

## INTRODUCTION

To the reader, I wish to say that these readings are especially for the remnant, the Laodicean church will not accept them, you will see by reading Revelation 12-17, that Satan goes to make war on the remnant of the seed of the woman (The Church). The seed is the Laodicean church, you will find in the reading, that the church has been rejected, so the remnant will come out before the end; see the next quotation.

"As we near the close of time, Satan comes down with great power, knowing that his time is short. Especially will his power be exercised upon the remnant." (Vol. 1, 210.)

You will see by the next quotation, how we are to read the testimonies.

"There is nothing to be lost of that which comes from God." (R. & H. November 15, 1892.)

"Regarding the testimonies, nothing is ignored; nothing is cast aside, but time and place must be considered. Nothing must be done untimely. . . . Every jot and tittle is essential and must appear at an opportune time." (Regarding the Testimonies October 10, 1911.)

By the next quotation we can see why we should be guarded.

"Soon every possible effort will be made to discount and pervert the testimonies of God's Spirit. We must have in readiness the clear strait message that since 1846 has been coming to God's people." (R. & H., April 6, 1911.)

Read carefully all the quotations given and pray the Lord to guide you and see if the readings are not plain enough, to convince anyone that wants to be on the right side.

The late Elder W. L. Brisbin, who was the original compiler of this reprinted pamphlet, was a sincere reformer of the pioneer kind. Being an ardent believer and Christian of serious type, he followed a direct instruction to gather old manuscripts and Reviews from the Spirit of prophecy. We hereby are glad to be able to reprint his last work for the benefit and instruction of the Remnant people of God, and therewith satisfy the demands of so many believers. Trusting it to be a blessing, and help increase the zeal for greater reforms and spiritual advancement of the many readers.

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*The following poem was written in 1922 by a devoted friend  
of Br. Brisbin:*

### THE WOODLAND PILGRIM!

There lives in a little old house in the wood,  
A whitehaired old pilgrim kind and good.  
Some think he is queer, some think he is bold,  
And only a few think his wisdom as gold.  
How many a trial he patiently bore—  
Lonely days—weary night, privation and more—  
To shine for his Master, he shunned no cares.  
And the angels keep record of his manifold tears.  
So he sits and writes by day and by night,  
A message of warning—a message of light.  
Men hear it and hiss it—as Noah of old  
For they rather love darkness and wickedness bold.  
God's wrath soon may fall for the angel of light  
Unfolding his wings to speed on his flight;  
And men will in darkness and terror despair,  
No time to redeem, no loss to repair.  
So the old man writes—and teaches it, too,  
But the watchmen of Israel are asleep and untrue,  
And their carnal slumber, no longer disturb.  
For the Lord will send others we are told in His Word,  
Some few honest hearts thank the Lord for the Word,  
Even though it came from a messenger slurred.  
Then let us hold up Moses' hands as of old.  
And heed the good counsel Laodicea is told.  
Buying gold, tried by fire—which is faith, love,  
And a righteous garment worn here and above,  
And eyesalve to see Satans manifold snare,  
And stand for the Master as His jewels rare.  
So remember our father in Israel so true,  
His need is a test, for me and for you,  
And the Lord to all faithful a reward will bring,  
And "his name" you shall know.—W. L. Brisbin.

# **Are Seventh Day Adventists Doing God's Will?**



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## ABBREVIATIONS

- P. & P.—PATRIARCHS and PROPHETS  
D. A.—DESIRE of AGES  
G. C.—GREAT CONTROVERSY  
C. T. & B. H.—CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE and BIBLE  
HYGIENE  
C. O. S.—CHRIST our SAVIOUR  
C. O. L.—CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS  
M. O. H.—MINISTRY of HEALING  
P. A. K.—PROPHETS and KINGS  
E.—EDUCATION  
A. O. T. A.—ACTS of the APOSTLES  
G. W.—GOSPEL WORKERS  
F. P. O. C. E.—FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES of CHRIS-  
TIAN EDUCATION  
C. O. H.—COUNSEL on HEALTH  
T. T. M. A. W.—TESTIMONY to MINISTERS and  
WORKERS  
T. F. T. M. O. B.—THOUGHTS from the MOUNT of  
BLESSINGS  
E. W.—EARLY WRITINGS  
T. S. O. P.—THE SPIRIT of PROPHECY  
H. L.—HEALTHFUL LIVING  
R. & H.—REVIEW and HERALD  
S. O. T. T.—SIGNS of the TIMES  
L. O. P.—LIFE of PAUL  
G. C. B.—GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN  
S. U. W.—SOUTHERN UNION WORKER  
B. T. S.—BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL  
T. B. C. C.—TO BATTLE CREEK CHURCH  
C. T. M.—COUNSEL to MINISTERS  
A. W. A. A. A.—A WARNING and an APPEAL  
S. A.—SOLEMN APPEAL  
S. G.—SPIRITUAL GIFT  
U. P. T.—UN PUBLISHED TESTIMONIES  
F. O. F.—FACTS of FAITH  
C. E.—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
A. U. G.—ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER  
Q.—Questions to bring out the thoughts

