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MANUSCRIPT RELEASES

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How easy, then, for the breach to be healed. It should have been Brother Cornell's study, How can I help the cause of God and prevent an open rupture here? One Holy Ghost meeting would have healed the wound; but instead of healing the difficulty, Brother Cornell made a wide breach.--Letter 6, 1856, p. 3. (To Brethren Cornell, Palmer, and Dr. Kellogg, circa 1856.) [5MR236.02] p. 1, Para. 3, [1856MS].

War is coming against the remnant because they keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus. . . . Don't yield your sacred peculiarities which distinguish you from the world, from the nominal church and backslidden Adventists. . . . The nominal churches are in darkness and corrupt. They have shut out the gifts God has placed in the church.--Letter 7, 1856, pp. 1, 2. (To "Dear Friends in Mansville," circa, 1856.) [5MR289.01] p. 1, Para. 4, [1856MS].

I was shown while at Lancaster, Mass., that the work of God was progressing in the West, and that you must be narrowing down your large farms. Do not talk your faith. *Sell that ye have and give alms*, says the angel. Not moving fast enough, said the angel. Cut loose, cut loose from your treasures here; lay up a treasure in heaven. . . . [6MR128.01] p. 1, Para. 5, [1856MS].

Tell Brother John . . . I sent a letter to Mary and there was something in it I wished you to see, so I sent it to you. There was two dollars in it, a little present I sent her. Did you receive it?--Letter 2, 1856, p. 1. (To Brother Everts, July 12, 1856.) [6MR128.02] p. 1, Para. 6, [1856MS].

Dear Sister, it would be impossible for me to go into a recital of the sufferings I have passed through, the anxiety, and the dread thought that I should be left a widow, my dear children without a father's care. The scene has changed. God's hand has mercifully been reached down to our rescue. My husband enjoys good health, and my children are rugged. They never enjoyed so good health before. Little Willie is healthy and very pleasant. [6MR296.03] p. 1, Para. 7, [1856MS].

I never took so much comfort with my family as now. Our family has always been so large. But now we only number eight and I can enjoy the company of my children. They can be more under my own watchcare, and I can better train them in the right way. All of us are united for the blessing of God, and morning, noon, and night His sweet blessing distills upon us like the dew, making our hearts glad and strengthening us to fill our place and glorify our Redeemer.--Letter 2a, 1856, p. 2. (To Brother and Sister Loveland, January 24, 1856.) [6MR297.01] p. 1, Para. 8, [1856MS].

In coming from Sarah's to our house, I slipped and fell, wrenching my foot backwards and putting my ankle out of joint. In rising it flew back again. . . . I can hobble around a little with crutches, but I will not murmur or complain.--Letter 9, 1856, p. 1. (To Mrs. E. P. Below, January 1, 1856.) [7MR231.01] p. 2, Para. 1, [1856MS].

God Is Sifting His People--It is true the world is dark. Opposition may wax strong. The trifler and scorner may grow

bolder and harder in their iniquity. Yet, for all this, we will not be moved. We have not run as uncertainly. No, no. My heart is fixed, trusting in God. We have a whole Saviour. We can rejoice in His rich fullness. I long to be more devoted to God, more consecrated to Him. This world is too dark for me. Jesus said He would go away and prepare mansions for us, that where He is we may be also. Praise God for this. My heart leaps with joy at the cheering prospect. . . . [10MR21.01] p. 2, Para. 2, [1856MS].

Dear sister, do not be discouraged. God is sifting His people. He will have a clean and holy people. We cannot read the heart of man. God has not placed in man a window, that we can look into his heart and see what is there, but He has opened ways to keep the church pure and clean. A people have arisen, a corrupt people that could not live with the people of God. All their evil passions must be gratified. They had a suitable time to repent if they would, and overcome their wrongs, but no. Self was too dear to die. They nourished it and it grew strong, and they separated from the peculiar, self-denying people of God. . . . [10MR21.02] p. 2, Para. 3, [1856MS].

The sieve is going, and let us not say, "Stay Thy hand, O God." We know not the heart of man. If God causes the feelings of the heart to be manifested and gives you sight of what is in the heart by the words of the mouth (by the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh), let it not afflict your soul too much, although your hopes may be cruelly disappointed. But the church must be purged, and will be. "Fret not thyself because of evildoers." God reigns; let the people tremble.--Letter 2a, 1856, pp. 2,3,4. (To Brother and Sister Loveland, January 24, 1856.) [10MR21.03] p. 2, Para. 4, [1856MS].

