Jan. 12, '08. Elder J. A. Burden, Loma Linda, Calif. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 332 para. 02] p. 375, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 332 para. 03] p. 375, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 man, he can have power to overcome. [Loma Linda Messages p. 332 para. 04] p. 375, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 (589) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 332 para. 05] p. 375,

Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 332 para. 06] p. 375, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 332 para. 07] p. 375, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 333 para. 01] p. 375, Para. 8, [1908MS].

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 ennobled 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 (590) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 333 para. 02] p. 376, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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." 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 333 para. 03] p. 376, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 333 para. 04] p. 376, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 333 para. 05] p. 376, Para. 4, [1908MS].

(591)--B.-46-'08--Sanitarium, Calif., Jan. 15, 1908.
Elders Burden and Reaser: Dear Brethren: I have words to speak to you. The Lord has a great work to do for His cause in the earth, and He will do it through those workers who will unite with Him. [Loma Linda Messages p. 333 para. 06] p. 376, Para. 5, [1908MS].

I plead with you, Elder Reaser, to take your stand wholly on the right side. We cannot change the presidency without feeling a 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 334 para. 01] p. 376, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 (592) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 334 para. 02] p. 377, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The work that was done in collecting money to lift the school debt in Southern Calif. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 334 para. 03] p. 377, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 334 para. 04] p. 377, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Ministry of Healing" is another book containing valuable instructions. 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 (593) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 334 para. 05] p. 377, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 335 para. 01] p. 377, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 the 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 335 para. 02] p. 377, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 335 para. 03] p. 378, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The first chapter of II 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 335 para. 04] p. 378, Para. 2, [1908MS].

(619)--Feb. 11, 1908.--B.72-'08. Sanitarium, Cal., Feb. 6, 1908. Elders Reaser and Burden, 257 So. Hill St., Los Angeles, Calif. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 347 para. 01] p. 378, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 347 para. 02] p. 378, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 (620) should have been done in Oakland, but which a man ruling power has prevented from being accomplished. [Loma Linda Messages p. 347 para. 03] p. 378, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 347 para. 04] p. 378, Para. 6, [1908MS].

It was the unbelief of Israel, revealed in their repeated murmurings, that led Moses to plead with God, "Show my thy glory." And in response the Lord set his servant in the cleft of a rock, and caused all His glory to pass before Him. [Loma Linda Messages p. 347 para. 05] p. 379, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"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 every one that sought the Lord went out into the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp. And it came to pass, when Moses went out into the tabernacle, that every man rose up, and stood at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 347 para. 06] p. 379, Para. 2, [1908MS].

(621) "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 my 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 348 para. 01] p. 379, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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 my 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." [Loma Linda Messages p. 348 para. 02] p. 379, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 348 para. 03] p. 379, Para. 5, [1908MS].

(Note by copyist, erp, 1960: The text of Exodus 34:1-14, included on photoprint copy of original, I have deleted here, as follows:) ". . . .(622). . . . Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 348 para. 04] p. 380, Para. 1, [1908MS].

(634)--B.-82-'08.--Sanitarium, Calif., Feb. 20, 1908. To the Physicians and Manager at Loma Linda, Calif. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 353 para. 01] p. 380, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 353 para. 02] p. 380, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 Calif. 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." "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." The whole of the seventeenth chapter of Jeremiah, which records this precious promise, is worthy of your special study. . . [Loma Linda Messages p. 353 para. 03] p. 380, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I dare not advise you in such large plans as you propose; you need to make the Lord your wisdom in these matters. (635) I do not feel that you should plan for such large outlay of means without you have 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 354 para. 01] p. 380, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 354 para. 02] p. 380, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 354 para. 03] p. 381, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The work which you propose will require wise business men and efficient physicians. If you had the talent and means to carry such responsibilities, we would 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 354 para. 04] p. 381, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Clear light has been given that our educational institution 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 (636) talent of competent physicians is a necessity to the school 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 instructions 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 354 para. 05] p. 381, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. 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 physicians. These long names are often used to conceal the character of the drugs being used to combat disease. We do not need these. [Loma Linda Messages p. 355 para. 01] p. 381, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 355 para. 02] p. 381, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 (637) privilege to use in our ministration 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 355 para. 03] p. 381, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 away; He healed them all. Let the sick realize that, although unseen, Christ is present to bring relief and healing. [Loma Linda Messages p. 355 para. 04] p. 382, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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." It is the privilege of every physician and every sufferer to believe this promise; it is life to all who believe. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 355 para. 05] p. 382, Para. 2, [1908MS].

(638)--Feb 23, 1908-6--MS. 5, -'08.--The Medical Missionary Work. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 356 para. 01] p. 382, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 diseases, 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 lessons that their diseased souls need healing. [Loma Linda Messages p. 356 para. 02] p. 382, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 (639) 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. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 356 para. 03] p. 382, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 356 para. 04] p. 383, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The work of the true medical missionary is largely a spiritual work. It includes prayer and 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 temptations 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 responsibility; 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.

[Loma Linda Messages p. 356 para. 05] p. 383, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The medical missionary work done, in connection with the giving of the third angel's message, is to accomplish wonderful (640) results. It is to be a sanctifying, unifying work, corresponding to the work which the great Head of the church sent forth the 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 357 para. 01] p. 383, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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." [Loma Linda Messages p. 357 para. 02] p. 383, Para. 4, [1908MS].

It is well for us to read this chapter, and let its instruction prepare for 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 357 para. 03] p. 383, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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." [Loma Linda Messages p. 357 para. 04] p. 383, Para. 6, [1908MS].

(641) Through the first disciples a divine gift was proffered to Israel; the faithful evangelist to-day 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. Can not our Conference presidents open the way for the students in our schools to engage in this line of labor? Again and again it has been presented to me that "there should be companies organized, and educated most thoroughly to work as nurses, as evangelist, as ministers, as canvassers, as gospel students, to perfect a character after the divine similitude." There is a grand work to be done in relieving suffering humanity, and through the labors of students who are receiving an education and training to become efficient medical missionaries, the people living in many cities may become acquainted with the truths of the third angel's message. Consecrated leaders and teachers of experience should go out with these young workers, at first, giving them instruction how to labor. When favors of food or of lodging are offered by those who fear and honor God, these favors may be accepted. Thus opportunity will be found for conversation, for explaining the Scriptures, for singing Bible songs, and praying with the family. There are many to whom such labor as this would prove a blessing... [Loma Linda Messages p. 357 para. 05] p. 384, Para. 1, [1908MS].

And each worker, as he goes forth to 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." "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 (642) He shall deliver me 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." Servants of God, you have great advantage, which you should appreciate. [Loma Linda Messages p. 358 para. 01] p. 384, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 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." [Loma Linda Messages p. 358 para. 02] p. 384, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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? [Loma Linda Messages p. 358 para. 03] p. 385, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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? . . . We should be living each day as in the sight of God, becoming messengers of (643) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 358 para. 04] p. 385, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 358 para. 05] p. 385, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 359 para. 01] p. 385, Para. 4, [1908MS].

(652)--B. 90'08.--March 30, 1908.-7--Sanitarium, Cal., March 24, 1908. Elder J.A. Burden and Others Bearing Responsibilities at Loma Linda: Dear Brethren: I feel a deep interest that careful study shall be given to the needs of our institution 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 364 para. 01] p. 385, Para. 5, [1908MS].

We may, in the work of educating our nurses, reach a high standard in the knowledge of the true sciences 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 364 para. 02] p. 385, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 (653) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 364 para. 03] p. 386, Para. 1, [1908MS].

It is well that our training schools for Christian workers should be established near 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 faith that works by love and purifies the soul, are of great value. [Loma Linda Messages p. 364 para. 04] p. 386, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 364 para. 05] p. 386, Para. 3, [1908MS].

I am charged to caution you against building extensively for the accommodations 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 365 para. 01] p. 386, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 (654) there is need of strict economy. Let our brethren move cautiously and wisely, and plan no larger than they can handle without being overburdened. [Loma Linda Messages p. 365 para. 02] p. 386, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 365 para. 03] p. 386, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 365 para. 04] p. 387, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 been accustomed, which demands the use of poisonous drugs. [Loma Linda Messages p. 365 para. 05] p. 387, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 (655) services, we would work away from Christ's plan for our ministry to the sick. [Loma Linda Messages p. 365 para. 06] p. 387, Para. 3, [1908MS].

There should be at our sanitariums intelligent men and women who can instruct in 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 could 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 366 para. 01] p. 387, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 366 para. 02] p. 387, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 campground, 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 can not 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 sides." 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 poultice. She is now having the first natural sleep she has had for days." [Loma Linda Messages p. 366 para. 03] p. 387, Para. 6, [1908MS].

(656) 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 circumstances; 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 366 para. 04] p. 388, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 366 para. 05] p. 388, Para. 2, [1908MS].

He who created men and women has an interest in those who suffer. He has directed in the establishment of 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 should be led to (657) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 367 para. 01] p. 388, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." [Loma Linda Messages p. 367 para. 02] p. 388, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 they God." 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 367 para. 03] p. 388, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. Ellen G. White [Loma Linda Messages p. 367 para. 04] p. 389, Para. 1, [1908MS].

(673)--April 28, 1908.--B.-132-'08.--Sanitarium, Calif., Apr. 23, 1908. To the Brethren in Southern California: Dear Brethren: I am instructed to say to you, Let every soul earnestly seek the Lord. We all need to understand clearly what is our duty, that we may make no false moves. We need to hold fast the experiences which in the past the Lord has given us. I have a great desire to see success attend every movement we shall make. [Loma Linda Messages p. 375 para. 01] p. 389, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 375 para. 02] p. 389, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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 hearts to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto the Lord." [Loma Linda Messages p. 375 para. 03] p. 389, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 carrying out of our plans. [Loma Linda Messages p. 376 para. 01] p. 389, Para. 5, [1908MS].

(674) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 376 para. 02] p. 389, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 376 para. 03] p. 389, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 376 para. 04] p. 390, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 376 para. 05] p. 390, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." [Loma Linda Messages p. 376 para. 06] p. 390, Para. 3, [1908MS].

(675) All should put forth efforts to enlarge their experience. We are in a most critical situation; but Christ identified 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 376 para. 07] p. 390, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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." 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 376 para. 08] p. 390, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 schoolrooms that will be needed, let all be willing to do their best, willing to deny themselves the unnecessary expenditures 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 value. (signed) Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 377 para. 01] p. 390, Para. 6, [1908MS].

(676)--May 17, 1907.--MS. 31-'08.-- *Deeper Consecration.* 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 377 para. 02] p. 391, Para. 1, [1908MS].

None need concern themselves about these things which the Lord has not revealed to me. [Loma Linda Messages p. 377 para. 03] p. 391, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In these days speculations will abound, but the Lord

declares, "The secret things belong unto the Lord," 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." 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." [Loma Linda Messages p. 377 para. 04] p. 391, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 (677) 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 said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." [Loma Linda Messages p. 377 para. 05] p. 391, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 378 para. 01] p. 391, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The Teacher and 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 the youth who will not maintain the simplicity of Christ's methods. His teachings contained the very essence of sanctified simplicity. [Loma Linda Messages p. 378 para. 02] p. 392, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 choicest fruit. We have no (678) 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 atmospheres of our schools and churches clean. [Loma Linda Messages p. 378 para. 03] p. 392, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There have been teachers in our schools who could pass well in a worldly institution of learning, but 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 a place. They will prepare us for entrance into the holy city of God. It is our privilege to make continual advancement to a higher grade of Christian living. [Loma Linda Messages p. 378 para. 04] p. 392, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 378 para. 05] p. 392, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 (679) 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 unfailingly reveal it. Oh, 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 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. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 379 para. 01] p. 392, Para. 5, [1908MS].

(680)--June 3, 1908.--MS. 63-'08.--Instruction to Sanitarium Workers. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 379 para. 02] p. 393, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 379 para. 03] p. 393, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. (681) They believe that to those who look for Him He will appear the second time without sin unto salvation. [Loma Linda Messages p. 380 para. 01] p. 393, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 380 para. 02] p. 393, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 always, even unto the end of the world." 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." [Loma Linda Messages p. 380 para. 03] p. 393, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 (682) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 380 para. 04] p. 394, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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." "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him." [Loma Linda Messages p. 380 para. 05] p. 394, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 381 para. 01] p. 394, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Loma

Linda Messages p. 381 para. 02] p. 394, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Great care should be exercised in regard to the influence (683) that prevails in the institution. The influences under which the nurses are placed will mold their characters for eternity. [Loma Linda Messages p. 381 para. 03] p. 394, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 381 para. 04] p. 394, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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," 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 381 para. 05] p. 395, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 (684) day". 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." Let us seek for the fullness 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." Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 381 para. 06] p. 395, Para. 2, [1908MS].

(685)--June 1908.--"Loma Linda is to be not only a sanitarium, but an educational center. A school is to be established here for the training of gospel medical missionary evangelists. [Loma Linda Messages p. 382 para. 01] p. 395, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Make the school especially strong for nurses and physicians. Thousands of workers are to be qualified with all the ability of physicians, to labor, not in professional lines, but as medical missionary evangelists. [Loma Linda Messages p. 382 para. 02] p. 395, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"We need workers who will gain breadth of mind by studying the book God has opened before us of His created works. Angels cooperate with those who proclaim the truth represented by the things of nature."--Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists, Third Annual Announcement. 1908-1900. [Loma Linda Messages p. 382 para. 03] p. 395, Para. 5, [1908MS].

(686) With the possession of this place comes the weighty responsibility of making the work of the institution educational in character. Loma Linda is to be not only a sanitarium, but an educational center. A school is to be established here for the training of gospel medical missionary evangelists. [Loma Linda Messages p. 382 para. 04] p. 395, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 would need and which He gave us. 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, moving unitedly in God's order. [Loma Linda Messages p. 382 para. 05] p. 395, Para. 7, [1908MS].

At Loma Linda many can be educated to work as missionaries in the cause of health and temperance. Teachers are to be prepared for many lines of work. Schools are to be established in places where as yet no efforts have been made. [Loma Linda Messages p. 382 para. 06] p. 396, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In regard to the school, I would say, make it especially strong in the education of nurses and physicians. In medical missionary schools, many workers are to be qualified with the ability of physicians to labor as medical missionary evangelists. This training, the Lord has specified, is in harmony with the principles underlying true higher education. We hear a great deal about the higher education. The highest education is to follow in the footsteps of Christ, patterning after the example He gave when He was in the world. We cannot gain an education higher than this, for this class of training will make men laborers together with God. [Loma Linda Messages p. 382 para. 07] p. 396, Para. 2, [1908MS].