## Are Seventh-Day Adventists Doing God's Will?

Question—Will the Seventh-Day Adventist Church be saved, and are they doing the Lord's work any more? Let us see by mencing with the first church?

1.—"It was in the ordination of the twelve, that the first step was taken in the organization of the Church; that after Christ's departure was to carry His work on the earth." (T. A. of T. A., 18.)

1.—Church Ephesus, 2—Smyrna, 3—Pergamus, 4—Thyatira, 5—Sardis, 6—Philadelphia, 7—Laodicean." (Rev. 2, 3.)

Q.—Now let us see when the Laodicean Church first started, and who it applies to?

2.—"They are cold and formal, like the nominal churches since they had but a short time separated (1844). The words addressed to the Laodicean church describes their present condition perfectly. See Rev. 3: 14-20. They are 'neither cold nor hot,' but 'lukewarm.' And unless they heed the counsel of the faithful and true witness, 'and zealously repent, and obtain 'gold tried in the fire,' 'white raiment,' and 'eye-salve,' He will spue them out of His mouth." (R. & H., June 10, 1852; E. W., Supp. Pa. 22.)

Q.—In this last quotation the Lord told them the only condition that they could be His people, and if they did not comply with these conditions, He would spue them out of His mouth. Let us see if they did.

3.—"I was shown that the testimony to the Laodiceans applies to God's people at the present time, and the reason it has not accomplished a greater work is because of the hardness of their hearts. But God has given the message time to do its work." (Vol. 1, 186—1859.)

Q.—Now see what the Lord told the church 13 years after.

4.—"The message to the church of the Laodiceans is a startling denunciation, and is applicable to the people of God at the present time." (Vol. 3, 252—1872.)

Q.—See the message the Lord sent 4 years later.

5.—“The Laodicean message applies to the people of God who profess to believe present truth. The greater part are lukewarm professors, having a name but no zeal.” (Vol. 4, 87—1876.)

Q.—Now see the Message the Lord sent 14 years later.

6.—“God has light for His people, and who will accept will see the sinfulness of remaining in a lukewarm condition; they will heed the counsel of the true Witness when He says, ‘Be zealous therefore and repent.’ To our brethren who are standing in this self confident, self-satisfied condition, who talk and act as if there was no need of anymore light, we want to say that the Laodicean message is applicable to you.” (R. & H., April 1, 1890.)

Q.—Now let us see if they ever heeded the message, and if they ever will.

7.—“Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come.” (R. & H., March 23, 1887.)

Q.—Now let us see what message the Lord sent in 1882.

8.—“The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.” (Prov. 4: 18.) This is the privilege of all our churches. But oh, how different it has been with them; they need divine illuminations. They must face square about. I know what I say. Unless they shall become Christians indeed, they will go from weakness to weakness, divisions will increase, and many souls will be led to perdition, all I can say to you is, take up the light which God has given you, and follow it at any cost to yourselves. This is your only safety. . . . Gather up the rays of light that has been slighted and rejected, gather them up with meekness, and trembling, and with fear. The sin of ancient Israel was in disregarding the express will of God, and following their own way according to the leading of unsanctified hearts. Modern Israel is fast following in their footsteps, and the displeasure of the Lord is surely resting upon them.” (Vol. 5, 93-94. Given 1882.)

Q.—Now the above says unless they turn square about, showing that the church is going the wrong way, divisions will occur. Now since that was given there has been 36 divisions, and occurring often, showing that the church is still going wrong, and as

quotation 7 says that they will never be converted, and the next quotation shows what the Lord has done and sealed their final doom.

9.—“But the Glory of the Lord had departed from Israel, altho many still continued the form of religion, His power and His presence was lacking.” (Vol. 5, 210—1882.)