REVIEW AND HERALD

January 10, 1856 Communication From Sister White.--Dear Brethren and Sisters:--For some months past my spirit has been much depressed. God has seen fit to use me, a feeble instrument, for a few years past by giving me visions. This place I have not desired. I have ever known that it would cause me many hours of anguish of spirit. Messages have been given me, and it has been enjoined upon me to be faithful in declaring them. My feelings have been sensitive, and while with the fear of God before me, I have been obliged to faithfully relate what God has shown me, my

sufferings of mind have been intense. [RH 01-10-56 para. 1] p. 2, Para. 5, [1856MS].

And then when I have seen how little the visions have been heeded, and what little effect they have had upon others, I have been discouraged. The visions have been of late less and less frequent, and my testimony for God's children had been gone. I have thought that my work in God's cause was done, and that I had no further duty to do, but to save my own soul, and carefully attend to my little family; have a good influence over my children, pray with them, and for them, that they may be saved. [RH 01-10-56 para. 2] p. 3, Para. 1, [1856MS].

I have greatly feared they might be left without a father's care. My husband's poor health has made me tremble for the future. My prospects looked dark. I have tried to bear up with good courage, but have nearly all the time carried with me an aching heart. I have seldom told my feelings, for I believed it to be wrong to talk trials and darkness to others, as it would have an effect to discourage them, and weaken their faith. [RH 01-10-56 para. 3] p. 3, Para. 2, [1856MS].

At our late Conference at Battle Creek, in Nov. God wrought for us. The minds of the servants of God were exercised as to the gifts of the Church, and if God's frown had been brought upon his people because the gifts had been slighted and neglected, there was a pleasing prospect that his smiles would again be upon us, and he would graciously and mercifully revive the gifts again, and they would live in the Church, to encourage the desponding and fainting soul, and to correct and reprove the erring. [RH 01-10-56 para. 4] p. 3, Para. 3, [1856MS].

Our trembling faith has again pierced the clouds of darkness that have been gathering over us, and is fixed upon our Eternal Sun, whose beams have again dispersed our gloom. And with hope and confidence we will do our duty to those around us; declare faithfully what God bids us, let the consequences be what they may. He that bids us speak will take care of the consequences if we do his will. Jesus will not lay upon us any greater burden than we can bear. [RH 01-10-56 para. 5] p. 3, Para. 4, [1856MS].

All have an influence, and that influence tells for God and heaven, or for Satan and hell. I cannot, I dare not

hold my peace. I must warn those in danger to escape the wrath of God. A great work must be done for us. We are contented to live at too great a distance from God. Our hearts are not right before him, or we should feel deep longings of soul for a devotedness to his cause. [RH 01-10-56 para. 6] p. 3, Para. 5, [1856MS].

Are we willing to search our own hearts, and compare our lives with our holy Pattern! We are too well satisfied with a form. We must have the power of godliness in the soul. We must have our minds running in the right channel. Our conversation is too much upon things of earth. And when we meet to worship God, it takes time to get the mind fixed upon God, or in a heavenly frame to serve him. We have had so few thoughts of God and heaven, we cannot approach him with confidence in faith; and we pray and labor in darkness, when it is our privilege to be in the light. [RH 01-10-56 para. 7] p. 3, Para. 6, [1856MS].

There must be a living to God out of meeting. Our thoughts must be upon heavenly things, and a cheerful, happy frame of mind we should cherish, and then when we meet to worship, we can pray in faith, can come right to the point without wading through so much darkness. We must possess a spirit of consecration. This poor earth seems to be like a load stone. It draws our minds and occupies them so that there is but little room for heavenly thoughts and principles. This need not be so. My own experience tells me that heaven can attract us. We can keep our thoughts upon Jesus and his lovely character, and upon our priceless treasure. We can be strong in God. We can have an increase in faith. We must hold the victory as we obtain it, and then it will be easy believing. If we continue to hold the victory, our faith will grow. This is the only way we can be overcomers, and at last come off victorious. [RH 01-10-56 para. 8] p. 4, Para. 1, [1856MS].

But how often we get a little victory, feel that God had heard us pray, and when any trial arises, and dark clouds and adversity come, we yield up what we have obtained. Our faith dies, and we again encourage unbelief to come into our souls. And when we would make another effort for freedom of soul, it is much harder for us to come up to the point, to take God at his word than before. We must first mourn about ourselves, and sorrow that we are so dark; and we have to make a greater effort for victory than before. [RH 01-10-56 para. 9] p. 4, Para. 2, [1856MS].

Let us have that faith that takes hold of the promises of God, and will not let go; faith that will live in adversity, clouds and gloom, and although trembling, will find its way through every obstacle, up within the second vail, and there grasp the desired blessing. A dead faith will do us no good. We must have a LIVING faith, and then we shall have a living experience. [RH 01-10-56 para. 10] p. 4, Para. 3, [1856MS].