That which is of the most importance is that the students be taught how to represent aright the principles of health reform. (687) Teach them 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 follow the Lord's plan of true education. Let the students follow closely the example of the One who purchased the human race with the costly price of His own life. Let them appeal to the Saviour and depend upon Him as the One who heals all manner of diseases. The Lord would have the workers make special efforts to point the sick and suffering to the Great Physician who made the human body. [Loma Linda Messages p. 383 para. 01] p. 396, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Let Seventh-day Adventist medical workers remember that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Christ was the greatest physician that ever trod this 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 to those who need healing. [Loma Linda Messages p. 383 para. 02] p. 396, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The light given me is, We must provide that which is essential to qualify physicians, so that they may intelligently fit themselves to be able to stand the examinations required to prove their efficiency as physicians. And for the special preparation of our youth who have clear convictions of their duty to obtain a medical education that will enable them to pass the examinations required by law of all who practice as regularly qualified physicians we are to supply whatever may be required, so that these youth need not be compelled to go to medical schools conducted by men not of our faith. The medical school at Loma Linda is to be of the highest order, because those who are in that school have the privilege of maintaining a living connection with the wisest of all physicians, from whom there is communicated knowledge of a superior order.--Second Annual Announcement, College of Medical Evangelists. 1910-'11. [Loma Linda Messages p. 383 para. 03] p. 396, Para. 5, [1908MS].

(688)--A Plea for Medical Missionary Evangelists. Importance of the Work. The end of all things is at hand. The signs foretold by Christ are fast fulfilling. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. There are stormy times before us, but let us not utter one word of unbelief or discouragement. Let us remember that we bear a message of healing to a world filled with sin-sick souls. May the Lord increase our faith and help us to see that He desires us all to become acquainted with His ministry of healing and with the mercy-seat. He desires the light of His grace to shine forth from many places. [Loma Linda Messages p. 383 para. 04] p. 397, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We are living in the last days. Troublous times are before us. He who understands the necessities of the situation arranges that advantages should be brought to the workers in various places, to enable them more effectually to arouse the attention of the people. He knows the needs and the necessities of the feeblest of His flock, and He sends His own message into the highways and byways. [Loma Linda Messages p. 383 para. 05] p. 397, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There are souls in many places who have not yet heard the message. Henceforth medical missionary work is to be carried forward with an earnestness with which it has never yet been done. This work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities, and

sanitariums are to be established in many places. [Loma Linda Messages p. 384 para. 01] p. 397, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Sanitarium work is one of the most successful means of reaching all classes of people. Our sanitariums are the right hand of the gospel, opening ways whereby suffering humanity may be reached with the glad tidings of healing through Christ. In these institutions the sick may be taught to commit their cases to the great Physician, who will cooperate with their earnest efforts to regain health, bringing to them healing of soul as well as healing of body. [Loma Linda Messages p. 384 para. 02] p. 397, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ is no longer in this world in person, to go through (689) our cities and towns and villages, healing the sick. He has commissioned us to carry forward the medical missionary work that He began; and in this work we are to do our very best. Institutions for the care of the sick are to be established, where men and women suffering from disease may be placed under the care of God-fearing physicians and nurses, and be treated without drugs. [Loma Linda Messages p. 384 para. 03] p. 397, Para. 5, [1908MS].

I have been instructed that we are not to delay to do the work that needs to be done in health reform lines. Through this work we are to reach souls in all the walks of life. I have been given special light that in our sanitariums many souls will receive and obey present truth. In these institutions men and women are to be taught how to care for their own bodies, and at the same time how to become sound in the faith. They are to be taught what is meant by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. Said Christ, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." [Loma Linda Messages p. 384 para. 04] p. 397, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Our sanitariums are to be schools in which instruction shall be given in medical missionary lines. They are to bring to sin-sick souls the leaves of the tree of life, which will restore to them peace and hope and faith in Christ Jesus. [Loma Linda Messages p. 384 para. 05] p. 398, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Let the Lord's work go forward, Let the medical missionary and the educational work go forward. I am sure that this is our great lack,--earnest, devoted, intelligent, capable

workers. In every large city there should be a representation of true medical missionary work. Let many now ask, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" It is the Lord's purpose that His method of healing without drugs shall be brought into prominence in every large city through our medical institutions. God invests with holy dignity those who go forth farther and still farther, in every place to which it is possible to obtain entrance. Satan (690) will make the work as difficult as possible, but divine power will attend all true-hearted workers. Guided by our heavenly Father's hand, let us go forward, improving every opportunity to extend the work of God. [Loma Linda Messages p. 384 para. 06] p. 398, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The Lord speaks to all medical missionaries, saying, Go, work to-day in My vineyard to save souls. God hears the prayers of all who seek Him in truth. He has the power that we all need. He fills the heart with love, and joy, and peace, and holiness. Character is constantly being developed. We cannot afford to spend the time working at cross purposes with God. [Loma Linda Messages p. 385 para. 01] p. 398, Para. 3, [1908MS].

There are physicians who, because of a past connection with our institutions, find it profitable to locate close to them; and they close their eyes to the great field neglected and unworked in which unselfish labor would be a blessing to many. Missionary physicians can exert an uplifting, refining, sanctifying influence. Physicians who do not do this, abuse their power, and do a work that the Lord repudiates. [Loma Linda Messages p. 385 para. 02] p. 398, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Training of Workers. If ever the Lord has spoken by me, He speaks when I say that the workers engaged in educational lines, in ministerial lines, and in medical missionary lines must stand as a unit, all laboring under the supervision of God, one helping the other, each blessing each. [Loma Linda Messages p. 385 para. 03] p. 398, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Those connected with our schools and sanitariums are to labor with earnest alacrity. The work that is done under the ministration of the Holy Spirit, out of love for God and for humanity will bear the signature of God, and will make its impression on human minds. [Loma Linda Messages p.

385 para. 04] p. 398, Para. 6, [1908MS].

(691) The Lord calls upon our young people to enter our schools and quickly fit themselves for service. In various places, outside of cities, schools are to be established, where our youth can receive an education that will prepare them to go forth to do evangelical work and medical missionary work. [Loma Linda Messages p. 385 para. 05] p. 398, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The Lord must be given an opportunity to show men their duty, and to work upon their minds. No one is to bind himself to serve for a term of years under the direction of one group of men or in one specified branch of the Master's work; for the Lord Himself will call men, as of old He called the humble fishermen, and will Himself give them instruction regarding their field of labor and the methods they should follow. He will call men from the plow and from other occupations, to give the last note of warning to perishing souls. There are many ways in which to work for the Master, and the great Teacher will open the understanding of these workers, enabling them to see wondrous things in His word. [Loma Linda Messages p. 385 para. 06] p. 399, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Medical Missionary work is yet in its infancy. The meaning of genuine medical missionary work is known by but few, Why?--Because the Saviour's plan of work has not been followed. God's money has been misapplied. In many places practical, evangelistic medical missionary work is being done; but many of the workers who should go forth as did the disciples are being collected together and held in a few places, as they have been in the past, notwithstanding the Lord's warning that this should not be. [Loma Linda Messages p. 385 para. 07] p. 399, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Many of the men and women who should be out in the field, working as medical missionary evangelists, helping those engaged in the gospel ministry, are collecting in a favored locality, acting over the same program that has been acted over in the past, confining the forces, binding them up in one place. [Loma Linda Messages p. 386 para. 01] p. 399, Para. 3, [1908MS].

(692)--Nurses to be Evangelists. Christ, the Great Medical Missionary, is our example. Of Him it is written that He "went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and

preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. He healed the sick and preached the gospel. In His service, healing and teaching were linked closely together. Today they are not to be separated. [Loma Linda Messages p. 386 para. 02] p. 399, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The nurses who are trained in our institutions are to be fitted up to go out as medical missionary evangelists, uniting the ministry of the Word with that of physical healing. [Loma Linda Messages p. 386 para. 03] p. 399, Para. 5, [1908MS].

We must let our light shine amid the moral darkness. Many who are now in darkness, as they see a reflection of the light of the world, will realize that they have a hope of salvation. Your light may be small, but remember that it is what God has given you, and that He holds you responsible to let it shine forth. Some one may light his taper from yours, and his light may be the means of leading others out from the darkness. [Loma Linda Messages p. 386 para. 04] p. 399, Para. 6, [1908MS].

All around us are doors open for service. We should become acquainted with our neighbors, and seek to draw them to Christ. As we do this, He will approve and cooperate with us. [Loma Linda Messages p. 386 para. 05] p. 399, Para. 7, [1908MS].

Often the inhabitants of a city where Christ labored wished Him to stay with them and continue to work among them. But He would tell them that He must go to cities that had not heard the truths that He had to present. After He had given the truth to those in one place, He left them to build upon what He had given them, while He went to another place. His methods of labor are to be followed to-day by those to whom He has left His work. We are to go from place to place, carrying the message. As soon as the truth has been proclaimed in one place, we are to go to warn others. [Loma Linda Messages p. 386 para. 06] p. 400, Para. 1, [1908MS].

(693) From the instruction that the Lord has given me from time to time, I know that there should be workers who make medical evangelistic tours among the towns and villages. Those who do this work will gather a rich harvest of souls, both from the higher and the lower classes. The way for

this work is best prepared by the efforts of the faithful canvasser. [Loma Linda Messages p. 386 para. 07] p. 400, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Many will be called into the field to labor from house to house, giving Bible readings, and praying with those who are interested. [Loma Linda Messages p. 387 para. 01] p. 400, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Let our ministers who have gained an experience in preaching the Word, learn how to give simple treatments, and then labor intelligently as medical missionary evangelists. [Loma Linda Messages p. 387 para. 02] p. 400, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Workers--gospel medical missionaries--are needed now. We cannot afford to spend years in preparation. Soon doors now open to the truth will be forever closed. Carry the message now. Do not wait, allowing the enemy to take possession of the fields, now open before you. Let little companies go forth to do the work to which Christ appointed His disciples. Let them labor as evangelists, scattering our publications, and talking of the truth to those they meet. Let them pray for the sick, ministering to their necessities not with drugs, but with nature's remedies, and teaching them how to regain health and avoid disease. [Loma Linda Messages p. 387 para. 03] p. 400, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Christ stood at the head of humanity in the garb of humanity. So full of sympathy and love was His attitude that the poorest were not afraid to come to Him. He was kind to all; easily approached by the most lowly. He went from house to house, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, comforting the mourners, soothing the afflicted, speaking peace to the distressed. He took the little (694) children in His arms and blessed them, and spoke words of hope and comfort to the weary mothers. With unfailing tenderness and gentleness He met every form of human woe and affliction. Not for Himself, but for others, did He labor. He was willing to humble Himself, to deny Himself. He did not seek to distinguish Himself. He was the servant of all. It was His meat and drink to be a comfort and a consolation to others, to gladden the sad and heavy laden ones with whom He daily came in contact. [Loma Linda Messages p. 387 para. 04] p. 400, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Christ stands before us as a pattern Man, the great

Medical Missionary,--an example for all who should come after. His love, pure and holy, blessed all who came within the sphere of its influence. His character was absolutely perfect, free from the slightest stain of sin. He came as an expression of the perfect love of God, not to crush, not to judge and condemn, but to heal every weak defective character, to save men and women from Satan's power. He is the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the human race. He gives to all the invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [Loma Linda Messages p. 387 para. 05] p. 401, Para. 1, [1908MS].

What, then, is the example that we are to set to the world? We are to do the same work that the great Medical Missionary undertook in our behalf. We are to follow the path of self-sacrifice trodden by Christ. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 387 para. 06] p. 401, Para. 2, [1908MS].

(695)--D.-196-'08.--Sanitarium, Cal., June 20, 1908. Elder A. G. Daniells, Takoma Park St., Washington, D.C. Dear Brother: I have been reading letters from you concerning the Bible Teacher needed at Union College. [Loma Linda Messages p. 388 para. 01] p. 401, Para. 3, [1908MS].

I will say that Elder Owen is needed just where he is, and he is where the Lord would have him be. God has a work of special importance to be done in Southern California, and I know from the light given me that this work must now be perfected. [Loma Linda Messages p. 388 para. 02] p. 401, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 388 para. 03] p. 401, Para. 5, [1908MS].

There has been given 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 man. [Loma Linda Messages p. 388 para. 04] p. 401, Para. 6, [1908MS].

(696) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 388 para. 05] p. 401, Para. 7, [1908MS].

We must have medical instructors who will teach the sciences 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 388 para. 06] p. 402, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 388 para. 07] p. 402, Para. 2, [1908MS].

(697)--Sept. 24, 1908.--R.270-'08.--Sanitarium, Cal., Sept. 23, 1908. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 389 para. 01] p. 402, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 our 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 389 para. 02] p. 402, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 Calif., 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, (698) 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." [Loma Linda Messages p. 389 para. 03] p. 402, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 389 para. 04] p. 402, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 389 para. 05] p. 403, Para. 1, [1908MS].

(699) 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 a 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 profess. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 390 para. 01] p. 403, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." [Loma Linda Messages p. 390 para. 02] p. 403, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 390 para. 03] p. 403, Para. 4, [1908MS].

(700) Portion of a Letter from J. A. Burden to W. C.

White, Nov. 18, 1908. I am studying most carefully the question of how our medical work should develop. I can see very plainly the wonderful help that has come to us by having the Bible work made strong. If we only had something better in the way of clinical work for advanced students it would be a great blessing. I have been taking up correspondence with the Medical Board of Examiners, also with the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association of Colleges, to learn what I could in reference to the latter question. I can see clearly if we are to launch a fully accredited college to stand along side of other medical colleges, duplicating their work, that it will be a big proposition. But if we were to do, say, three solid years' work such as would be recognized with that of other schools, and fit workers for evangelistic work at home or in foreign fields, and at the same time would be counted for about two years in a recognized medical school, it seems to me it would open the way to the accomplishment of all that we want. It would give the student that which would enable him to stand when he entered these other Medical Colleges. I am going to correspond further, to see if such a plan can be worked out. If we could obtain a charter and incorporate our college in such a way as to carry out our plans, I believe it would be a step in the right direction. [Loma Linda Messages p. 390 para. 04] p. 403, Para. 5, [1908MS].

I should be glad to receive any criticisms, counsel, or help on any of these points that I have suggested. [Loma Linda Messages p. 391 para. 01] p. 404, Para. 1, [1908MS].

(701) Nov. 26, 1908. B-332-'08. Sanitarium, Calif., Nov. 25, 1908. Elder J. A. Burden, Loma, Linda, Calif. 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 391 para. 02] p. 404, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There are wise reasons why this would not be for the best interests of the work in 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 391 para. 03] p. 404, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 391 para. 04] p. 404, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 (702) 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 391 para. 05] p. 404, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 proscribe 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 392 para. 01] p. 404, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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

kiss. There are to-day, 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. [Loma Linda Messages p. 392 para. 02] p. 404, Para. 7, [1908MS].

I will endeavor to write again when I have time, and feel stronger. Ellen G. White. [Loma Linda Messages p. 392 para. 03] p. 405, Para. 1, [1908MS].