Q.—Now see what the Lord says was the reason.

10.—“By their failure (The Jews) to carry out His purposes, they made it impossible for Him to fulfill His promises of blessings. Is not the Church of today doing the same thing. . . . The Lord says, ‘shall I not visit for these things? Because they failed of fulfilling God’s purposes, the children of Israel were set aside, and God’s call was extended to other people. If these, too, prove unfaithful, will they not in like manner be rejected? The word of God to ancient Israel has a solemn warning to the church and its leaders today. . . . Will they reject God’s word as the Jewish leaders rejected Christ’s? The result of Israel’s sin is before us. Will the Church of today take warning?” (C. O. L., 306, given in 1900.)

Q.—Did they heed the warning, and repent, let us see?

11.—“The time is very near when men have reached the prescribed limits. He has almost now reached the bounds of the long suffering of God. The limits of His grace, the limits of His mercy. The record of their works in the books of Heaven is, ‘Weighed in the balance, and found wanting.’ The Lord will interfere to vindicate His honor, to repress the swelling of unrighteousness and bold transgression. . . . Read the fourth chapter of Malachi, and think about it seriously. The day of God is right upon us, and the world has converted the Church. Both are in harmony, and are acting upon a short-sighted policy.” (Gen. Con. Bul. first quarter, 1900.)

12.—“It is a fearful thing for those who profess to be the children of God, to cross the line of demarcation that should separate the Church from the world.” (Life of Paul, 230.)

13.—“The professed followers of Christ are no longer a separate and peculiar people. The line of demarcation is indistinct.

The people are subordinating to the world, to its practices, its customs, its selfishness. The Church has gone over to the world in transgression of the law, when the world should have come over to the Church in obedience to the law. Daily the Church is being converted to the world." (C. O. L., 316.)

Q.—What did the Lord say would be the result by the Church being converted to the world, and what would they become, and what would be the result on all institutions; and see the Lord says that Satan is running them?

14.—"The world must not be introduced into the Church, and married to the Church, forming a bond of unity. Through this means the Church will become indeed corrupt, and, as stated in Revelation, 'A cage of every unclean and hateful bird.'" (Tes. to Min. and Wor. 265, written on the steamer "Almeda" on the broad ocean, Nov. 17, 1891.)

15.—"Through association with the world, our institutions will become unsubstantial, unreliable; because these worldly elements, introduced and placed in position of trust, are looked up to, as teachers to be respected, in their education, directing, and official position, and they are sure to be worked upon by the spirit and power of darkness; so that the demarcation becomes not distinguished between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not." (Id. 265-266.)

16.—"The time is near when God by His providence will make manifest what principles have been cherished by men connected with the management of His work. But the appeals and warnings given have no more effect upon their hearts than the message of Christ upon the Pharisees, and I greatly fear in their behalf, lest they continue to walk in the same path, manifesting the same exacting and intolerant spirit as did the ruling Pharisees, I fear that the same judgment will fall upon them because they have rejected the Lord's reproof, and have set their stumbling blocks before their eyes." (P. A., May 30, 1898.)

17.—"In order to reign, they employ Satan's methods to justify their own principles. They exalt themselves as men of superior judgment, and profess to stand as representatives of God. These



are false Gods." (To Eld. Olsen, Sept. 19, 1895.)

18.—"Men who stand in very responsible positions at the heart of the work, are asleep. Satan has paralyzed them, in order that his plans and devices may not be discerned, while he is active to ensnare, and destroy." (Vol. 2, 439.)

19.—"If God would send a message and wait for these older brethren for its advance, it would never reach the people." (R. & H., July 26, 1892.)

20.—"The Lord has been sending light to them, but the Testimonies of His spirit has not been heeded." (A Work Mis Given in 1892.)

21.—"Where truth is rejected it opens the way where false way marks are set up, and perils will arise on all sides. Through the neglect of seeking the earnest counsel of God, men will be connected with the office who will form themselves into a ring, to echo the sentiments of the one they think the most influential. And who pleases their human sides. . . . In every branch of the work, men have been departing from the principles laid down by the Lord Jehovah for the working of His cause. Inexperienced hands and unsanctified minds have been placing their mold upon the work and self has been woven into it in every branch." (Brooklyn, N.Y., Nov. 25, 1890.)