We have felt the power and blessing of God for a few weeks past. God has been very merciful. He has wrought in a wonderful manner for my husband. We have brought him to our great Physician in the arms of our faith, and like blind Bartimaeus have cried, "Jesus thou Son of David, have mercy on us;" we have been comforted. The healing power of God has been felt. All medicine has been laid aside, and we rely alone upon the arm of our great Physician. We are not yet satisfied. Our faith says, Entire restoration. We have seen the salvation of God, yet we expect to see and feel more. I believe without a doubt that my husband will yet be able to sound the last notes of warning to the world. [RH 01-10-56 para. 11] p. 4, Para. 4, [1856MS].

For weeks past our peace has been like a river. Our souls triumph in God. Gratitude, unspeakable gratitude, fills my soul for the tokens of God's love, which we have of late felt and seen. We feel like dedicating ourselves anew to God; devoting ourselves to work. We desire to be a living sacrifice to God, and to shed a holy influence. My very being longs after God. I thirst, I pant for living waters. [RH 01-10-56 para. 12] p. 4, Para. 5, [1856MS].

Our example and lives tell either for heaven, eternal life, or darkness and death. Our lives should be holy, and we should oft hold communion with God, draw nourishment from Jesus the living vine, that our souls may flourish in the Lord. Then can we exert a holy influence. How holy should those live who believe we are having the last message of mercy to the world. We should take a humble, meek stand, and yet the very truths that we profess will lead us to exalt the standard, and to occupy an elevated position, far above the low, vain, joking trifler of the world. [RH 01-10-56 para. 13] p. 5, Para. 1, [1856MS].

True christian humility will lead us to this. A sense of our own weakness and frailty will lead us to lean upon One

that is mighty to save, whose delight is to impart strength and courage to the humble, self-abased suppliant. Humility is the greatest ornament a christian can wear. Jesus loves to honor such, and lift them up. There is a fullness in Jesus. We can partake of his rich grace, and abundant salvation. We can rejoice in a whole Saviour, and have unwavering trust and confidence in God. We are too faithless, too doubting. Our faith in God's precious promises should grow every day. If we hold the victory over the powers of darkness it must be by constant, persevering watchfulness and almost unceasing prayer. It must be an every day work. If we grow in grace and in knowledge of the truth, we must have the words of our mouth select, and seasoned with grace. God will help in our efforts. Angels will watch over us, and our soul will be like a watered garden. E. G. White. [RH 01-10-56 para. 14] p. 5, Para. 2, [1856MS].

February 21, 1856 Extracts.--Bro. Smith:--I have received a few more letters from Christian friends that have been comforting to me of which the following are a few extracts. I think all will be interested to hear often from each other, and letters that freely speak of the joys and trials, each experience, as they travel the narrow way, will often meet the cases of others. They will see that they are not alone in their experience, that others are having similar trials to themselves, and that One hope cheers all the followers of Jesus. The same arm that sustains and gives courage and strength to their fellow-travelers in the self-denying way to heaven sustains them. E. G. W. [RH 02-21-56 para. 1] p. 5, Para. 3, [1856MS].

February 21, 1856 Brethren and Sisters.--[Brethren and Sisters, let us remember the servants of God that devote themselves to his cause, and faithfully labor for the salvation of souls. Let us not forget that they sacrifice their pleasant homes, the society of their families, and travel in the heat and cold for weeks and months together. They often feel weary and sad, and perhaps when you least realize it, are troubled about their families at home. Often they have not means to send to the relief or support of their families. The servants of God need your support and comfort. Be awake. Feel and see their wants. Look closely, and see if they are comfortably clothed. Don't wait for them to express their wants. This perhaps they will not do. It is your duty to inquire into their wants. Don't neglect your duty, and think others will attend to

this. Lay aside your selfish and sensitive feelings, and enter right into their wants. [RH 02-21-56 para. 1] p. 5, Para. 4, [1856MS].

Sisters, we can do something in this matter. We can deny ourselves of articles we do not actually need--wrought collars, undersleeves, "stomachers," &c., which are expressly forbidden in God's Word. Isa. iv. [RH 02-21-56 para. 2] p. 6, Para. 1, [1856MS].

Lay by yourselves in store what is spent to gratify pride, and it will make quite a sum towards defraying the expenses of the families of the messengers. They are continually making a sacrifice. They are deprived of the society of their companions, and they should have our warm sympathy, and our fervent prayers. [RH 02-21-56 para. 3] p. 6, Para. 2, [1856MS].

Our dear Bro. and Sr. Bates deserve our prayers, sympathy and support. We will remember them in their self-denial and sacrifice, and see that their wants are well supplied.] E. G. W. [RH 02-21-56 para. 4] p. 6, Para. 3, [1856MS].

THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR

January 1, 1856 The New Year.--Dear Children:--Can you look back upon your course through the past year with sweet satisfaction? Have you made progress in the way to heaven?--Have you been overcoming your pride of heart, your pride of dress, and are you becoming more humble, meek, like Jesus, the lovely Pattern? [The Youth's Instructor 01-01-56 para. 01] p. 6, Para. 4, [1856MS].

The new year has commenced, and with the commencement of this new year, you should dedicate yourselves to God. Now give yourself to him, soul, body, and spirit, to do his will. Let all selfishness, your disobedience to your parents, all your faults, and besetting sins die with the old year. Begin this new year to the glory of God. Pray to him, morning, noon, and night, to give you a meek and humble spirit, a mild temper, an affectionate disposition. Live as you never lived before. Begin this new year with new feelings, fresh desires, and a strong determination to glorify God. [The Youth's Instructor 01-01-56 para. 02] p. 6, Para. 5, [1856MS].

This year can be the happiest year of your life; you can

do more good to others than you have ever yet done. You can be a comfort to your parents, and a blessing to all around you. Commence the year aright, by devoting yourself to God. Spend a portion of your time each day in praying to him for strength, that you may resist evil, and every day overcome, until it will be easy praying, easy believing. [The Youth's Instructor 01-01-56 para. 03] p. 6, Para. 6, [1856MS].

Let your thoughts dwell upon things of earth less, and upon heaven more. When you are with your associates, talk about Jesus instead of dress and appearance, Do you love Jesus? If you do you will love to talk about him. Do you love his appearing? If you do, you will love to dwell upon it, Does heaven charm you? Does it attract you? If so, you cannot hold your peace. You will talk about it; for you will always have it uppermost in your mind, and be ready to converse, when you meet with your friends, upon that which most charms, and engrosses the mind, Talk about your hopes of heaven, your joys, your eternal prospects, and then when you part with your friends, you will be benefited by each others society, and there will be a sweet satisfaction when you meet and when you part, instead of barrenness of soul, and an empty feeling. [The Youth's Instructor 01-01-56 para. 04] p. 6, Para. 7, [1856MS].

Children, you have something to do, as well as those that are older than you, in prayer and conference meetings. Tell the feelings of your soul, what Jesus has done for you, your trials and joys, that those older may pray for you, and give you right counsel I have felt sad sometimes as I have seen some children, that I thought wanted to be good, talk in meeting things they did not understand. Instead of telling their simple story, they exhort those experienced in the things of God. I have enquired of myself why the parents of these children do not instruct them in a tender, faithful manner that would not discourage, but help the children. The children could modestly and with simplicity tell their feelings, express their love to God, and they would fill their little place, do their duty, be blest of God in bearing their testimony, and all would be blest in hearing them. [The Youth's Instructor 01-01-56 para. 05] p. 7, Para. 1, [1856MS].

Children, you must have an experience. If you love Jesus, your lives will be *marked with that love*. You will show it. You will not be passionate, evil tempered, or disobedient to your parents. You must watch and pray, and the Lord will

help you to overcome. Do not neglect your precious Bible. My heart aches as I realize how little some children love their Bible. Even some who profess to love God, often love storybooks, and idle tales, more than the word of God. [The Youth's Instructor 01-01-56 para. 06] p. 7, Para. 2, [1856MS].

I fear that some of you love these storybooks better than your own little paper published especially for you. It is the only children's paper published in the land teaching the present truth, instructing you how you may keep God's commandments and live, and his law as the apple of your eye. Do you read your little paper as carefully as you should? Do you try to do all you can to aid in its publication? Many of you need not wait for your parents to do this, You can earn something yourselves, that it may be all your own paper. Cannot you deny yourselves of something and make a sacrifice? in your dress that you do not actually need, and lay it by you in store, to give to assist in the publication of your own little paper. Must the children's paper go down, and stop because you have not interest enough to sustain it? [The Youth's Instructor 01-01-56 para. 07] p. 7, Para. 3, [1856MS].

Many of you take other papers. Cannot you give up those, that lack the very thing needful for your salvation, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and use the means you give for these papers to support your own little paper? You will be happier in doing this, than in laying out your means in gratifying love of vain reading, and pride of dress. The Lord will smile upon such a disposition of your means. [The Youth's Instructor 01-01-56 para. 08] p. 7, Para. 4, [1856MS].

Those that publish your paper will strive to make it interesting for you, and it will benefit you, and will give you true light on your path to heaven. While storybooks will only excite and please for the moment, and are no benefit to the mind. The reading of storybooks will eclipse the glory and beauty of God's word, and make your little paper that teaches you to understand that word, uninteresting to you. [The Youth's Instructor 01-01-56 para. 09] p. 7, Para. 5, [1856MS].