(707) A Plain Statement of Facts. Regarding the Establishment of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium.--During the thirty-third session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, held in South Lancaster, Mass., early in 1899, several communications were received from Mrs. E. G. White, then living in Australia. Among these was an appeal for means to be used in strengthening institutional work in the Australasian Union Conference. Particular reference was made to their need of a thoroughly equipped medical institution, suitably located. It was urged that such an institution might be made a center of training and of influence in that field. [Loma Linda Messages p. 394 para. 01] p. 405, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It will be remembered by many that one of the principles brought out in the course of Sister White's plea for means, was that her continued presence in a field, is an indication that a special work is to be done there. [Loma Linda Messages p. 395 para. 01] p. 405, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Here is a portion of the testimony read at the South Lancaster Conference, and published on pages 130 and 131 of the 1899 "Daily Bulletin:" [Loma Linda Messages p. 395 para. 02] p. 405, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Lord says to His people in America: "When I send my servants to establish My work in a new field, and build up the interests essential to give it character, I call upon My people to sustain that work with their prayers and with their means. . . [Loma Linda Messages p. 395 para. 03] p. 405, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"When My servant whom I have called to make known My will was sent to Australia, you in America should have understood that you had a work to do in cooperation with her. Who was it that carried out My directions in laying the foundation of the institutions in America, which have

grown to such large proportions? And when My servant was sent to establish the work in a new field, could you not see that He who owns all the gold and silver was calling for your cooperation? You had obtained a standing fully abundant and ample. And when the work was to begin in another field, I would be with My servant indicate the work; and you should have been ready to aid. [Loma Linda Messages p. 395 para. 04] p. 405, Para. 6, [1908MS].

(708) "Place your money where the work of God demands help, that the medical missionary work in that new field may be made a success. The work in Australia should have been placed on such a basis that after a time it might have become self-sustaining. [Loma Linda Messages p. 395 para. 05] p. 405, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"When My servants were sent to Australia, you should have understood that God would work through them, and you should have exercised liberality in apportioning means to advance the work. . . [Loma Linda Messages p. 395 para. 06] p. 405, Para. 8, [1908MS].

"Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying: 'I have spared your life to do My work, and wherever I send you, go, and I will send My angel with you. In no case should you be feeble in your request for the advantage of means. Wherever I send you, go, and speak My words. I will be thy mind, I will be thy judgment. All the advantages are mine. The means and facilities are Mine, and there should be no withholding. But selfishness, a desire to control, has kept the advantages in one place, so that everything is overbalanced. Call for the means God designed you to have long ago. Hold up My banner. Give honor to no human instrumentality, but to God, that My name may be a praise in the earth. The Lord, He is God, and before Him there is no other. My work in Australia has been greatly hindered. . . But go not forth in hesitancy. I will be with you. Ask of My people the means that should have gone to advance the work in the Australasian field, the new world to which I have sent you.'" [Loma Linda Messages p. 395 para. 07] p. 406, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Sister White continues: "The work should be established in this country, and it will be; for thus the Lord has said. We might be years in advance if our brethren in America had stood unflinchingly to their duty, to hear and obey the word of the Lord. Let no more time be lost. You who have so

many advantages, do your work unselfishly. It is God's work we are doing, and you will not find the work in your hands restricted, if you follow the will and word of God. Share your advantages, with us in the field, that the work may stand on a true basis, and have the influence and character it should possess. *Your minds may not now be prepared to see the importance of surrendering yourselves to do what ought to have been done when we were appointed to come to this field. You may not be able to see all the particulars involved in this request of God to impart. But the special work has been laid out , and you are called upon to do your God-given duty in our onward march in this country by furnishing us with facilities for our work.* [Loma Linda Messages p. 396 para. 01] p. 406, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"Our brethren have not discerned that in helping us to do this work, they would be helping themselves. That which is given to start the work here will result in strengthening the work in other places. As your gifts free us from continual embarrassment, our labors can be extended; there will be an ingathering of souls, churches will be established, and there will be increasing financial strength. We shall have sufficiency, not only to carry on the work here, but to impart to other fields. Nothing is gained by withholding the very means that would enable us to work to advantage, extending the knowledge of God and the triumphs of truth in regions beyond." [Loma Linda Messages p. 396 para. 02] p. 406, Para. 3, [1908MS].

(709) In the above quotations, note particularly (1) The principle that wherever the servant of the Lord is sent to strengthen certain lines of work, God's people should stand ready to aid in bringing to pass that which is called for. Those who are familiar with Sister White's experience in Australia, and with the later development and prosperity of that which she was led to urge her brethren to establish in days of doubt and severe adversity, know that this principle is sound. [Loma Linda Messages p. 396 para. 03] p. 406, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Note also (2) the principle that our minds may not be prepared to see the importance of surrendering ourselves to do that which ought to be done when God's servant is located for a time in a certain field. "You may not be able," she wrote, "to see all the particulars involved in this request of God to impart. But the special work has been laid out, and you are called upon to do your God-given

duty." [Loma Linda Messages p. 396 para. 04] p. 407, Para. 1, [1908MS].

And note further (3) the instruction that comes from a divine source to Sister White herself: "Wherever I send you, go, and I will send My angel with you. In no case should you be feeble in your request for the advantage of means. Wherever I send you, go, and speak My words. I will be thy mind, I will be thy judgment. All the advantages are Mine. The means and facilities are Mine, and there should be no withholding." [Loma Linda Messages p. 397 para. 01] p. 407, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It is Plain from These Facts, That--1. There is a Providence over-ruling the movements of the servant whom God has called to make known His will. [Loma Linda Messages p. 397 para. 02] p. 407, Para. 3, [1908MS].

2. Of this divinely-appointed servant, the Lord has said: "I have spared your life to do My work; and wherever I send you, go, and I will send My angel with you. . . . I will be thy mind, I will be thy judgment." [Loma Linda Messages p. 397 para. 03] p. 407, Para. 4, [1908MS].

(710) 3. When this servant of the Lord indicates that a certain work should be done, God's people should be ready to aid in an effort to do this work. [Loma Linda Messages p. 397 para. 04] p. 407, Para. 5, [1908MS].

4. The minds of God's people may not be able to see all the particulars involved in these requests for aid in the accomplishment of a "special work" that "has been laid out," nevertheless, they are called upon to do their God-given duty. [Loma Linda Messages p. 397 para. 05] p. 407, Para. 6, [1908MS].

5. That which the Lord says is to be established, will be established, notwithstanding the fact that years may be lost through a refusal to follow the leadings of God's providences. This is revealed in the statement regarding Australasia reading thus; "The work should be established in this country, and it will be; for thus the Lord has said. We might be years in advance if our brethren in America had stood unflinchingly to their duty, to hear and obey the word of the Lord. Let no more time be lost." [Loma Linda Messages p. 397 para. 06] p. 407, Para. 7, [1908MS].

6. For the accomplishment of definite lines of work pointed out by the Spirit of Prophecy, the Lord's servant has been instructed: "In no case should you be feeble in your request for the advantage of means." And the people are instructed: "You may not be able to see all the particulars involved in this request of God to impart. But the special work has been laid out, and you are called upon to do God-given duty." [Loma Linda Messages p. 397 para. 07] p. 407, Para. 8, [1908MS].

When applied to the entire situation at Takoma Park, D. C., these principles stand out very clearly. But few, if any, understood all that was involved in the appeals to our people for means to establish a school and a sanitarium at this place, in connection with the denominational headquarters. It required large faith to (711) launch these enterprises; but the men in responsibility, while unable to "see all the particulars involved" in doing "the special work" that had been "laid out," went forward in faith. The reasons for establishing a school and a sanitarium in connection with the new center at the capital of the nation, are now beginning to be understood. Those who had the faith and the courage to advance in response to counsel given through the Spirit of Prophecy, are not rejoicing over that which has been accomplished. [Loma Linda Messages p. 397 para. 08] p. 408, Para. 1, [1908MS].

When these principles are applied in a study of the history of our missions work in the countries of Continental Europe, it is evident that some of the foundations laid during the period when Sister White was stationed there--1885-1887--have had much to do with the building up of a substantial, solid work, in that field along right lines. There was a divine providence in Sister White's visit to Europe just at the time she did go there--when foundations were being laid for the magnificent superstructure that we behold to-day. [Loma Linda Messages p. 398 para. 01] p. 408, Para. 2, [1908MS].

And when we turn to Australasia, we learn that those acquainted with the struggles of the men and women of faith who led out in the establishment of the Avondale School and the Wahroonga Sanitarium, in harmony with the direct leadings of the Spirit of Prophecy, are able to appreciate fully the divine providence connected with the sojourn of Sister White in that center of the Island field just at the time she was permitted to labor there. [Loma Linda Messages

p. 398 para. 02] p. 408, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The time came when the servant of the Lord whom He had called to make known His will, was bidden to return from Australasia to America. Before leaving Australasia, she began to see the fruition of her hopes. The word of the Lord, as spoken through the (712) human agent was being vindicated in a marked manner. And those who remained to carry on the work that had been set in operation, have with the passing years seen evidence upon evidence of the providential leadings of the Spirit of Prophecy during the formative period of the work in the Australasian Union Conference. God's promises, as spoken through His servant, are fulfilling; His word has been vindicated. [Loma Linda Messages p. 398 para. 03] p. 408, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Medical Missionary Work in Southern California. That there are special providences connected with Sister White's sojourn in California, and with her continued burden in behalf of medical missionary work in Southern California, but few are prepared to gainsay. Whether beyond our feeble comprehension, or not, there is a special providence connected with the establishment of Sanitariums near San Diego, Los Angeles, and in the Redlands-Riverside-San Bernardino district. Year after year since her return to America, Sister White pointed out the importance of doing a strong work in Southern California, and of establishing in that field, not one mammoth sanitarium, but several smaller institutions. It seemed as if no one fully comprehended the import of her words. Repeatedly she pointed out, in this connection, the advantages to be gained by securing the Paradise Valley Sanitarium; and she urged the brethren in responsibility in Conferences (both State and Union), and also in our Medical Missionary and Benevolent Associations (both local and general) to act, and to act quickly. No one acted, apparently because of lack of faith in the proposed enterprise. [Loma Linda Messages p. 398 para. 04] p. 408, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Sister White continued urging men in official positions to act, until, finally, she felt impelled to lead out herself, just (713) as she had formerly led out in advancing the interests of the Avondale School at a time when many were disheartened over the prospect of founding a training-school there. But, unlike their Australasian brethren, who, reluctantly at first, and enthusiastically after some years of trial, assumed their full share of the financial burden

and the burden of control,--unlike their Australasian brethren, the brethren in official responsibility in Southern California and in the Pacific Union Conference did not follow Sister White's leadings in this instance, and refused to take any financial responsibility whatsoever. In fact, to this day, it is a matter of conjecture on the part of some who have been closely connected with the Paradise Valley enterprise, as to the real attitude that men in responsibility have taken, through the years, toward the plain instruction that came to them through Sister White to give serious consideration to the advantages that would be gained by securing possession of the Paradise Valley property. [Loma Linda Messages p. 399 para. 01] p. 409, Para. 1, [1908MS].

When it came to the purchase of the Glendale Sanitarium property, it was in response to the repeated counsel of Sister White to secure a property near Los Angeles, suitable for a country sanitarium. This institution was to be one member of a sisterhood of sanitariums in the Southern California field, where extraordinary opportunities called for a special and an extraordinary work. In this instance, the Conference brethren--a few reluctantly, and many whole-heartedly--shouldered the entire responsibility of the enterprise. Nobly have the Conference officials stood by the Glendale institution. [Loma Linda Messages p. 399 para. 02] p. 409, Para. 2, [1908MS].

When it came to the purchase of the Loma Linda property, Sister White again led out in urging that quick action be taken--exceedingly quick action, in fact. There were a few men whose faith led them to wish to act; but greater portion of the men in responsibility (714) in the Southern California Conference, and some counselors in the Pacific Union Conference, refused to act. The president of the Southern Calif. Conference, after consulting with some of his associates, even instructed the others not to act, save on their own individual responsibility. But, in this instance, the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy to act, prevailed, after that memorable meeting in Los Angeles, when Elder Irwin held up before the Conference brethren the situation that the brethren in Australia had had to face when Sister White counseled them to persevere in an effort to build up a thoroughly-equipped training school for Christian workers, notwithstanding their inability to see light in all that was outlined before them. As Elder Irwin

recounted the special providences connected with the establishment of the Cooranbong school, and how every specification that had been outlined regarding the future work and prosperity of that school, had been met, the hearts of the brethren in responsibility in Southern California gathered courage, and the Loma Linda enterprise was recognized as a Conference enterprise. [Loma Linda Messages p. 399 para. 03] p. 409, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Afterward, it is true, when the servant of the Lord began to bear them message after message pointing out the necessity of inaugurating and developing an untried and difficult line of educational work at Loma Linda, the faith of many wavered, and for a time some in authority did much to hinder the carrying forward of this new line of training. But notwithstanding all the opposition of the wavering ones, the Loma Linda enterprise has ever remained a conference enterprise. [Loma Linda Messages p. 400 para. 01] p. 410, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Why did not the men in charge of Conference affairs respond to Sister White's repeated appeals to consider the advantages to be gained by purchasing the Paradise Valley property? Plainly speaking, it was because they did not see light in the counsel given. For some reason, they seemed unable to understand the matter as portrayed in the Spirit of Prophecy, and evidently they were not (715) prepared to move forward by faith in harmony with the repeated suggestions of the Lord's servant. [Loma Linda Messages p. 400 para. 02] p. 410, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Why did the Conference brethren purchase the Glendale property?--Because they had turned resolutely from the long cherished dream of establishing something great and grand in the city of Los Angeles, and had recognized the wisdom of establishing, instead, smaller sanitariums in more retired locations. Accordingly, they acted in harmony with the counsel given through the Spirit of Prophecy--after a tedious delay, it is true, of two years and more; but they finally did act, and that right heartily. [Loma Linda Messages p. 400 para. 03] p. 410, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Why did the Conference brethren respond to Sister White's appeals to purchase Loma Linda?--Because, after at first opposing this, they were visited by men of large faith in God's providential leadings, and were, in turn, inspired with faith through listening to a recital of providences

connected with the establishment of large enterprises in other fields. [Loma Linda Messages p. 400 para. 04] p. 410, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The Proposed Transfer. As to the proposed transfer of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium to Conference control: This was in harmony with Sister White's mind, provided the Conference wished to take over the property in the right spirit, and were ready to foster the enterprise wholeheartedly. [Loma Linda Messages p. 400 para. 05] p. 410, Para. 5, [1908MS].

And why was the transfer not carried through?--Simply because, to all appearances at least, the Conference officials failed to recognize the providences connected with the purchase of the property originally, and proposed such terms of transfer as would have indicated to our own people, and to the world at large, that those who had led out in the enterprise, moved unadvisedly, and that it would have been better had they never (716) secured the property in the first place. The impression was being left on the minds of many, that, inasmuch as the property had been purchased contrary to the judgment of the Southern California Conference officials, now the Conference would take over the enterprise as a matter of policy, and not because they even yet saw wisdom in the action taken by the original purchasers at a time when Conference officials refused to act. [Loma Linda Messages p. 400 para. 06] p. 410, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Sister White was instructed, during the night season, that, under the existing circumstances, it would be wrong for the transfer to be made. There were providences connected with the purchase of the property, that should be recognized by those who take the management of the institution. Until such a time as the General Conference may be in a position to carry the burden of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium wholeheartedly and with freedom of spirit because of their conviction that the institution has been planted of God; until such time as they are prepared to act nobly and generously as men of faith in a heaven-born enterprise; until such time as those who assume control will have a desire to vindicate the reliability of the words that have been spoken regarding the work this institution is to do in the world,--until such time as the brethren in Southern California are prepared to take over the Paradise Valley Sanitarium on this basis, the present

stockholders will in all probability be inclined to hold the property, and, as wise stewards, fulfill their God-given trust. [Loma Linda Messages p. 401 para. 01] p. 411, Para. 1, [1908MS].