22.—"The men that have long stood in position of trust while disregarding the light that God has given, are not to be depended upon. God wants them to be removed. He wants a new life element brought into the publishing institutions. There are those who have stood as managers and yet have not managed after God's order. All who are educated in the office of publication should see there exemplified the principles of heaven. I would rather lay a child of mine in the grave than have him go there to see these principles mangled and perverted. We want to have the living principles of Heaven brought into our lives." (Gen. Con. Bul. No. 25—1901.)

23.—"If our publishing houses had held fast to the pure principals of Bible truth, they would have retained the favor of God, and would have been built up in the most holy faith. Thousands who do not obey the truth would have been converted, and these

by keeping the commandments of God and living out the high and holy principles of His word, would be winning many souls from the ranks of the enemy." (To Was. Pub. Ho. San., Jan. 11, 1905.)

24.—"Principles have been perverted. Men have been departing from the right principles, for the promulgation of which these institutions were established. They have failed of doing the very work God ordained should be done to prepare a people to 'build the old waste places,' and to stand in the breach as represented in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah." (So. Un. Wo. Nash. Ten., October 16, 1913.)

Q.—Now see what the Lord says to the church that thinks that they are the true people of God. (Once they were,) but never again will they be, and see where they will finally land.

25.—"Of those who boast of their light, and yet fail to walk in it, Christ says, 'But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgement, than for you. And thou, Capernaum (Seventh-Day Adventist, who have had great light), which art exalted unto Heaven, (in point of privilege) shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in the land, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgement, than for thee.' . . . Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave unto you and unto your fathers, as I have done unto Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim." (R. & H., August 1, 1893.)

Q.—Just think that the Church has become worse than Sodom, and according to quotation 24, they have failed of doing one thing to warn the world, and will finally land in hell. Now let us go back in the history of the Church, and see how this apostasy first began. We have found in the above quotations that the Church is rejected, let us see who is to blame.

26.—"In 1888 in the General Conference held at Minneapolis, Minn., the angel of Revelation 18 came down to his

work, and was ridiculed, criticized, and rejected, and when the message he brings again will swell into a loud cry, it will again be ridiculed, and spoken against, and rejected by the majority." (Entitled taking up a reproach.)

27.—"In the manifestation of the power that lightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it, because the Lord does not work according to their expectations and ideas they will oppose the work, why they say, 'should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?' because they did not respond to the warnings and entreaties of the message of God, but persistently said, 'I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing.'" (Bi. Tra. Sch., 1907—Reprint R. & H., Nov. 7, 1918.)

28.—"The Third Angel's Message will not be comprehended, the light which will enlighten the earth with its glory, will be called a false light, by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory. The work, which might have been done by the rejectors of the truth, because of their unbelief. We entreat of you who oppose the light of truth, to stand out of the way of God's people. Let Heaven sent light shine forth in Heaven sent rays." (R. & H., May 27, 1890.)

Q.—Now let us go back a little in the history of the work that was given in 1888, and see some more of what the leaders did.

28.—"The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the Third Angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel, whose glory shall fill the whole earth. For it is the work of every one to whom the message has come to lift up Jesus, to present Him to the world as revealed in type, and shadows as shadowed in symbols, manifested in the revelation of the prophets, as unveiled in the lesson given to His disciples, and the wonderful mercies that He wrought for the sons of men. Searching the Scriptures for they are they that testify of Him." (R. & H., Nov. 22, 1892.)

30.—"I shall never, I think, be called to stand under the direc-

tion of the Holy Spirit as I stood at Minneapolis. The presence of Jesus was with us. All assembled in that meeting had the opportunity to place themselves on the side of truth by receiving the Holy Spirit, which is sent by God in a rich current of love and mercy. But in the room occupied by some of our people, we heard ridicule, criticism, jeering, laughter. . . . The manifestation of the Holy Spirit was attributed to fanaticism. Who searched the Holy Scriptures, as did the noble Bereans, to see if the things that they heard were so? Who prayed for Divine guidance? The scenes that took place at this meeting made the God of Heaven ashamed to call those who took part in them His brethren. All this the Heavenly watchers noticed and it is written in the Book of God's remembrance. Scenes that were a shame to Christians, have been presented to me, as taking place in counsel meetings held after the Minneapolis meeting. The loud voice of dispute, the hot spirit, the harsh words, resembled a political meeting, more than a place where Christians were met for prayer and counsel. These meetings should have been dismissed as an insult to Heaven." (To Eld. Olsen, Coringbong, N. S. Wales, May 31, 1896.)