Dear children, look to your eternal interest. Love what God loves, and have your thoughts tending heavenward. O, do not let the mind be filled with earth, vanity and pride,

You will have trials, but go to Jesus for patience and strength that you may hold the victory. Let your trust be fully in God. Remember that Jesus died to save you, and cannot you deny yourself for Jesus, and for others good? Jesus has gone to prepare mansions for those that love him, that where he is gone, they may be also. If you are faithful, you will go to those blest mansions. All will be joy, beauty and loveliness. There no trials will ever come. There none will say, I am sick. Heaven, sweet heaven, will be our blest and happy home. Ellen G. White. [The Youth's Instructor 01-01-56 para. 10] p. 7, Para. 6, [1856MS].

February 1, 1856 Thankfulness, and the True Object of Our Affections.--Dear Children:-- We have much to be thankful for. Yes, we have enough to cause our hearts to overflow with love and praise to our Redeemer. We should be very thankful that we are numbered with those who keep the Commandments of God. [The Youth's Instructor 02-01-56 para. 01] p. 8, Para. 1, [1856MS].

Do you seek to glorify God, and honor him in your life? You should seek and pray for a spirit of thankfulness for all the blessings you enjoy, and seek earnestly for the Holy Spirit to dwell in you. If you do not possess the Holy Spirit, there is a fault, and the fault is in you; for 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." With such an assurance as this of the willingness of your Father in heaven to give you his Holy Spirit, how can you remain away from him? How can you longer neglect to ask him in confidence to perform that work in you so necessary to make you a devoted Christian? O, come to Jesus now, dear young friends, with a broken heart, and with confidence in the mercy and promises of God, plead for pardon for your past wanderings from the fold of Christ--plead in earnest prayer till you feel his pardoning love, and the fullness of his Spirit dwelling in you, [The Youth's Instructor 02-01-56 para. 02] p. 8, Para. 2, [1856MS].

Why are the young generally so backward to talk of a Saviour's love? They can readily talk of dress, the appearance, and of things that are of but little consequence. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Those who profess to love God, should delight to talk of him they love. And if his love is in the heart, the mouth will speak it out. His praise will be in your hearts

and on your lips. Your song will be "Hear, what the Lord has done for me." Your hearts can beat with ardent affection and love for Jesus, who first loved you. [The Youth's Instructor 02-01-56 para. 03] p. 8, Para. 3, [1856MS].

Why do we not hear the voices of the young, in praise to God for his love that is shed abroad in their hearts? I fear that things of less importance divert the mind, and that the affections, designed by God to be bestowed upon their Redeemer and Saviour, are placed upon others. There is an affection and attachment manifested among the young that is wrong. This uniting with a few, to the exclusion of others, and the few uniting together to praise, caress and flatter each other, is a curse to themselves and to all within its influence. It has a blighting effect upon all the young that such associate with. Spiritual death marks their track, and they leave a curse behind them where they go. They act out the foolish affection manifested by the world for each other. Those who do not profess to love God, have chosen poor earthen vessels, or weak mortals, as their gods to place their affections upon, and this is their all and in all. But we profess to have a noble Object on whom to bestow our ardent affection and warmest love. [The Youth's Instructor 02-01-56 para. 04] p. 8, Para. 4, [1856MS].

The young associating together might be a benefit instead of a curse. If they had God's glory in view when they meet, they would watch their opportunity to do good, to correct a selfish, vain, trifling spirit, exaltation and pride, and help one another. But there is but little of this faithfulness manifested among the young. Many join hands to take the affections from Jesus, and center them upon each other. They unite in trifling and foolish conversation. This affection cherished among them, is a curse. Let the affections first center in Christ, pass through the right channel, be purified by his Spirit, then they will lead to a yearning of soul for each other, not to bundle together to their hurt, but an earnest desire to have all share the gift of Jesus and his love. [The Youth's Instructor 02-01-56 para. 05] p. 9, Para. 1, [1856MS].

The young can find words enough to express their ardent affection for each other. They are none at loss for words. But when Jesus is mentioned, many are silent. His name does not arouse the ardent love of the soul. Why are such so

dumb to the wondrous love of God? Why, at the mention of Jesus name whose love was so exalted, so devoted, so pure, do they hold their peace? Dear friends, have you no words to speak in Christ's favor? Have you no ardent affections to bestow upon Him that was meekly slain to save you from death? Why! O, why! do we not hear your voices in the full gratitude of your soul speak forth his praises? Why are not the praises of God heard gushing from your affectionate hearts, warmed by a Saviour's love? His love should call forth music from the soul and lips. What is the matter children? "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." A fountain cannot send forth sweet water and bitter. You visit the fountain of salvation too seldom. You must be devoted, yes, consecrated to God. He wants the whole heart. He is a jealous God, and he requires the whole heart, and the warmest affections. Children, arouse, to your eternal interest. Your season to lay up a treasure in heaven will soon be past. Awake every energy of thy soul. Awake and love and adore thy Redeemer. Be a living example to others, and give full proof that you are Christ's disciples. E. G. White. [The Youth's Instructor 02-01-56 para. 06] p. 9, Para. 2, [1856MS].