A Summary of Facts. There is every evidence that God has a wise purpose in view, in the presence of His appointed servant on the Pacific Coast, in placing on her a special and continuous burden in behalf (717) of medical missionary work in the Southern California field. [Loma Linda Messages p. 401 para. 02] p. 411, Para. 2, [1908MS].

We read in the extract quoted at the beginning, these words, that have been given us regarding the work of Sister White: "When My servant whom I have called to make known My will was sent to Australia, you in America should have understood that you had a work to do in cooperation with her." Again: "When My servant was sent to establish the work in a new field, could you not see that He who owns all the gold and silver was calling for your cooperation." [Loma Linda Messages p. 401 para. 03] p. 411, Para. 3, [1908MS].

We read still further: "When the work was to begin in another field, I would be with My servant to indicate the work, and you should have been ready to aid." [Loma Linda Messages p. 401 para. 04] p. 411, Para. 4, [1908MS].

What means the continued presence of the Lord's appointed servant in the California field? [Loma Linda Messages p. 402 para. 01] p. 411, Para. 5, [1908MS].

What means the bearing of repeated messages to our people, messages in which are indicated definite lines of work to be carried forward in several places in Southern California? [Loma Linda Messages p. 402 para. 02] p. 411, Para. 6, [1908MS].

What means the intensity of Sister White's burden in behalf of medical missionary work in San Diego County, prior to the establishment of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium? [Loma Linda Messages p. 402 para. 03] p. 411, Para. 7, [1908MS].

What means the counsel, oft-repeated, that those in responsibility make advance moves in the San Diego field, as well as in the Los Angeles district and in the San

Bernardino valley? [Loma Linda Messages p. 402 para. 04] p. 412, Para. 1, [1908MS].

What means the fact that simultaneously with the plain instruction that was being given as to the advantages of establishing small sanitariums in country locations, repeated efforts were made to invest large sums of money in medical missionary work in the heart of the city of Los Angeles? [Loma Linda Messages p. 402 para. 05] p. 412, Para. 2, [1908MS].

What means the personal action taken by the servant of the Lord, when, in anguish of spirit over the refusal of men in responsibility to step forward by faith and secure the Paradise (718) Valley property, she herself and a few others assumed the responsibility? [Loma Linda Messages p. 402 para. 06] p. 412, Para. 3, [1908MS].

What means the fact that those who thus advanced in faith made special provision for turning the property over to Conference control whenever a change of conducting might make it possible for a transfer to be made; in other words, whenever changed conditions would result in a willingness on the part of Conference officials to accept the property in the right spirit, and to conduct sanitarium work there in harmony with the divine plan? [Loma Linda Messages p. 402 para. 07] p. 412, Para. 4, [1908MS].

What means the opportunity afforded the brethren in responsibility to take over the property, in the fall of 1907? [Loma Linda Messages p. 402 para. 08] p. 412, Para. 5, [1908MS].

What means their action in proposing terms so exacting that the acceptance of these terms of transfer would have brought severe hardships upon the very ones who stepped forward in faith at a time when Conference officials refused to advance in the opening providence of God? [Loma Linda Messages p. 402 para. 09] p. 412, Para. 6, [1908MS].

What means the counsel of the Lord through His servant, not to accept these terms--terms the acceptance of which would have made very difficult the vindication of His word concerning the wisdom of saving to the denomination the Paradise Valley property at a time when three days' longer delay would have made it well-nigh impossible to secure the property? [Loma Linda Messages p. 402 para. 10] p. 412,

Para. 7, [1908MS].

What means the attitude of many men in responsibility, even to-day, toward an enterprise, which, from the very beginning, might have been a Conference enterprise had Conference officials fulfilled their duty in the fear of God; but which, because of the inability of men in responsibility to discern the opening providences of God, has to this day remained in the hands of a few who acted quickly in a crisis to save to the denomination a passing opportunity to secure facilities for doing strong work in a needy field? [Loma Linda Messages p. 403 para. 01] p. 412, Para. 8, [1908MS].

(719) *In Conclusion.* There are men in responsibility who are keeping before their minds the noble purpose of making Sister White's declining years the brightest of all her long life of service in the cause of God. These men are doing all in their power to vindicate before a gainsaying world the reliability of the Spirit of Prophecy--the gift that has been preserved in our midst these many years. [Loma Linda Messages p. 403 para. 02] p. 413, Para. 1, [1908MS].

In view of all that has been outlined in this "Statement of Facts," is it not apparent that there is something more involved in this problem of the status of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, than simply the question as to whether the institution is technically a private enterprise or a Conference enterprise? When determining the status of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, we are compelled, by the very fact of circumstances, to rise far above mere technicalities. [Loma Linda Messages p. 403 para. 03] p. 413, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The facts herein set forth are abundantly sustained by documentary evidence, and by our own good judgment and our sense of justice and the right. [Loma Linda Messages p. 403 para. 04] p. 413, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In view of these facts, in view of the strange and inexplicable attitude of men in responsibility toward this enterprise in former years, in view of our knowledge of the burden of anxiety and care resting on the heart of Sister White, because of the long-continued failure of her brethren to understand the messages regarding unusual opportunities for carrying on medical missionary work in

the vicinity of San Diego, we can not afford to do otherwise than to rise above every technicality, and determine the status of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, in the light of God's over-ruling providences and His far-reaching purposes. Clarence C. Crisler [Loma Linda Messages p. 403 para. 05] p. 413, Para. 4, [1908MS].

(B-132-08) "There is a very precious work to be done in connection with the interest of the sanitarium and school at Loma Linda, and this will be done when all work to that end. 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. . . 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." [Loma Linda Messages p. 441 para. 04] p. 413, Para. 5, [1908MS].

(780) That this school is not be patterned after worldly standards of medical education, is shown by the following:- [Loma Linda Messages p. 441 para. 05] p. 413, Para. 6, [1908MS].

(B-90-'08) "In the work of the school, maintain simplicity. No argument is so powerful as is success founded upon simplicity. You may attain success in the education of students as medical missionaries without a medical school that can qualify physicians to compete with the physicians of the world. Let the students be given a practical education. 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. . . . In the treatment of the sick, poisonous drugs need not be used. . . Students should come forth from the school without having sacrificed the principles of health reform or their love for God and righteousness. [Loma Linda Messages p. 441 para. 06] p. 414, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 demand the use of poisonous drugs." [Loma Linda Messages p. 442 para. 01] p. 414, Para. 2, [1908MS].

While the work of the school is largely to be the fitting up of many to labor as Medical Evangelists, yet, that some are to be prepared as fully qualified physicians is shown by the following, which was sent in the Fall of 1906 in response to a question as to the scope, and work, of the school. [Loma Linda Messages p. 442 para. 02] p. 414, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Make the school especially strong in the preparation of nurses and physicians." [Loma Linda Messages p. 442 para. 03] p. 414, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Much good can be done by those who do not hold diplomas as fully accredited physicians. Many working under their direction can do acceptable work without spending so long a time in study as it has been thought necessary to spend in the past." [Loma Linda Messages p. 442 para. 04] p. 414, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Feb. 21, 1908, in a testimony addressed "The Work in Southern California," we find the following:- [Loma Linda Messages p. 442 para. 05] p. 414, Para. 6, [1908MS].

(MS-3-'08.) "Southern Calif. 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. Southern Calif. 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. . . It was the Lord who placed in our possession the sanitarium at Loma Linda. . . . In Loma Linda we have an advantageous center for carrying on 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. (781) We should appreciate Loma Linda as a place which the

Lord foresaw we should need, and which He gave." [Loma Linda Messages p. 442 para. 06] p. 414, Para. 7, [1908MS].

These testimonies coming to us as they did, after the purchase of the three sanitariums and the establishment of the school at Loma Linda, with classes organized and operating in at least two years of the medical work, led us to believe that we had not yet reached the standard in the mind of God. Consequently at the recent General Conference, an effort was made to bring about a proper consideration of the Loma Linda School. [Loma Linda Messages p. 442 para. 07] p. 415, Para. 1, [1908MS].

A lack of time prevented this, altho it was given some attention. This resulted in a recommendation involving a plan whereby the Loma Linda school should give two years of a medical course, and provide by affiliation with outside schools for the recognition of this work, thus enabling the students of our school to complete the medical course in schools which already have state recognition. This plan was laid before Sister White, and the result is seen in the following conversation which occurred in September 20, 1909: [Loma Linda Messages p. 443 para. 01] p. 415, Para. 2, [1908MS].

(735) After the school was thus organized and our first class had nearly completed the second year in the medical course, testimonies came from which the following are extracts, dated April 23, 1908: [Loma Linda Messages p. 412 para. 05] p. 415, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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 all work to that end. . . . 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. . . 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." (B - 132'08). [Loma Linda Messages p. 412 para. 06] p. 415, Para. 4, [1908MS].

That this school is not to be patterned after worldly standards of medical education, is shown by the following:-

[Loma Linda Messages p. 413 para. 01] p. 415, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"In the work of the school, maintain simplicity. No argument is so powerful as is success, founded upon simplicity. And you may attain success in the education of students as medical missionaries, without a medical school that can qualify physicians to compete with the physicians of the world. Let the students be given a practical education. And the less dependent you are upon worldly methods of education, the better it will be for the students. Special instruction should be given in the art of treating the sick without the use of poisonous drugs, and in harmony with the light that God has given. Students should come forth from the school without having sacrificed the principles of health reform. [Loma Linda Messages p. 413 para. 02] p. 415, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"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 methods to which many have become accustomed, which demand the use of poisonous drugs." (B - 90 - '08). [Loma Linda Messages p. 413 para. 03] p. 416, Para. 1, [1908MS].

That the school is designed of the Lord to be, not a local one, but general in its scope of influence and patronage, we would call attention to the following facts stated in the testimonies:--First, that thousands are to be trained. Second, that persons trained at this institution are to be sent to other states to conduct local schools of health and temperance. Both the school and sanitarium have been blessed of the Lord. And the school has now the endorsement and hearty cooperation of our local conference. During the last year the General Conference (736) has assisted it by the payment of the salary of the Bible teacher employed. [Loma Linda Messages p. 413 para. 04] p. 416, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Believing the school to be general in its character, the Conference Committee of Southern California, and the Board of management of the institution, desiring counsel and help

in perfecting the work of the school in harmony with the light given, passed the following:-- [Loma Linda Messages p. 413 para. 05] p. 416, Para. 3, [1908MS].

We respectfully ask the General Conference to recognize the Loma Linda College of Evangelists, as an institution for the education and training of both nurses and physicians, in harmony with the testimonies above quoted. Second, that it assist the management in arranging the curriculum, and plans for the future development of the school. [Loma Linda Messages p. 413 para. 06] p. 416, Para. 4, [1908MS].

THE SPAULDING-MAGAN COLLECTION

Unity, Not Consolidation.--Sanitarium, Cal., Sept. 12, 1908. Dear Brother Shireman:--In the night season I was conversing with you, and speaking words of encouragement. The Lord our God is merciful. When his servants make mistakes, he sends them reproof. When the messages of reproof are received and accepted by those who have made mistakes, and changes are made in the life, the brethren should recognize the reformation, and they should encourage and seek to place on vantage ground those struggling to do right. I rejoice this is the way you feel towards Brother Johnston. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 376 para. 03] p. 416, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 Johnston. 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 376 para. 04] p. 416, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 Johnston 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 376 para. 05] p. 417, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Brother Johnston 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 376 para. 06] p. 417, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 377 para. 01] p. 417, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 377 para. 02] p. 417, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 377 para. 03] p. 417, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. . . (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 377 para. 04] p. 417, Para. 6,

[1908MS].

To Those Bearing Responsibilities in Washington and Other Centers.--Elmshaven, Sanitarium, Cal., Jan. 6, 1908.--God has given me a message for the men who are carrying large 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 419 para. 03] p. 417, Para. 7, [1908MS].

God needs men and women who will work in the simplicity of Christ to bring the knowledge of 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 419 para. 04] p. 418, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 420 para. 01] p. 418, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 420 para. 02] p. 418, Para. 3, [1908MS].

An Illustration.--Ezekiel writes: (Here is quoted Ezekiel 47: 1-12.) [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 420 para. 03] p. 418, Para. 4, [1908MS].

This presentation 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 420 para. 04] p. 418, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 420 para. 05] p. 418, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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, and humble our own hearts before the Lord. Let us strengthen this company 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 420 para. 06] p. 419, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. 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 to be invested in the work of the gospel. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 421 para. 01] p. 419, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 our need of denying self. Let us awake to a sense of the spiritual character of the work in which we profess to be engaged. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 421 para. 02] p. 419, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 421 para. 03] p. 419, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 transfer his duty to another. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 421 para. 04] p. 419, Para. 5,

[1908MS].

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 our eyes be opened to see that time is passing, and that there is much for you to do. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 421 para. 05] p. 419, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 421 para. 06] p. 420, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Do not worry lest some means shall go direct to those 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. They are surely laborers together with Him who gave his life for the salvation of souls. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 421 para. 07] p. 420, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 422 para. 01] p. 420, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 on right lines, but the work has been greatly delayed. The Lord guided his servants 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 a 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 before him. He had not bound about and restricted the labors of these self-denying, self-sacrificing men. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 422 para. 02] p. 420, Para. 4, [1908MS].

To those in our conferences who have felt that they had 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 these 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 yokes on the necks of his 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. This wonderful burden of responsibility which some suppose God has placed upon them with their official position, has never been laid upon them. If men were standing free on the high platform of truth, they would never accept the responsibility to frame rules and regulations that hinder and cramp God's chosen laborers in their work for the training of missionaries. When they learn the lesson that "All ye are brethren", 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 the 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 422 para. 03] p. 420, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 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 diseases 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 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 423 para. 01] p. 421, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 423 para. 02] p. 421, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 the advantage wherever they are. The Lord reveals divine wisdom in thus leading his people to the training of all their faculties and capabilities for the work of disseminating truth. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 423 para. 03] p. 421, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Every possible means should be devised to establish 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 and 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 423 para. 04] p. 421, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 everyone 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 424 para. 01] p. 422, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We need to read and understand the message of Ezekiel 2:-- (Here is quoted Ezekiel 2: 1-8; and Ezekiel 3: 17-21.) [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 424 para. 02] p. 422, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 outgoing and incoming, 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 424 para. 03] p. 422, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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." To all who would mark out a certain 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. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 424 para. 04] p. 422, Para. 4, [1908MS].

An Appeal for the Madison School.--March 25, 1908.--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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 425 para. 01] p. 422, Para. 5, [1908MS].