31.—"He gives men counsel for their good. He sent His message telling them what was needed for the time—1888. Did you accept the message? Did you heed the appeal? He gave you opportunity to come up armed and equipped to the help of the Lord. And having done all, He told you to stand. But did you make ready? Did you say, 'Hear am I; send me?' You sat still, and did nothing. You let the word of the Lord fall unheeded to the ground; and now the Lord has taken men who were mere boys (Jones and Waggoner) when you were standing in the front of the battle, and has given to them the message and the work which you did not take upon you. Will you be stumbling blocks to them? Will you criticize? Will you say, 'They are getting out of their place?' Yet you did not fill the place they are called to fill. . . . These rejectors of light will remain barren deserts, where no refreshing, healing waters flow, and their ministration as barren of moisture as were the hills of Gilboa, where there was neither dew nor rain. They are not clothed with divine unction and con-

vey no blessing to others." (To Min. & Wor. 413.)

Q.—Now see the next quotation that these ministers are still molding the work, and that is the reason the Church has been rejected and is going to hell.

32.—"The perils of the last days are upon us. Read Matt. 26: 14, 15, 16, Satan takes control of every mind that is not decidedly under the control of the Spirit of God. Some have been cultivating hatred against the men commissioned to bear a special message to the world. They began this satanic work at Minneapolis. Afterward, when they saw and felt the demonstration of the Holy Spirit, testifying that the work was of God, they hated it the more, because it was a testimony against them. They would not humble themselves to repent, to give God the glory and vindicate the right. They went on in their own spirit, filled with envy, jealousy, and evil surmisings, as did the Jews. They opened their hearts to the enemy of God and man. Yet these men have been holding positions of trust, and have been molding the work after their own similitude, as far as they possibly could. . . . Mercies sweet voice will not be recognized by them. Bible religion in private and public, is with them a thing of the past." (Ins. to Min., 1895.)

Q.—The quotations given by the Lord at the heading of this quotation, is correct, but the Editor changed it to Matt. 25:14, and they are doing a lot of such work, so the reader can look up the quotation and see how they intend to deceive the reader. And see more what they have done, and caused, to the light that was given to the Church in 1888.

33.—"What does God say in regard to His people? 'But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes and they are hid in prison houses; they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, restore.' These are prophecies that will be fulfilled. I would speak in warning to those who have stood for years resisting light and cherishing the spirit of opposition. How long will you hate and despise the messengers of God's righteousness? God has given them His message. They bear the word of the Lord. There is salvation for you, but only through the merits of Jesus Christ. The grace

of the Holy Spirit has been offered you again and again. Light and power from on high has been shed abundantly in the midst of you. Here was evidence that all might discern whom the Lord recognized as His servants. But there are those who despised the men and the message they bore. They have taunted them as being fanatics, extremists, and enthusiasts. Let me prophesy unto you: unless you speedily humble your hearts before God, and confess your sins, which are many, you will, when it is too late, see that you have been fighting against God. Through the conviction of the Holy Spirit, no longer unto reformation and pardon, you will see that these men whom you have spoken against have been a sign in the world, as witnesses for God. Then you would give the whole world if you could redeem the past, and be just such zealous men, moved by the Spirit of God to lift your voice in solemn warning to the world; and like them, to be in principle firm as a rock. Your turning things upside down is known of the Lord. Go on a little longer as you have gone, in rejection of light from heaven, and you are lost. 'The man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation.' I have no smooth message to bear to those who have been so long as false guideposts, pointing the wrong way. If you reject Christ's delegated messengers you reject Christ. Neglect this great salvation, kept before you for years, despise this glorious offer of justification, through the blood of Christ, and sanctification through the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit, and there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, but a fearful looking for of judgement and a fiery indignation." (Tasmania, May 1, 1895.)

34.—"The time will come when many will be willing to do anything and everything possible, in order of having a chance of hearing the call which they rejected at Minneapolis." (To Eld. Olsen. Sept 1, 1892.)

Q.—Now see what else resulted by the leaders going against the light in 1888, showing plainly why the Church does not believe the testimonies.

35.—"The influence that grew out of the resistance of light and truth at Minneapolis tends to make of no effect the light



that God has given to His people through the testimonies." (Gen. Con. Bul., Feb. 28, 1893.)

Q.—Now we will see in the next quotation why.