March 1, 1856 Watch and Pray.--"Take ye heed, watch and pray," were the words of our Saviour spoken in reference to the time of the end, and his second coming to take his faithful children home. [The Youth's Instructor 03-01-56 para. 01] p. 9, Para. 3, [1856MS].

First, you are to watch. Watch, lest you should speak hastily, fretfully and impatiently. Watch, lest pride should find a place in your heart. Watch, lest evil passions should overcome you, instead of your subduing them. Watch, lest a careless, indifferent spirit comes upon you, and you neglect your duty and become light and trifling, and your influence savor of death, rather than life. [The Youth's Instructor 03-01-56 para. 02] p. 9, Para. 4, [1856MS].

Second, you are to pray. Jesus would not have enjoined this upon you, unless there was actual necessity for it. It is well known to him that of yourself you cannot overcome the many temptations of the Enemy, and the many snares laid for your feet. He has not left you alone to do this; but has provided a way that you can obtain help. Therefore he has bid you to pray. [The Youth's Instructor 03-01-56 para. 03] p. 9, Para. 5, [1856MS].

To pray aright, is to ask God in faith for the very things you need. Go to your chamber, or in some retired place, and ask your Father for Jesus' sake to help you. There is power in that prayer that is sent up from a heart convinced of its own weakness, yet earnestly longing for that strength that comes from God. The earnest, fervent prayer will be heard and answered. Go to your God who is strong, and who loves to hear children pray, and, although you may feel very weak, and find yourself at times overcome by the Enemy, because you have neglected the first command of our Saviour, to watch, yet do not give up the struggle. Make stronger efforts yourself than before. Faint not. Cast yourself at the feet of Jesus, who has been tempted, and knows how to help such as are tempted. Confess your faults, your weakness, and that you must have help to overcome, or you perish. And as you ask, you must believe that God hears you. Plead your case before God, through Jesus, until your soul can with confidence rely upon him for strength, and you feel that you are not left to do the work of overcoming alone. God will help you. Angels will watch over you. [The Youth's Instructor 03-01-56 para. 04] p. 10, Para. 1, [1856MS].

But before you can expect this help, you must do what you can on your part. Watch and pray. Let your prayers be fervent. Let this be the language of your heart, "I will not let thee go unless thou bless me." Have a set time, a special season for prayer at least three times a day. Morning, noon, and at night Daniel prayed to his God, notwithstanding the king's decree, and the fearful den of lions. He was not ashamed, or afraid to pray, but with his windows opened he prayed three times a day. Did God forget his faithful servant when he was cast into the lion's den? O, No. He was with him there all night. He closed the mouths of these hungry lions, and they could not hurt the praying man of God. [The Youth's Instructor 03-01-56 para. 05] p. 10, Para. 2, [1856MS].

Children, you cannot live without food; you would soon feel the cravings of hunger, and your bodies would pine and die. You need spiritual food just as much, and often, as your body needs temporal food. Three times a day is none to often to draw strength from heaven, or sap and nourishment from Christ, the living vine. Read the words of our Saviour in Matt. v. 6. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." E. G. W.

[The Youth's Instructor 03-01-56 para. 06] p. 10, Para. 3, [1856MS].

May 1, 1856 The Lord is Good.--Dear Children:--For some months past I have been afflicted with oppressed lungs. In addition to this, a few weeks since I had an attack of brain fever. I gave up my husband and children. I knew I must die unless God in mercy should rebuke the disease. The prayer of faith was offered, and immediate relief given. The fever was rebuked, and I was set free, and made triumphant in God. It seemed to me that Jesus was again upon earth, and even in the room with us. I felt his power, and his sweet blessing settled upon me like the dew. [The Youth's Instructor 05-01-56 para. 01] p. 10, Para. 4, [1856MS].

The oppression of lungs still troubled me. We asked Jesus to remove the difficulty. We presented the case to Jesus, who went about doing good upon earth, and healing all manner of sickness. He has gone to his Father, but yet pleads for us, and we can feel his power upon earth. We can come to him by faith, and tell him our wants, and he is ever ready to have compassion. He has done this for me. [The Youth's Instructor 05-01-56 para. 02] p. 10, Para. 5, [1856MS].