In their efforts to build up the school at Berrien Springs, these brethren nearly sacrificed their lives. Those who took up the work of 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 425 para. 02] p. 422, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 425 para. 03] p. 422, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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 farther. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 425 para. 04] p. 423, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 425 para. 05] p. 423, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 425 para. 06] p. 423, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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, the means that they need to carry on successfully the work of the Madison School and the little Madison Sanitarium. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 425 para. 07] p. 423, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 426 para. 01] p. 423, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 426 para. 02] p. 423, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 426 para. 03] p. 424, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 someone 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. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 426 para. 04] p. 424, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Backsliding in Health Reform.--Sanitarium, Cal., March 29, 1908.--Elder A. G. Daniells, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.--Dear Brother:--I received your letter from Chicago, stating the need of a meeting-house 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 meeting-house in view of the large number of our people who are living there. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 426 para. 05] p. 424, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 427 para. 01] p. 424, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 a hill can not be hid." "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted?" The Lord Jesus is a miracle-working God; we must let him be our dependence. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 427 para. 02] p. 424, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 427 para. 03] p. 424, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 427 para. 04] p. 425, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 427 para. 05] p. 425, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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? [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 427 para. 06] p. 425, Para. 3, [1908MS].

If we could be benefitted by indulging the desire for flesh meats, I would not make this appeal to you; but I know we can not. They are injurious to the physical well-being, and we should learn to do without them. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 428 para. 01] p. 425, Para. 4, [1908MS].

In this experience of backsliding from the principles of health 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 instructions of the Lord regarding other phases of the present truth; they will surely reap as they have sown. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 428 para. 02] p. 425, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 disturbance of the stomach. Nothing that will serve to encourage a desire for stimulants should be placed on the table. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 428 para. 03] p. 425, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 a sacrifice, if used for the furtherance of the cause of God, would be blessed to the salvation of many souls. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 428 para. 04] p. 425, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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 for the building of meetinghouses and the support of missionaries. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 428 para. 05] p. 426, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 an injury? Words of profession 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 428 para. 06] p. 426, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There are many who feel that they can not 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 deed of sacrifice will do more for the upbuilding of the cause than larger gifts will accomplish that have not called for denial of self. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 428 para. 07] p. 426, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 our people to return from their backsliding 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 429 para. 01] p. 426, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 429 para. 02] p. 426, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 429 para. 03] p. 426, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 of self-denial. Cut off every needless indulgence, that God may bless you with his approval and acceptance. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 429 para. 04] p. 426, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"If any man will come after me," said Jesus, "Let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." 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."
[Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 429 para. 05] p. 427, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 can not 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 429 para. 06] p. 427, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 429 para. 07] p. 427, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Home Schools.--(Partly included in "Counsels to Teachers." pp. 158 ff.)--May 17, 1908.--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.
[Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 430 para. 01] p. 427, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 430 para. 02] p. 427, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 430 para. 03] p. 428, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 430 para. 04] p. 428, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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, good 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 430 para. 05] p. 428, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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 methods 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, become 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 431 para. 01] p. 428, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 schools a place where angels of God can come in and bless and give success to the efforts put forth. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 431 para. 02] p. 428, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 431 para. 03] p. 429, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Aim of Our School Work.--May 15, 1908.--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 the 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 432 para. 01] p. 429, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 432 para. 02] p. 429, Para. 3, [1908MS].

To some this work of entire transformation may seem impossible. But if this were so, why go 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 is to be 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 432 para. 03] p. 429, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The last earthly work of the prophet Elijah was to visit

all the schools of the prophets of 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 432 para. 04] p. 429, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 cooperate 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 432 para. 05] p. 430, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 433 para. 01] p. 430, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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.

[Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 433 para. 02] p. 430, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 433 para. 03] p. 430, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 433 para. 04] p. 430, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 433 para. 05] p. 431, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 433 para. 06] p. 431, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 434 para. 01] p. 431, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"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 for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons to minister in the priest's office, And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place; according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do." [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 434 para. 02] p. 431, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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 have sought to carry out the Lord's will in every particular, who had sought to put the impress of heaven upon their earthly 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 434 para. 03] p. 431, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 434 para. 04] p. 431, Para. 6, [1908MS].

Is Man to be a Dictator?--Sanitarium, Cal., May 26, 1908.-
-To the Officers of the General Conference, Washington, D. C.--Dear Brethren:--I have read a very encouraging letter from Prof. P. T. Magan to Prof. E. A. Sutherland regarding the recent council held in Washington. I am very thankful for the good report it brings regarding the council. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 435 para. 01] p. 432, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 435 para. 02] p. 432, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 435 para. 03] p. 432, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 435 para. 04] p. 432, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Representations have been made to me of a work that does not bear the divine credentials. The prohibitions that have

been 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 to 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 435 para. 05] p. 432, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 of 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." 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 the spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." The Holy Spirit is working upon human minds. Those upon who 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 436 para. 01] p. 432, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 436 para. 02] p. 433, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 436 para. 03] p. 433, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 436 para. 04] p. 433, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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! [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 436 para. 05] p. 433, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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." There are a few who are in earnest. But there are many who have but little sense of their great need of the divine blessing. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 437 para. 01] p. 433, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. The very ones who needed to seek the Lord most earnestly were not coming to him with broken hearts and contrite spirits. While some of the ministers were brokenly calling upon the Lord, and were weighted 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! [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 437 para. 02] p. 433, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 through 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. (Signed) Ellen G. White. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 437 para. 03] p. 434, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Work for Every Member of the Family.--(Extract from the Northern Union Reaper, Dec. 29, 1908.)--We need to branch out more in our methods of labor; not a hand should be bound; not a soul discouraged; not a voice should be hushed; let every individual labor privately or publicly to help forward the work. Place the burden upon men and women of the church that they may grow by reason of exercise, and thus become efficient agencies in the hand of the Lord for the enlightenment of those who sit in darkness. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 438 para. 01] p. 434, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There has been so much preaching to our churches that they

have almost ceased to appreciate the gospel ministry. The time has come when this order of things should be changed. Let the minister call out the individual church members to help him by house-to-house work, to carry the truth into regions beyond. Mrs. E. G. White. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 438 para. 02] p. 434, Para. 3, [1908MS].

A Division of Large Companies.--Sanitarium, Cal., Sept. 10, 1908.--Elder R. A. Underwood:--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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 440 para. 01] p. 434, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 440 para. 02] p. 434, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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 benefitted, 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 440 para. 03] p. 434, Para. 6, [1908MS].

All parts of our country are to be warned of the time 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. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 440 para. 04] p. 435, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Let the work of dividing be carefully and prayerfully considered. Properties will be offered for sale in the 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 other countries, the trades learned in our school may be made an influence in favor of the truth. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 440 para. 05] p. 435, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 most thorough students of the Bible. If they will become doers of the Word, if they will dig deep, laying their foundations sure to obedience to all the requirements of God, they will be preparing to graduate to the higher school. Ellen G. White. [Spaulding-Magan Collection p. 440 para. 06] p. 435, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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Counsel to Colored Believers. 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. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 1 p. 31 para. 3] p. 435, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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.--*Manuscript 105, Oct. 19, 1908.* [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 1 p. 32 para. 1] p. 435, Para. 5, [1908MS].

(E. G. White comments during an interview Nov. 12, 1908 with Ralph Mackin and his wife.) IF YOU HAVE ANY LIGHT FOR US--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 can not say anything on these points now. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 2 p. 7 para. 1] p. 435, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 can not say. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 2 p. 7 para. 2] p. 436, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 2 p. 7 para. 3] p. 436, Para. 2, [1908MS].

BUT YOU Do NOT SAY THAT THAT APPLIES To OUR CASE NOW, UNTIL YOU HAVE FURTHER LIGHT On It?--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. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 2 p. 7 para. 4] p. 436, Para. 3, [1908MS].

IT Is NOW TWELVE O'clock. WOULD YOU NOT LIKE To REST BEFORE YOUR Dinner? 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. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 2 p. 8 para. 1] p. 436, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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?--Of course they will; 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. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 2 p. 8 para. 2] p. 436, Para. 5, [1908MS].

WELL, WE MUST NOT TIRE YOU.--(Rising, and shaking hands) I want the Spirit of the Lord to be with 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. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 2 p. 8 para. 3] p. 436, Para. 6, [1908MS].

You suppose that all you do is for the glory of God, but you are deceiving yourselves and deceiving others. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 2 p. 9 para. 1] p. 437, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 believer. 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. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 2 p. 9 para. 2] p. 437, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 358, 1908. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 2 p. 9 para. 3] p. 437, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 3 p. 4 para. 2] p. 437, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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.--Letter 184, 1908. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 3 p. 4 para. 3] p. 437, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Manuscript 49, 1908. LESSONS FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF PENTECOST. Sermon by Mrs. E.G. White at Lodi, California. May 9, 1908. [Acts 2:1-11, quoted.] [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 4 p. 102 para. 1] p. 437, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Unpublished Manuscripts, Volume 4 p. 102 para. 2] p. 437, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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PAMPHLETS

Dear Brethren,-- As I read the reports of labor published in the *Review* and our other denominational periodicals from week to week, my heart is rejoiced over the progress of the third angel's message in the home field and abroad. Our workers are having many remarkable experiences. The Lord is going before them, preparing the way, and the cause of present truth is making rapid advancement. This should be a source of profound gratitude to God. As we contrast the

present prosperity of the work with the early years of poverty passed through by the pioneers of this cause, when our numbers were but few and our resources were limited, we can but exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" [Pamphlet 010 p. 3 para. 01] p. 444, Para. 3, [1908MS].

And yet there remains much to be done. In the past we have not been as diligent as we ought to have been in seeking to save the lost. Precious opportunities have been allowed to pass by unimproved. This has delayed the coming of our King. Had the people of God constantly preserved a living connection with Him from the beginning of the great advent movement, had they obeyed His word and advanced in all His opening providences, they would today be in the heavenly Canaan. [Pamphlet 010 p. 3 para. 02] p. 444, Para. 4, [1908MS].

We have done only a small part of the evangelical work that God desires us to do among our neighbors and friends. In every city of our land there are those who know not the truth. And out in the broad world beyond the seas there are many new fields in which we must plow the ground and sow the seed. [Pamphlet 010 p. 4 para. 01] p. 444, Para. 5, [1908MS].

A few faithful missionaries are even now planting the standard of truth in fields far away. Publications are multiplying in many languages. These silent messengers are enlightening thousands. But as a people we come far short of moving forward as fast as the providence of God opens the way. Our General gives the command, "Go forward." Thousands are thirsting for living truth. The Macedonian cry is coming to us from every direction, "Come over and help us." We look about us, and inquire, "Who will go?" O that every follower of Jesus might respond: "Send me. I long to do something for my Master." [Pamphlet 010 p. 4 para. 02] p. 445, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Time and again I have had presented before me a vision of people across the broad ocean, standing in perplexity, and pale with anxiety, earnestly inquiring, "What is truth?" They say: "We want the bread of life. Our churches are backslidden from God. We want to find the old paths. We want to come back to the simplicity of gospel religion." My tears flow as I see this picture rising vividly before me. The voice from heaven pleads, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." While so great a

work remains to be done, shall not we, as Christ's followers, arouse to a sense of our God-given responsibility, and be active in doing our part? [Pamphlet 010 p. 5 para. 01] p. 445, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Plans for Enlarging Our Laboring Forces. The strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks. A wise general instructs his officers to train every soldier for active service. He seeks to develop the highest efficiency possible on the part of all. If he were to depend upon his officers alone, he could never expect to conduct a successful campaign. He counts on loyal, untiring service from every man in his army. The responsibility rests largely upon the men in the ranks. [Pamphlet 010 p. 5 para. 02] p. 445, Para. 3, [1908MS].

And so it is in the army of Prince Emmanuel. Our General, who has never lost a battle, expects willing service from every one who has enlisted under His banner. In the closing controversy now waging between the forces for good and the hosts of evil, He expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part. All who have enlisted as soldiers of His, are to render faithful service as minutemen, with a keen sense of the responsibility resting upon them individually. [Pamphlet 010 p. 6 para. 01] p. 445, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. This has not always been done in the past. Plans have not been fully carried out whereby the talent of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this. [Pamphlet 010 p. 6 para. 02] p. 446, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The leaders in God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line, In their planning, they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors. The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership, rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers. [Pamphlet 010 p. 6 para. 03] p. 446, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The salvation of sinners requires earnest, personal labor. We are to bear to them the word of life, not to wait for

them to come to us. O that I could speak words to men and women that would arouse them to diligent action! The moments now granted us to work are few. We are standing upon the very borders of the eternal world. We have no time to lose. Every moment is golden, and altogether too precious to be devoted merely to self-serving. Who will seek God earnestly, and from Him draw strength and grace to be His faithful workers in the missionary field? [Pamphlet 010 p. 7 para. 01] p. 446, Para. 3, [1908MS].

In every church there is talent, which, with the right kind of labor, might be developed to become a great help in this work. There should be a well-organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church, and also for unbelievers. It is training, education, that is needed. Let all set their hearts and minds to become intelligent in regard to the work for this time, qualifying themselves to do that for which they are best adapted. [Pamphlet 010 p. 7 para. 02] p. 446, Para. 4, [1908MS].

That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church,--talent that can be educated for the Master's service. Those who shall labor in visiting the churches should give the brethren and sisters instruction in practical methods of doing missionary work. Let there be a class for the training of the youth, as well. Young men and women should be educated to become workers at home, in their own neighborhoods, and in the church. [Pamphlet 010 p. 8 para. 01] p. 447, Para. 1, [1908MS].

All this work of training should be accompanied with earnest seeking of the Lord for His Holy Spirit. Let this be urged home upon those who are willing to give themselves to the Master's service. Our conduct is watched by the world; every act is scrutinized and commented upon. There must be diligent cultivation of the Christian graces, that those who profess the truth may be able to teach it to others as it is in Jesus, that they themselves may be ensamples, and that our enemies may be able to say no evil of them truthfully. In all their intercourse with unbelievers they are exerting an influence for good or for evil. They are either a savor of life unto life or of death unto death. God calls for greater piety, for holiness of

life and purity of conduct, in accordance with the elevating, sanctifying truths which we profess. The lives of the workers for Christ should be such that unbelievers, seeing their godly walk and circumspect conversation, may be charmed with the faith that produces such results. [Pamphlet 010 p. 8 para. 02] p. 447, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others, but that we shall watch and be sober. The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God will triumph with it. The time is short; the night soon cometh, when no man can work. Let those who are rejoicing in the light of present truth, now make haste to impart the truth to others. The Lord is inquiring, "Whom shall I send?" Those who wish to sacrifice for the truth's sake, are now to respond, "Here am I, Lord; send me." [Pamphlet 010 p. 9 para. 01] p. 447, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Thanksgiving Week and Our Missions. We are rapidly approaching the time set apart by the General Conference Committee as a week of special endeavor in behalf of our mission fields. The plan has been set before our people in the columns of the *Review and Herald* by the officers of the General Conference, in the following words: [Pamphlet 010 p. 10 para. 01] p. 448, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"The General Conference Committee, at its late meeting in April, recommended that Thanksgiving week, November 22-28, be set apart as a time for a special ingathering of funds for foreign mission work. [Pamphlet 010 p. 10 para. 02] p. 448, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"The season of the year is favorable for such an effort. The crops will be nearly harvested: the fall work on the farm mostly done. The national holiday, Thanksgiving, comes November 26. At this season of the year, Americans naturally turn their thoughts toward deeds of charity, and multitudes are glad to know of some beneficent object upon which they can intelligently bestow their thank-offering to the Lord. [Pamphlet 010 p. 10 para. 03] p. 448, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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"During Thanksgiving week it was thought advisable to ask our people everywhere to give that week to soliciting funds for foreign mission work. [Pamphlet 010 p. 11 para. 02] p. 448, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"The General Conference Committee has invited the Review and Herald Publishing Association to bring out a special Missions Number of the *Review and Herald* which will contain a report of what Seventh-day Adventists are doing in heathen lands and Catholic countries. It will be a thirty-two page number, amply illustrated, and filled with such information as will surely interest all who receive it. [Pamphlet 010 p. 11 para. 03] p. 449, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"This paper we recommend to be given to the people, at the same time calling their attention to the lines of work we are doing. A short canvass will be prepared on the contents of the paper, so that all can be well informed as to what to say to their friends and neighbors. [Pamphlet 010 p. 11 para. 04] p. 449, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"The paper is to be given away. Those taking a copy will be urged to read it, and study its contents. Each one to whom a copy of the special number is given, is to be asked for a donation to our mission funds. Each can give what he likes; but few will care to give less than twenty-five cents. Some will wish to give much more. The business firms with whom people have traded for many years will often give liberally. The rich, if approached in the right manner, will often donate without stint. [Pamphlet 010 p. 11 para. 05] p. 449, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"This ingathering of funds should be the greatest event in our financial history. It should bring into the treasury of the Mission Board a large sum of money with which to help our work in foreign fields. A united army of sixty thousand Seventh-day Adventists filled with the Holy Spirit ought to do much for God in a week's consecrated effort. [Pamphlet 010 p. 12 para. 01] p. 449, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"All our schools could plan for a foreign mission week. All our office employees could gain a rich experience by helping to gather in this fund. This week can mark a new era in our foreign mission work, if we arise, as did the Jews in the days of Mordecai, and seek God with all the heart. If Israel's God goes before us, if the fiery pillar leads the way, there will be great blessings before us. [Pamphlet 010 p. 12 para. 02] p. 449, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"Let us not forget the date,--Thanksgiving week: nor the idea,--a large ingathering of funds for foreign missions." [Pamphlet 010 p. 12 para. 03] p. 450, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The Example of Nehemiah. Letters of inquiry have come to me regarding the advisability of carrying out the plan outlined above. In answer, I would refer all to the example of Nehemiah. When about to journey to Jerusalem with the hope of restoring the walls about the stricken city of his fathers, he frankly told King Artaxerxes of the work he contemplated doing, and requested help to insure the success of the enterprise. He obtained a letter to the keeper of the king's forest in the mountains of Lebanon, directing him to furnish such timber as would be needed for the wall of Jerusalem and the buildings that were to be erected. And the means which he lacked he solicited from those who were able to bestow. [Pamphlet 010 p. 12 para. 04] p. 450, Para. 2, [1908MS].

In writing on this subject in years past, I have said: [Pamphlet 010 p. 13 para. 01] p. 450, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"The Lord still moves upon the hearts of kings and rulers in behalf of His people. Those who are laboring for Him are to avail themselves of the help that He prompts men to give for the advancement of His cause. The agents through whom these gifts come, may open ways by which the light of truth shall be given to many benighted lands. These men may have no sympathy with God's work, no faith in Christ, no

acquaintance with His word: but their gifts are not on this account to be refused. [Pamphlet 010 p. 13 para. 02] p. 450, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"The Lord has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers as well as believers; all may return to Him His own for the doing of the work that must be done for a fallen world. As long as we are in this world, as long as the Spirit of God strives with the children of men, so long are we to receive favors as well as to impart them. We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to give in behalf of His cause. [Pamphlet 010 p. 13 para. 03] p. 450, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"The Lord's work might receive far greater favors than it is now receiving, if we would approach men in wisdom, acquainting them with the work, and giving them an opportunity of doing that which it is our privilege to induce them to do for its advancement. If we, as God's servants, would take a wise and prudent course. His good hand would prosper us in our efforts. [Pamphlet 010 p. 13 para. 04] p. 451, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"Some may question the propriety of receiving gifts from unbelievers. Let such ask themselves: 'Who is the real owner of our world? To whom belong its houses and lands, and its treasures of gold and silver?' God has an abundance in our world, and He has placed His goods in the hands of all, both the obedient and the disobedient. He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work; and He will do this as soon as His people learn to approach these men wisely and to call their attention to that which it is their privilege to do. If the needs of the Lord's work were set forth in a proper light before those who have means and influence, these men might do much to advance the cause of present truth. God's people have lost many privileges of which they could have taken advantage, had they not chosen to stand independent of the world. [Pamphlet 010 p. 14 para. 01] p. 451, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"In the providence of God, we are daily brought into connection with the unconverted. By His own right hand God is preparing the way before us, in order that His work may progress rapidly. As colaborers with Him, we have a sacred work to do. We are to have travail of soul for those who

are in high places; we are to extend to them the gracious invitation to come to the marriage feast. [Pamphlet 010 p. 14 para. 02] p. 451, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Although now almost wholly in the possession of wicked men, all the world, with its riches and treasures, belongs to God. 'The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.' The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts.' 'Every beast of the forest is Mine, and all the birds of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are Mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; for the world is Mine, and the fulness thereof.' O that Christians might realize more and still more fully that it is their privilege and their duty, while cherishing right principles, to take advantage of every heaven-sent opportunity for advancing God's kingdom in this world!" [Pamphlet 010 p. 15 para. 01] p. 451, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"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. [Pamphlet 010 p. 15 para. 02] p. 452, Para. 1, [1908MS].

"There are men in 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. [Pamphlet 010 p. 16 para. 01] p. 452, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"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." Ellen G. White. *Sanitarium, Cal., October 11, 1908*. [Pamphlet 010 p. 16 para. 02] p. 452, Para. 3, [1908MS].

May 24, 1908. *The Temperance Watchman*. -- 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. [Pamphlet 093 p. 2 para. 01] p. 452, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 093 p. 2 para. 02] p. 452, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Wherever you go, 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. [Pamphlet 093 p. 2 para. 03] p. 453, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 093 p. 2 para. 04] p. 453, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 093 p. 3 para. 01] p. 453, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 093 p. 3 para. 02] p. 453, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 093 p. 3 para. 03] p. 453, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The Woman'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. [Pamphlet 093 p. 4 para. 01] p. 454, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 W. C. T. U. 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. [Pamphlet 093 p. 4 para. 02] p. 454, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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." [Pamphlet 093 p. 5 para. 01] p. 454, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, and waiting at the posts of my doors." "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 not faint." "In the day that I called he answered me, and strengthened me with strength in my soul." [Pamphlet 093 p. 5 para. 02] p. 454, Para. 4, [1908MS].

I entreat every soul to seek for true conversion of heart, and then labor for the salvation of precious souls. Ellen G. White [Pamphlet 093 p. 5 para. 03] p. 455, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Extracts from the Writings of Mrs. E. G. White "We need to have the temperance question revived among our own people. It would be a good thing if at our camp-meetings we would invite the members of the W. C. T. U. to take part in our exercises. This will help them to become acquainted with the reasons of our faith, and will open the way for us to unite with them in temperance work. [Pamphlet 093 p. 6 para. 01] p. 455, Para. 2, [1908MS].

"I have had some opportunity to see the great advantage to be gained by connecting with the W. C. T. U. workers, and I have been much surprised as I have seen the indifference of many of our leaders to this organization. I call on my

brethren to awake. We cannot do better work than to unite, so far as we can do so without compromise, with W. C. T. U. workers. [Pamphlet 093 p. 6 para. 02] p. 455, Para. 3, [1908MS].

"By holding ourselves aloof from the workers in the W. C. T. U., our people have lost much; and the members of the W. C. T. U. also have been on losing ground. . . . In some matters they are far in advance of our leaders on the important question of temperance."--*Unpublished Testimony, dated Sept. 2, 1907.* [Pamphlet 093 p. 6 para. 03] p. 455, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"Let us strive to reach their hearts--not through the learned arguments of ministers, but through the wise efforts of women of influence and tact who can devote time and thought to this line of work."--*Special Testimony, dated April 18, 1900.* [Pamphlet 093 p. 6 para. 04] p. 455, Para. 5, [1908MS].

"Let the voices of the nation demand of its lawmakers that a stop be put to this infamous traffic."--*Tract on Drunkenness and Crime, issued November, 1907.* [Pamphlet 093 p. 6 para. 05] p. 455, Para. 6, [1908MS].

"In our work more attention should be given to the temperance reform. Every duty that calls for reform, involves repentance, faith, and obedience. It means the uplifting of the soul to a new and nobler life. Thus every true reform has its place in the third angel's message. Especially does the Temperance Reform Demand Our Attention and Support. At our camp-meetings we should call attention to this work, and make it a living issue. We should present to the people the principles of true temperance, and call for signers to the temperance pledge. Careful attention should be given to those who are enslaved by evil habits. We must lead them to the cross of Christ. . . . This evil must be more boldly met in the future than it has been in the past. Ministers and doctors should set forth the evils of intemperance. . . . [Pamphlet 093 p. 7 para. 01] p. 455, Para. 7, [1908MS].

"In other churches there are Christians who are standing in defense of the principles of temperance. We should seek to come near to these workers, and make a way for them to stand shoulder to shoulder with us. . . . If the work of temperance were carried forward by us as it was begun

thirty years ago; if at our camp-meetings we presented before the people the evils of intemperance in eating and drinking, and especially the evil of liquor drinking; if these things were presented in connection with the evidences of Christ's soon coming, there would be a shaking among the people."--*Review and Herald*. Aug. 29, 1907. [Pamphlet 093 p. 7 para. 02] p. 456, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Christians Should Vote for Prohibition and Total Abstinence. The following appeared in the *Review and Herald* of October 11, 1906 and is of importance in our consideration of the temperance question, because some have refrained from voting, even for prohibition of the liquor traffic. [Pamphlet 093 p. 8 para. 01] p. 456, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There is a cause for the moral paralysis upon society. Our laws sustain an evil which is sapping their very foundations. Many deplore the wrongs which they know exist, but consider themselves free from all responsibility in the matter. This cannot be. Every individual exerts an influence in society. In our favored land every voter has some voice in determining what laws shall control the nation. Should not that influence and vote be on the side of temperance and virtue?" [Pamphlet 093 p. 8 para. 02] p. 456, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Again, on page 290, same paper, we have a little more on the same point, as follows:-- [Pamphlet 093 p. 8 para. 03] p. 456, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence, by precept and example, by voice and pen and vote, in behalf of prohibition and total abstinence. We need not expect that God will work a miracle to bring about this reform, and thus remove the necessity for our exertion. We ourselves must grapple this giant foe, our motto, 'No compromise,' and no cessation of our efforts till victory is gained." [Pamphlet 093 p. 8 para. 04] p. 456, Para. 5, [1908MS].

An Appeal for the Madison School. -- I am acquainted with the necessities of the work being done by Brethren Magan and Sutherland and their co-laborers at Madison, Tennessee, for the Lord has presented this matter clearly before me. [Pamphlet 119 p. 1 para. 01] p. 457, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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 farther. [Pamphlet 119 p. 1 para. 02] p. 457, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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 houses, 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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 1 para. 03] p. 457, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 1 para. 04] p. 457, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 1 para. 05] p. 457, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 2 para. 01] p. 457, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 2 para. 02] p. 457, Para. 7, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 2 para. 03] p. 458, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 2 para. 04] p. 458, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 2 para. 05] p. 458, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 3 para. 01] p. 458, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 3 para. 02] p. 458, Para. 5, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 3 para. 03] p. 458, Para. 6, [1908MS].

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 one way in which the message should be carried in many, many places. [Pamphlet 119 p. 3 para. 04] p. 459, Para. 1, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 3 para. 05] p. 459, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 4 para. 01] p. 459, Para. 3, [1908MS].

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. [Pamphlet 119 p. 4 para. 02] p. 459, Para. 4, [1908MS].

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. *May 25, 1908. Ellen G. White.* [Pamphlet 119 p. 4 para. 03] p. 459, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Backsliding in Health Reform Sanitarium, Cal., March 29, 1908. 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 that God has given is being disregarded. A true reformation needs to take place among the *believers in Washington* in the matter of healthful living. If the believers there will give themselves unreservedly to God, he will accept them. If they will adopt in the manner 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 instructions 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 food they know to be unhealthful. God demands that the appetites be cleansed and self-denial be practised in regard to these things which are not good. This is a work that *will have to be done before his people can stand before him a perfect*

people. [Pamphlet 128 p. 1 para. 01] p. 459, Para. 6,
[1908MS].

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, coffee, and all injurious foods and become health reformers in the truest sense of the term?* If we could be benefitted by indulging the desire for flesh meats, I would not make this appeal to you; but I know that we can not. They are injurious to the physical well being and we should learn to do without them. In this experience of backsliding from the principles of reform, our people have been repeating the experience of the children of Israel in the wilderness during the forty years of travel. Those who continue to follow their own course in this respect, eating, drinking, as they please, will gradually grow careless of the instructions the Lord has given regarding other phases of the present truth; they surely reap as they have sown. I have been instructed that the students in our schools are not to be served with flesh foods, or with food preparations that will cause disturbances of the stomach. Nothing that will serve to encourage a desire for stimulants should be placed upon the table. I appeal to young and old and middle aged. Deny your appetites of these 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 a sacrifice if used for the furtherance of the cause of God would be blessed to the salvation of many souls. Let the children have a part in this work. We are all members of the Lord's family; and the Lord would have his children, both *young and old, pledge themselves to deny appetite and to save the means needed for building meeting houses, and the support of missionaries.* I am instructed to say to parents, place yourselves, soul and spirit on the Lord's side of this question. We need to ever 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 such injury? Words of profession are cheap; let your acts of self-denial testify that you will be obedient to the demands that God makes of his peculiar people. Then put into the treasury a portion of the means that you save by your acts of your self-denial and there will be that which is to carry on the work of God. [Pamphlet 128 p. 1 para. 02] p. 460, Para. 1, [1908MS].

There are many who feel that they can not get along without flesh meat; but if they 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 self-denial. And the small sums gained by deeds of sacrifice will do more than larger gifts will accomplish that have not called for self-denial of self. I am sure that if you will Begin at Washington to do this work of reform, in school, in the Printing Office and among All the 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. As you seek to carry out the will of the Lord in this particular, he will give you clear understanding of what the health reform will do for you. [Pamphlet 128 p. 3 para. 01] p. 461, Para. 1, [1908MS].

I have heard from several as I travel that Sister White has changed her views in regard to the reformed diet. I would have all understand that Sister White has the Same Testimony to bear on this subject that she has ever borne. There are those among us who occupy important positions of trust, and who have refused to follow the light, and their course has been displeasing to God. Let those now turn to the Lord that their example may no longer be a temptation to others. Because of the example set by influential men in the indulgence of appetite, the truth has not made the impression on other hearts that it might have done. I appeal to you to now set an example of self-denial. Cut off every needless indulgence, that God may bless you with his approval and acceptance. "If any man will come after me," said Jesus, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." 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 there was ever a time when we needed the working of the Spirit of

God upon our hearts and lives it is now. Christ is speaking to each of 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." 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 can not 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 backslidings, and educate themselves in a knowledge of the principles of healthful living. Let the students be taught to live these principles. Cooking schools are to be established, at 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. Ellen G. White. [Pamphlet 128 p. 3 para. 02] p. 461, Para. 2, [1908MS].