One night I had pleasant dreams all through the night. I dreamed of exhorting the people, with much freedom. In the morning I awoke free from pain. I was strongly impressed that the angel of the Lord had touched me while I was sleeping, and I was made whole. I have been free since. An entire change has taken place. [The Youth's Instructor 05-01-56 para. 03] p. 11, Para. 1, [1856MS].

Children, let us love and obey the Lord that we may ask and receive. If I had not had Jesus to flee to in my trouble and distress, I might now be lying in the cold grave, and my children left motherless. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, for his lovingkindness changeth not. E. G. W. [The Youth's Instructor 05-01-56 para. 04] p. 11, Para. 2, [1856MS].

June 1, 1856 "Search the Scriptures,--For in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." John v. 39. [The Youth's Instructor 06-01-56 para. 01] p. 11, Para. 3, [1856MS].

Dear children, I have feared there was a lack on your part in searching the Scriptures. Nothing should divert you from obeying this command. Time given you to prepare for heaven is precious, and the way to find out your duty to God, and learn the narrow path leading to heaven, is to search God's holy word. By that word you will see that it is no small thing to be a Christian. [The Youth's Instructor 06-01-56 para. 02] p. 11, Para. 4, [1856MS].

In order to be a follower of Jesus, you must be often found studying the Word. Go to it for counsel, for direction, for knowledge, and you will find it sufficient for all this. It will thoroughly furnish you unto all good works. [The Youth's Instructor 06-01-56 para. 03] p. 11, Para. 5, [1856MS].

There is an evil among the young that has caused me hours of sorrow. The reading of storybooks and newspapers of the day. Dear children, as long as you do this, the religion of Jesus cannot dwell in your heart. What does the reading of these storybook and newspapers do for you? Does it make you sober minded? Does it fit you for prayer in secret? Does it adorn the Christian? Does it show to the world that you love religion, and your Bible, and that your thoughts are much on God and heaven? Does it show that you are walking with God and holding communion with him? Answer these questions to your God. [The Youth's Instructor 06-01-56 para. 04] p. 11, Para. 6, [1856MS].

In every case where there is a thirst for light and vain reading, the word of God lies neglected, and there is no thirst for holy and pure reading, the more you read these books, the greater is your thirst for reading, and the religion of Jesus is crowded out. You may still retain the name and form, but these are only a curse, when the vital part is gone. The mind that should be stayed upon God, is under an unhealthy excitement, and prayer is hardly thought of. I know it is sin to read the books and papers of the day. It poisons the mind that should be pure to serve the Law of God. And again, time is wasted; time that is not your own, but lent you of God; and he holds you responsible for it; and in the day of judgment you must give an account what disposition you have made of your time. [The Youth's Instructor 06-01-56 para. 05] p. 11, Para. 7, [1856MS].

You have an influence. You not only injure your own soul, but you encourage others to follow your example, and the

end thereof you will find to be death. Jesus is crowded out of your thoughts, and vanity and folly takes its place. Your mind is perverted, if not corrupted. Some have reasoned, even parents, that it was harmless reading. But it is hurtful enough to grieve the Spirit of God away, and destroy the soul. [The Youth's Instructor 06-01-56 para. 06] p. 12, Para. 1, [1856MS].

You should profess the religion of Jesus, and the Third Angel's Message understandingly. You do not want to believe the truth merely because your parents do, but because the Bible teaches it. Then search the Scriptures, that you may know yourself that you have a well-grounded hope. Dear children you must have an experience in the things of God. Acquaint yourselves with the word of God, that if need be, you can tell others your reasons for believing as you do. [The Youth's Instructor 06-01-56 para. 07] p. 12, Para. 2, [1856MS].

I have had an experience in this matter. I have ever had a natural love for reading; but since I have learned to prize the approbation of God, and have tasted the sweetness of his love, I have had a work to do, to lay aside vain reading, and turn to God's word. At times I have been overcome, by my love of reading. And O how soon my soul was barren, and my love for the word of God gone. It was difficult to fix my mind upon God, or approach him as I should. And I could not find comfort or peace again until I humbly confessed my sin to God. Many of the young that I am acquainted with have had the same experience. I have not only had an experience in this matter, but God has shown me in vision the withering effects of this unprofitable reading. I dare not keep silent longer, lest the blood of your souls be found on my garments. [The Youth's Instructor 06-01-56 para. 08] p. 12, Para. 3, [1856MS].

Children, I want to arouse you to this evil. I want you to awake, and now take the word of God as the man of your counsel. It may be difficult for you to love to study the word of God at once, when you have not been in the habit of studying it, but God will help you. Pray for his forgiveness for neglecting his holy word so long, and then beg of the Lord to give you love and interest in his word, be in earnest in the matter. When I lose my love for the Bible I am alarmed. I know that I do not love Jesus if I do not love to search the Book that testifies of him. E. G. W. [The Youth's Instructor 06-01-56 para. 09] p. 12, Para. 4,

[1856MS].