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January 1, 1908 True Christianity.--A man lives unto God when he continually recognizes Him as a present Helper. When there is a recognition of the Lord Jesus Christ, there will be a holy fear lest he shall make mistakes. The soul will be drawn out continually in earnest prayer as he realizes his need. As he draws nigh unto God, God will draw nigh unto him; the love of God will be kindled in his heart, and he will be able to speak the words of God. The language of the heart will then be, "Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee." [Bible Training School 01-01-08 para. 01] p. 462, Para. 1, [1908MS].

We must give evidence of a spiritual relationship to God, in all our ways acknowledging Him. Others will be able to detect whether we make ourselves a center or whether we regard Christ as all in all. When we have the fear of the Lord ever before us, our experience will not be tame and spiritless. Christ formed within will be the hope of glory. [Bible Training School 01-01-08 para. 02] p. 462, Para. 2, [1908MS].

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. In him

there is a hope that "maketh not ashamed." The joy of the Lord will break forth from lips that are sanctified. We must now receive rich experiences in the service of God. Our faith is to be expressed in thanksgiving. "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God." "In everything give thanks." "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name." Let expressions of praise flow forth from human lips. We are to rejoice in the Lord more than we have done. Let not the heart remain cold and dull and unimpressive. There are some who think that in matters of practical Christianity, they have a superior intelligence. Whether or not this is so, will be demonstrated by the life-actions. Are they self centered, or are they moved by the Holy Spirit of truth and righteousness? Religion is to become a living, active principle. The one all-absorbing motive of the true Christian is to give an expression of the goodness and the love of Christ. [Bible Training School 01-01-08 para. 03] p. 462, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The Lord sends His messenger to correct the erring, however highly they may regard themselves. He asks that they submit their judgment to His control. Every soul must be under discipline to God. To occupy an exalted position is not always evidence that the Lord has placed an individual in that position. It is works, not position, that testify to the value of a man. Hereditary traits of character need to be overcome. A man can not safely be intrusted with the control of others, unless he himself is under the satisfaction of the Holy Spirit. [Bible Training School 01-01-08 para. 04] p. 462, Para. 4, [1908MS].

In the spirit of meekness and lowliness of heart, all methods and plans should be submitted to wise counselors for their prayerful consideration and their endorsement. Otherwise, a restless, speculative energy and ambition may make an evil mark upon the cause of God, and subvert and hinder the very work that the Lord has declared should be done. [Bible Training School 01-01-08 para. 05] p. 462, Para. 5, [1908MS].

In order that the great work of sanctification that needs to be carried forward in the churches may be accomplished, the minds and wills of our ministers, physicians, and teachers, should be united, their hearts blending in one Spirit to give the trumpet a certain sound. Let every voice proclaim distinctly the third angel's message. In word and

act let those who are proclaiming the message, reveal that they are numbered among those "that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." [Bible Training School 01-01-08 para. 06] p. 462, Para. 6, [1908MS].

If this had been done faithfully, with the Word of the living God as the great lessonbook, the third angel's message would have gone with greater power. Had all God's ministers, as faithful stewards of the grace of God, called upon the world to hear the last note of warning, giving the trumpet a certain sound, thousands more might have been converted, and added their voices in proclaiming the message to the world. In distinct notes of solemn warning is to be given the closing message that will prepare a people to receive the seal of the living God. [Bible Training School 01-01-08 para. 07] p. 463, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Satan is working to fill minds with the spirit of ambition and of commercialism. Those whose minds are thus diverted, will lose their opportunity of giving the last message to the world. [Bible Training School 01-01-08 para. 08] p. 463, Para. 2, [1908MS].

If a faithful work had been done during the last few years that have gone into eternity, thousands of souls would now be found with Bibles in their hands, reading the Word of God, and praying for light and guidance. Many of these would be engaged in the work of hunting for souls, and fitting up a people to stand in the great day of God. But some who ought to be missionaries, are enthused with the spirit of commercialism and with an ambition to secure for themselves certain advantages. The truth becomes to them a dead letter, not practiced nor obeyed. [Bible Training School 01-01-08 para. 09] p. 463, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Jehovah is the true God. Let Him be feared and revered. Mrs. E. G. White. [Bible Training School 01-01-08 para. 10] p. 463, Para. 4, [1908MS].

February 1, 1908 Christ and the Law.--When man, beguiled by Satan, disobeyed the divine law, God could not, even to save the lost race, change that law. God is love; His law is an expression of His character. To change His law would be to deny Himself; it would overthrow those principles with which are bound up the well-being of the whole universe. But in order to save the sinner, the Creator

sacrificed Himself. The Father suffered in His Son. The measure of God's love is Christ. The Saviour's sacrifice was not to create in God a love that had not before existed; but it was the expression of a love that had not been appreciated or understood. [Bible Training School 02-01-08 para. 01] p. 463, Para. 5, [1908MS].

The Son of God in becoming man's substitute, and bearing the curse which should fall upon man, pledged Himself in behalf of the race, to maintain the honor of the law of God. The Father has given the world into the hands of Christ, that through His mediatorial work He may save the sinner, and completely vindicate the claims of the law. His mission was to convince men of sin,--which is the transgression of the law, and through the merits of His blood, and by His mediation. He was to bring them back to obedience. Through the sacrifice of Christ, the law could be maintained, and the sinner could be pardoned,--not only freed from the power of sin, but renewed "after the image of Him that created him." Col. 3:10. [Bible Training School 02-01-08 para. 02] p. 463, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The love and justice of God, and also the immutability of His law, are made manifest by the Saviour's life, no less than by His death. He assumed human nature with its infirmities, its liabilities, its temptations. "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." Matt. 8:17. "In all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren." Heb. 2:17. He exercised in His own behalf no power which man can not exercise. As man, He met temptation, and overcame in the strength given Him of God. He gives us an example of perfect obedience. He has provided that we may become partakers of the divine nature and assures us that we may overcome as He overcame. His life testified that by the aid of the same divine power which Christ received it is possible for man to obey God's law. [Bible Training School 02-01-08 para. 03] p. 463, Para. 7, [1908MS].

In Christ are united the divine and the human. The Creator and the creature, the nature of God, whose law had been transgressed, and nature of Adam, the transgressor, meet in Jesus,--the Son of God and the Son of man. And having with His own blood paid the price of redemption, having passed through man's experience having in man's behalf met and conquered temptation, having, though Himself sinless, borne the shame and guilt and burden of sin, He becomes man's

advocate and intercessor. What an assurance there is to the tempted and struggling soul, what an assurance to the witnessing universe, that Christ will be "a merciful and faithful high priest"! Heb. 2:17. [Bible Training School 02-01-08 para. 04] p. 464, Para. 1, [1908MS].

What an assurance also that He will be a righteous, just, and compassionate judge, He who has measured the power of every subtle temptation of man's cruel foe, who has borne every weakness to which man is subject, He who is a Brother in our infirmities,--will He not deal justly and tenderly with the soul that His own blood has been poured out to save? And such is the teaching of His own words, when He said that the Father had "given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man." John 5:27. Mrs. E. G. White. [Bible Training School 02-01-08 para. 05] p. 464, Para. 2, [1908MS].

March 1, 1908 Wonderful Love.--Jesus never suppressed one word of truth, but He uttered it always in love. He exercised the greatest tact and thoughtful, kind attention in His intercourse with the people. He was never rude, never needlessly spoke a severe word, never gave needless pain to a sensitive soul. He did not censure human weakness. He spoke the truth, but always in love. He denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity; but tears were in His voice as He uttered His scathing rebukes. He wept over Jerusalem, the city He loved, who refused to receive Him,--the Way, the Truth, and the Life. They had rejected Him, the Saviour, but He regarded them with pitying tenderness, and sorrow so deep that it broke His heart. His life was one of self-denial and thoughtful care for others. He never made truth cruel, but manifested a wonderful tenderness for humanity. Every soul was precious in His eyes. While He ever bore Himself with divine dignity, He bowed with the tenderest compassion and regard to every member of the family of God. In all, He saw fallen souls, whom it was His mission to save. [Bible Training School 03-01-08 para. 01] p. 464, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Such was the character of Christ as revealed in His life. This is the character of God. It is from the Father's heart that the streams of divine compassion, manifest in Christ, flow out to the children of men. Jesus, the tender, pitying Saviour, was "God manifest in the flesh." [Bible Training School 03-01-08 para. 02] p. 464, Para. 4, [1908MS].

But we have, as it were, taken only a surface view of the life of Christ. It was to redeem us that He lived and suffered and died. He became a "Man of sorrows," that we might be made partakers of everlasting joy. God permitted His beloved Son, full of grace and truth, to come from a world of indescribable glory to a world marred and blighted with sin, shadowed with the shadow of death and the curse. He permitted Him to leave the home of His love, the adoration of the angels, to suffer shame, insult, humiliation, hatred, and death. And Jesus bore all this untold sorrow that we might be changed to His divine image, and become the sons of God. "The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Behold Him in the wilderness, in Gethsemane, upon the cross! The spotless Son of God took upon Himself the burden of sin. He who had been one with God, felt in His soul, the awful separation that sin makes between God and man. This forced from the lips the anguished cry, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" It was the burden of sin, the sense of its terrible enormity, of its separation of the soul from God,--it was this that broke the heart of the Son of God. [Bible Training School 03-01-08 para. 03] p. 464, Para. 5, [1908MS].

It was only by the death of Christ that the human race could be redeemed. Man had broken the law of God, and Christ alone could atone for the transgression. But this great sacrifice was not made in order to create in the Father's heart a love for man, to make him willing to save. No, no. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." God suffered with His Son. In the agony of Gethsemane, the death of Calvary, the heart of infinite love paid the price of our redemption. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself." Mrs. E. G. White. [Bible Training School 03-01-08 para. 04] p. 465, Para. 1, [1908MS].

May 1, 1908 The Dress of the Christian.--In most cases submission to the gospel requirements will demand a decided change in the dress. True conversion of the heart will work wonderful changes in the outward appearance. [Bible Training School 05-01-08 para. 01] p. 465, Para. 2, [1908MS].

There should be no carelessness in dress. Teach the young converts that dress is a talent. For Christ's sake, whose property we are, we should seek to make the best of our

appearance. In the tabernacle service, God specified every detail concerning the garments of those who ministered before Him. Thus we are taught that the Lord has a preference in regard to the dress of those who serve Him. Very particular were the directions given in regard to Aaron's robes, for his dress was symbolical. So the dress of Christ's followers should be symbolical. In all things we are to be representatives of Him. Good taste should be exercised in the selection of appropriate colors. Our dress should be tidy and well fitting. The hair should be carefully arranged. Our appearance in every respect should be characterized by neatness, modesty, and purity. But the word of God gives us no sanction in making changes in our apparel merely for the sake of fashion,--that we may appear like the world. When the desire for display in dress absorbs the mind, vanity is manifested. All this must be put away. [Bible Training School 05-01-08 para. 02] p. 465, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The words of Scripture in regard to dress should be carefully considered. The Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul says, "In like manner also, let women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with brodered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works," And through the apostle Paul the instruction is given, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." [Bible Training School 05-01-08 para. 03] p. 465, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christians are not to decorate the person with costly array or expensive ornaments. All this display imparts no value to the character. The Lord desires every converted person to put away the idea that dressing as worldlings dress, will give value to his influence. The ornamentation of the person with jewels and luxurious things is a species of idolatry. This needless display reveals a love for those things which are supposed to place a value upon the person. It gives evidence to the world of a heart destitute of the inward adornment. Expensive dress and adornments of jewelry give an incorrect representation of the truth that should always be represented as of the highest value. An overdressed, outwardly adorned person bears the sign of inward

poverty. A lack of spirituality is revealed. [Bible Training School 05-01-08 para. 04] p. 465, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Extravagance in dress requires the expenditure of means that is needed to advance the work of the Lord. Extra ribbons and bows mean pennies and shillings spent needlessly. [Bible Training School 05-01-08 para. 05] p. 466, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The trimming of ladies' hats with high-standing bows is a needless expense, and is unbecoming to a Christian. In the house of God the over-trimmed hats are a positive annoyance. The congregation desire to see the face of the speaker as well as to hear his voice; but the ladies' hats with their high-standing ribbons and bows, obscure the view. Many in the congregation may be seen peering this way and that way to get a glimpse of the speaker; but often their efforts are in vain. Their enjoyment of the services is marred, and the minister who observes all this is disturbed. [Bible Training School 05-01-08 para. 06] p. 466, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Satan has a snare laid to captivate unwary souls by leading them to give more attention to their outward adorning than to the inward graces which a love of truth and righteousness displays, as the fruit borne upon the Christian tree. [Bible Training School 05-01-08 para. 07] p. 466, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Many indulge a passion for dress. They spend their money for that which is not bread, and are as foolish as was Esau, who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Many bar their own souls from entering the straight gate because they can not indulge their love for display and yet believe in Christ and walk in His footsteps. [Bible Training School 05-01-08 para. 08] p. 466, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"If any man will come after Me," said Christ, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Self-denial and self-sacrifice will mark the Christian's life. Evidence that the taste is really converted will be seen in the dress of all who walk the narrow path of holiness, the path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord to walk in. Mrs. E. G. White. [Bible Training School 05-01-08 para. 09] p. 466, Para. 5, [1908MS].

June 1, 1908 "How Readest Thou?".--The world is deluged with books that might better be consumed rather than circulated. Books upon Indian warfare and similar topics, published and circulated as a money-making scheme, might better never be read by the youth. There is a satanic fascination in such books. The heart-sickening relation of crimes and atrocities has had a bewitching power upon many a youth, exciting them to see what they can do to bring themselves into notice, even by the wickedest deeds. Even the enormities, the cruelties, the licentious practises, portrayed in more strictly historical writings, have acted as leaven in many minds, leading to the commission of similar acts. Books that delineate the satanic practises of human beings are giving publicity to evil works. These wicked, horrible particulars need not be lived over, and none who believe the truth for this time should act a part in perpetuating a memory of them. We have no permission from the Lord to engage either in the printing or the sale of such publications, for they are the means of destroying many souls. I know of what I am writing; for this matter has been opened before me. Let not those who believe the truth engage in this kind of work, thinking to make money. The Lord will put a blight upon the means thus obtained; he will scatter more than is accumulated. [Bible Training School 06-01-08 para. 01] p. 466, Para. 6, [1908MS].

There is another class of books--love stories, and frivolous and exciting tales, that are a curse to every one who reads them, although the author may attach a good moral. Often religious sentiments are woven all through these books; but in most cases, Satan is but clothed in angel robes to deceive and allure the unsuspecting. The mind is affected in a great degree by what it feeds upon. The readers of frivolous and exciting tales become unfitted for the duties lying before them. They live an unreal life, and have no desire to search the Scriptures, to feed upon the heavenly manna. The mind that needs strengthening is enfeebled, and loses its power to contemplate the great problems which relate to the missions and work of Christ, the plan of salvation. These subjects will fortify the mind, awaken the imagination, and kindle the strongest desire to overcome as Christ overcame. [Bible Training School 06-01-08 para. 02] p. 466, Para. 7, [1908MS].

The youth must take heed what they read as well as what they hear. I have been shown that they are exposed to the greatest peril of being corrupted by improper reading.

Could a large share of the books published be consumed, a plague would be stayed that is doing its fearful work upon human minds, and corrupting human hearts. Satan is constantly seeking to lead both the youth and those of mature age to be charmed with foolish stories. None are so confirmed in right principles, so secure from temptation, that they can feel safe, and think no one need feel anxious about them. Resolutely discard all this trashy reading, which will not increase your spirituality, but will introduce into your minds sentiments that cultivate the imagination so that you think less of Jesus, and dwell less upon His precious lessons. If you are a learner in His school, you will become like Him, and will overcome the manifold temptations as He overcame. What a joy has Jesus in placing the crown upon the heads of those whom His lips can pronounce "good and faithful servants." They have resisted the blandishments of vice. They are victors. . . . [Bible Training School 06-01-08 para. 03] p. 467, Para. 1, [1908MS].

The minds of many of the youth are already sown with the seeds of evil, that are ready to spring into life and produce an abundant harvest. Strive to implant pure principles in the soul. Encourage the youth to store the mind with valuable knowledge. Let that which is good, occupy the soul and control its powers, leaving no place for low, debasing indulgences. Let the standard of piety and devotion be elevated. Mrs. E. G. White. [Bible Training School 06-01-08 para. 04] p. 467, Para. 2, [1908MS].

September 1, 1908 Secret of Successful Work.--The Lord has a work which is above the world's seeking. To those who have not the mind of Christ, the features of our faith and our work, the great object to be accomplished, is far above their comprehension, and unseen. But we are not to come down from our position of ever remaining a people distinct and peculiar from the world. Our vocation is high, holy and elevated. Our faith, if appreciated, will keep all true believers from political strife. We are to work for the spiritual recovery of mankind to God, to bring them under His theocracy. Then only are we a safe people. In keeping ourselves in close sympathy with God, our hearts bound up in love for Him, is our only security. [Bible Training School 09-01-08 para. 01] p. 467, Para. 3, [1908MS].

There is no safety for a Christian who acts from the lowest rather than from the highest views of Christian

motives. We do not sympathize with God as we should in the salvation of the human race. We do not regard it in the light in which it is viewed by the universe of Heaven, as a plan devised from eternity in the mind of God. The greatness of the theme almost takes my breath away,--the conditions of life or death to the human race. It required the life of God's only begotten Son as a sacrifice. [Bible Training School 09-01-08 para. 02] p. 467, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Oh, how tame are our religious exercises. The Holy Spirit is the only adequate agency for our full development. As I look upon those who are handling sacred things, and who feel so self-sufficient and so capable of engaging in the great and solemn work of God, I feel pain of heart that I cannot express; for I know that these men, unless they humble their hearts before God, will mar His work, and will be a hindrance when they suppose they are doing a great work. Oh, how few are heart-to-heart with God in this solemn, closing-up work. There are so many to be warned, and yet how few sympathize with God sufficiently to be anything or nothing, to see souls brought back to their loyalty to God. These poor souls will never see, will never properly consider the influence they leave behind them. There is scarcely a tithe of the sympathetic compassion there should be toward the souls unsaved. [Bible Training School 09-01-08 para. 03] p. 467, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Jesus died to redeem a depraved and guilty world. He worked for them in humility, in meekness and lowliness of heart. But those who ought to learn His method, to wear His yoke, and lift His burdens, are self-elated, self-sufficient. Their hearts do not beat in unison with the heart of God. O, that I had the strength to labor as I once labored. Who is there that makes the burden of a dying world his own, who watches and prays for souls as he that must give an account? How many are left without any special labor. If one-half of the sermonizing were done, and double the amount of personal labor given to souls, in their homes and in the congregations, a result would be seen that would be surprising. [Bible Training School 09-01-08 para. 04] p. 468, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Jesus wept over obdurate Jerusalem. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem," he said, "thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen

gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not." Again He weeps over the devoted city, exclaiming, "O that thou hadst known, even thou in this thy day, the things that belong unto thy peace." Then with tears in His eyes and quivering lips, He pronounced the irrevocable sentence, "*But now they are hid from thine eye.*" [Bible Training School 09-01-08 para. 05] p. 468, Para. 2, [1908MS].

It was a hard sentence for Christ to pronounce. It was hard for Him to give up the son of His care. Who can sympathize with Christ in His distress and anguish over the loss of a nation? This was only a symbol of the giving up of a world. Who are so moved by the terrible loss of souls that they have even a faint appreciation of the anguish of Christ's soul? Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Jeremiah, and Paul were partakers with Christ in His depths of compassion as far as their human perception could take in the situation. Who can say with Jeremiah. "Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not Thy law? O that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughters of my people." "I could wish myself accursed from Christ for my brethren," Paul exclaimed. [Bible Training School 09-01-08 para. 06] p. 468, Para. 3, [1908MS].

This sympathy is manifestly needed. Unless the heart can beat in sympathy with Christ, man will never understand the elevated and sacred character of the words. "Watch for souls as they that must give an account." We talk of Christian missions. Our voices are heard, but our hearts have never felt the tender longing and craving for souls that they must feel. With many, trifling acts of service are supposed to be all-sufficient, but there is not the feeblest appreciation for the souls whom Christ died to save. They know not the indulged value to the human soul. [Bible Training School 09-01-08 para. 07] p. 468, Para. 4, [1908MS].

The fires of the last day will consume many souls who might have been saved if the church had but comprehended her sacred responsibilities. Souls are trifling with their own salvation and are unfitted to cooperate with the Lord Jesus Christ. When will the church become laborers together with God? The laborers have themselves to blame largely for the state of indifference seen. They need to be broken up in heart and in action. Then the Lord will work to strengthen them. Mrs. E. G. White. [Bible Training School

09-01-08 para. 08] p. 468, Para. 5, [1908MS].

October 1, 1908 True Worship.--When you meet with the Lord, say, I am in the Lord's house, and I desire all wicked thoughts, all mistrust and murmuring against my brethren to be banished. We have met here with God, who "So loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is our privilege, and we desire to come into the house of God with thanksgiving. We ask the Lord to remove from our hearts every thing that is evil, that we may bring to the house of God that which He can bless. [Bible Training School 10-01-08 para. 01] p. 469, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Let every church member kneel before God while in His temple, and consecrate to him His own, which He has bought with the blood of Christ. Pray for the speaker. Pray that great blessing may come to the one who is to hold forth the bread of life. Strive earnestly to lay hold of a blessing for yourself. Cry unto God, Increase my faith, Make me understand Thy word: for the entrance of Thy word giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. Refresh me by Thy presence. Fill my heart with thy love, that in possessing so great a treasure, I may love my brethren as Christ loved me. [Bible Training School 10-01-08 para. 02] p. 469, Para. 2, [1908MS].

God will bless all who will thus prepare themselves for His service. They will understand what it means to have the assurance of the Spirit, because they have received Christ by faith. The religion of Christ means much more than the forgiveness of sin. It means taking away our sins, and filling the vacuum with the Holy Spirit. It means divine illumination, rejoicing in God. It means a heart emptied of self, and blessed with the abiding presence of Christ. We need the vital qualities of christianity, and when we possess them, the church will be a living, active, working church. There will be a growth in grace, because the bright rays of the Sun of righteousness pervade the chambers of the mind. [Bible Training School 10-01-08 para. 03] p. 469, Para. 3, [1908MS].

Let us not bring the gloom of unbelief into the church. Let us trim our lamps, seeking a fresh supply of oil, before we step over the threshold. It is our right, our privilege, to dismiss gloomy depression. As we go to the

house of worship, we may go with joyfulness; for are we not going to meet with God and His people? [Bible Training School 10-01-08 para. 04] p. 469, Para. 4, [1908MS].

Christ welcomed little children to His presence. He was cheered by the simplicity of their faith. Let us become as little children, that in simplicity of faith we may welcome Christ and be welcomed by Him. Sing to the Lord with the Spirit and the understanding. Let no thought of criticism enter your mind, to torment you; for Satan is near. He will do this work without your help. Refuse to co-operate with the accuser of the brethren. Gather up every ray of light, then seek out those who need help, and give this light to them. God says, "Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled. [Bible Training School 10-01-08 para. 05] p. 469, Para. 5, [1908MS].

Praise the Lord, all ye saints. Be glad in the Lord. Praise His holy name. We must carry to every religious gathering a quickened spiritual consciousness that God and the angels are there, co-operating with all true worshipers. We do not obtain one hundredth part of what we should from assembling together to worship God. Our perceptive faculties need sharpening. Fellowship with one another should make us glad. Why, with such a hope as we have, are our hearts not aglow with the love of God? [Bible Training School 10-01-08 para. 06] p. 469, Para. 6, [1908MS].

When we are tempted to murmur or complain at something some one has done, praise something in that person. Say, "Satan, I have defeated your temptations this time." Cultivate the habit of thankfulness. Praise God over and over again for His wonderful love in giving Christ to die for us. It never pays to think of old grievances. God calls upon us to cultivate His mercy and His matchless love, that we may be inspired with praise. Mrs. E. G. White. [Bible Training School 10-01-08 para. 07] p. 470, Para. 1, [1908MS].

November 1, 1908 God's Love for Man.--Many conceive of the Christian's God as a being whose attribute is stern justice,--one who is a severe judge, a harsh, exacting creditor. The Creator has been pictured as a being who is watching with jealous eye to discern the errors and mistakes of men, that He may visit judgment upon them. In

the minds of thousands, love and sympathy and tenderness are associated with the character of Christ, while God is regarded as the law-giver, inflexible, arbitrary, devoid of sympathy for the beings He has made. [Bible Training School 11-01-08 para. 01] p. 470, Para. 2, [1908MS].

Never was there a greater error. Nature and revelation alike testify of God's love. It is from Him that we receive every good gift. He is the source of life, of wisdom, and of joy. Look at the wonderful and beautiful things of nature. Think of their marvelous adaptation to the needs and happiness, not only of man, but of all living creatures. The sunshine and the rain, that gladden and refresh the earth, the hills and seas and plains, all speak to us of the Creator's love. It is God who brings the bud to bloom, the flower to fruit. It is He who supplies the daily needs of all His creatures as brought forth in the beautiful words of the Psalmist:--"The eyes of all wait upon Thee, And thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, And satisfiest the desire of every living thing." [Bible Training School 11-01-08 para. 02] p. 470, Para. 3, [1908MS].

God made man perfect and holy and happy; and the fair earth, as it came from the Creator's hand, bore no blight of decay nor shadow of the curse. It is transgression of God's law that has brought woe and death. Yet even amid the suffering that results from sin, God's love is revealed. It is written that God cursed the ground for man's sake. The thorn and the thistle, the difficulties and the trials that make his life one of toil and care, were appointed for his good, as a part of the training needful in God's plan for his uplifting from the ruin and degradation. The world, though fallen, is not all sorrow and misery. In nature itself are messages of hope and comfort. There are flowers upon the thistle, and the thorns are covered with roses. [Bible Training School 11-01-08 para. 03] p. 470, Para. 4, [1908MS].

"God is love," is written upon every opening bud, upon every spire of springing grass. The lovely birds making the air vocal with their happy songs, the delicately tinted flowers in their perfection perfuming the air, the lofty trees of the forest with their rich foliage of living green,--all testify to the tender, fatherly care of our God, and to His desire to make His children happy. Mrs. E. G. White. [Bible Training School 11-01-08 para. 04] p.

470, Para. 5, [1908MS].

December 1, 1908 Redemption.--God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son." He gave Him not only to live among men, to bear their sins, and die their sacrifice: but He gave Him to the fallen race. Christ was to identify Himself with the interests and needs of humanity. He who is one with God has linked Himself with the children of men by ties that are never to be broken. Jesus is "not ashamed to call them brethren"; our sacrifice, our advocate, our brother, bearing our human form before the Father's throne, and through eternal ages, one with the race He has redeemed,--the Son of man. And all this was done that man might be uplifted from the ruin and degradation of sin, that he might reflect the love of God, and share the joy of holiness. [Bible Training School 12-01-08 para. 01] p. 470, Para. 6, [1908MS].

The price paid for our redemption, the infinite sacrifice of our heavenly Father in giving His Son to die for us, should give us exalted views of what we may become through Christ. As the inspired apostle John beholds the height, the depth, the breadth of the Father's love toward the perishing race, he is filled with adoration and reverence; and failing to find suitable language in which to express this love, he calls upon the church and the world to behold it. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the Sons of God." What a value this places upon man! Through transgression, the sons of men become subjects of Satan. Through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ, the sons of Adam may become the Sons of God. By assuming human nature, Christ elevates humanity. Fallen men are granted another trial, and are placed where, through connection with Christ, they may indeed become worthy of His name, "sons of God." [Bible Training School 12-01-08 para. 02] p. 471, Para. 1, [1908MS].

Such love is without a parallel. Children of the heavenly King! Precious promise! Theme for the most profound meditation! The amazing love of God for a world that did not love Him! The thought has a subduing power upon the soul, and brings the mind into captivity to the will of God. The more we study the divine character in the light of the cross, the more we see mercy, tenderness, and forgiveness, blended with equity and justice, and the more clearly we discern innumerable evidences of a love that is

infinite, and a tender pity surpassing a mother's yearning sympathy for her wayward child. "Every human tie may perish, Friend to friend unfaithful prove, Mother's cease their own to cherish, Heaven and earth at last remove; -- but no change, can attend Jehovah's love. [Bible Training School 12-01-08 para. 03] p. 471, Para. 2, [1908MS].

But to make known to man the love of God and to bring them to share His grace,--even this was not the only purpose of the Saviour's life of suffering and death of shame. Results of yet deeper significance, of infinitely greater extent, flow from the sacrifice of the Son of God. By the death of Christ not only man is set free from Satan's power, and uplifted from the pit of ruin, but the justice and mercy of God, and the immutability of His law, are vindicated before the universe. [Bible Training School 12-01-08 para. 04] p. 471, Para. 3, [1908MS].

The government of God is not, as Satan would make it appear, founded upon a blind submission, an unreasoning control. It appeals to the intellect and the conscience. "Come now, and let us reason together," is the Creator's invitation to the beings He has made. Isa. 1:18. God does not force the will of His creatures. He can not accept an homage that is not willingly and intelligently given. [Bible Training School 12-01-08 para. 05] p. 471, Para. 4, [1908MS].

He desires that all the inhabitants of the universe shall be convinced of His justice in the final overthrow of rebellion and the eradication of sin. He purposes that the real nature and direful effects of sin shall be clearly manifested to the end that all may be assured of the wisdom and justice of the divine government. Mrs. E. G. White. [Bible Training School 12-01-08 para. 06] p. 471, Para. 5, [1908MS].