July 1, 1856 Jesus Says.--"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." [The Youth's Instructor 07-01-56 para. 01] p. 12, Para. 5, [1856MS].

Those who hunger for food and thirst for water cannot be satisfied with gold, silver, or costly dress. None of these things can take the place of bread and water. They must have bread and water or perish. [The Youth's Instructor 07-01-56 para. 02] p. 12, Para. 6, [1856MS].

So those who really hunger and thirst for righteousness can never be satisfied with worldly riches or worldly pleasures. O, no: they want righteousness; something that reaches above the treasures of earth and takes hold of eternal life. [The Youth's Instructor 07-01-56 para. 03] p. 12, Para. 7, [1856MS].

The promise is to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, "They shall be filled." Blessed promise. We can have righteousness if we hunger and thirst for it; and those who really hunger and thirst will often be found pleading before God. A mere desire will not obtain the blessing. But those who would obtain it must wrestle in prayer, and by faith claim the sweet promise, "They shall be filled." E. G. W. [The Youth's Instructor 07-01-56 para. 04] p. 13, Para. 1, [1856MS].

August 1, 1856 Salvation Through Christ.--Dear Young Friends:--You live in a dark and wicked world, subject to sickness, pain and death. You may see many things that look beautiful; but how soon they fade away. You may have a dear friend that you love; but soon that one may be torn from you by sickness and death, and you will then feel lonesome. [The Youth's Instructor 08-01-56 para. 01] p. 13, Para. 2, [1856MS].

You should have something substantial to fix your minds and affections upon, that can give real satisfaction and joy, and cheer your spirits in this dark world, and cause your sorrows to bring joy in the end. [The Youth's Instructor 08-01-56 para. 02] p. 13, Para. 3, [1856MS].

There is a blight upon everything. The earth feels the curse that God pronounced upon it, because of the

disobedience of our first parents. They broke the command of God in eating of the forbidden tree, after he had given them the privilege of eating of all the other trees in the garden. They listened to the tempter, ate of the forbidden tree, and were expelled from the beautiful garden of Eden. [The Youth's Instructor 08-01-56 para. 03] p. 13, Para. 4, [1856MS].

The earth that was then so beautiful, was cursed, and the flaming sword was placed around the tree of life to guard it, lest man, in his sin, should approach that tree, and eat of its immortal fruit, and by so doing, live in sin for ever. [The Youth's Instructor 08-01-56 para. 04] p. 13, Para. 5, [1856MS].

The tree of life was designed to perpetuate immortality. Adam and Eve could eat of that tree, and enjoy its rich immortal fruit, until they transgressed the command of God. Death was then pronounced upon them, and all that should ever live upon the earth. There was no way of escape for us; no provision that we might again have access to the tree of life, if we would repent. Whatever evils might befall us, there was then no other way than to bear them without hope of having right to the tree of life, to eat of its leaves and fruit, and be healed. We must ever suffer and groan beneath the curse. [The Youth's Instructor 08-01-56 para. 05] p. 13, Para. 6, [1856MS].

But the Son of God, who was with the Father before the world was, took pity upon us in our lost condition, and offered to step in between us and the wrath of an offended God. Said Jesus, I will give my life for them. I will take the burden of the sins of the world upon me, and will make a way possible for these transgressors to find pardon and enjoy thy favor again, that they may repent and keep thy commandments, and again have access to the tree of life. God consented to give his only Son to die for lost man. [The Youth's Instructor 08-01-56 para. 06] p. 13, Para. 7, [1856MS].

The lovely Jesus laid aside his glory, and came into this dark world, and took upon himself our nature, to be wounded for our transgressions, to be bruised for our iniquities. O, what love for us! He led a self-denying life, and had not where to lay his head. He was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief, was despised and rejected and finally was crucified for us. [The Youth's Instructor 08-

01-56 para. 07] p. 14, Para. 1, [1856MS].

But you must not think that you have nothing to do, because Christ died for you. You must repent of all of your sins, and give your hearts to God, and then believe that the blood of Christ will cleanse you from all sin. Then if you keep all the commandments of God, the Sabbath with the rest, you may through the merits of Christ, be brought back to the tree of life. This will be when Jesus comes to raise the righteous dead, and change the living saints. Then you will have right to the tree of life, and eat of the leaves, and immortal fruit of the tree of life and live for ever in perfect happiness. Read Rev. xxii, 14. E. G. W. [The Youth's Instructor 08-01-56 para. 08] p. 14, Para. 2, [1856MS].