36.—"Eld. U. Smith questioned the propriety of bringing the testimonies before the Church at all. Thus he takes the responsibility of standing between God's Word and the people. . . . Shall he sit in judgement upon my work, or on my letters of warning to the Church? He has placed himself and his influence in direct opposition to my work, so that I cannot reach the people to impress upon them the testimonies that God has given me. And there are others equally blinded, who will follow in this path. In rejecting these testimonies Eld. Smith, you have virtually rejected all the testimonies." (To B. C. C., 1882.)

Q.—Now see what the Lord says in regard to the leaders and the conditions later, and how they are going contrary to the Lord's will.

37.—"I have seen men who have been placed in positions of trust as watchmen, molding and fashioning the work in our conferences and institutions in accordance with worldly policy, which God condemns." (Series B., June, 1904.)

38.—"Words of leaders have been taken who think themselves wise, who have been greatly favored and blessed of the Lord, but who have taken themselves out of the hands of God, and placed themselves in the rank of the enemy." (To Elders Daniels and Prescott, October 30; 1903.)

39.—"Their counsels are so mingled, the common fire with the sacred, that their decisions are worthless, they are doing harm and misleading others." (Counsel to Ministers, No. 7, 91.)

40.—"These may be represented as strange fire so offered in the place of the sacred. Man has woven into the work of God his own defects of character, devices that are human and earthly, delusions that are ensnaring to himself and to all who accept them." (Tes. To Min. and Wor. 371.)

41.—"Unsanctified ministers are arraying themselves against God. They are praising Christ and the god of this world in the same breath. While professedly they receive Christ, they embrace Barabbas, and by their actions say, 'Not this man, but

Barabbas.' Let all who read these lines, take heed. Satan has made his boast of what he can do. He thinks to dissolve the unity which Christ prayed might exist in His Church. He says, 'I will go forth and be a lying spirit to deceive those I can, to criticize, and condemn, and falsify.' Let the son of deceit and false witness be entertained by a church that has had great light, great evidence, and that church will discard the message the Lord has sent, and receive the most unreasonable assertions and false suppositions and false theories. Satan laughs at their folly; for he knows what truth is. Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophesy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan. If doubts and unbelief are cherished, the faithful minister will be removed from the people who think they know so much. 'If thou hadst known,' said Christ, 'even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong to thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes.'" (Id. 409-410. Sent to J. E. White. Feb. 6, 1894.)

Q.—So we can see by the above quotation where the Church has gone, the truth is hid from them, and the ministers that are left, for the faithful ones have been taken away, and the rest preach from the hellish torch of Satan.

42.—"If those who in the past have been standard-bearers in the work of God had walked in the lines He had marked out, they would have better honored Him, and would have increased in usefulness. Some whose voices are now silent in death might have lived to warn, entreat, and advise. If those who in the past years had been intrusted with large responsibilities had heeded the warnings and entreaties of the Spirit of God, they would now be walking before Him in strength and efficiency. When men educate others to rely on them and trust in them, when by pen or voice, they dictate to others what they shall do, they are teaching them to make flesh their arm, to give glory to human beings rather than to God." (Corningbong, N. S. Wales, June 15, 1895.)

43.—"Organizations, Institutions, unless kept by the power of God, will work under Satan's dictation to bring men under the control of men; and fraud and guile will bear the semblance of



zeal for truth, and for the advancement of the kingdom of God. Whatever in our practice is not as open as the day, belongs to the methods of the prince of evil. His methods are practiced even among Seventh-Day Adventists, who claim to have advanced truth. If men resist the warnings the Lord sends them, they become even leaders of evil practice; such men assume to exercise the prerogatives of God—they presume to do that which God Himself will not do in seeking to control the minds of men. They introduce their own methods and plans, and through their misconception of God, they weaken the faith of others in the truth, and bring false principles that will work like leaven to taint and corrupt our institutions and churches. Anything that lowers man's conception of righteousness and equity and impartial judgement, any device or precept that brings God's human agents under the control of human minds, impairs their faith in God; it separates the soul from God, for it leads away from the path of strict integrity and righteousness. God will not vindicate any device whereby man in the slightest degree, rule or oppress His fellow man. The only hope for fallen man is to look to Jesus and receive Him as the only Saviour. As soon as man begins to make an iron rule for other men, as soon as he begins to harness up and drive men according to his own mind, he dishonors God, and imperils his own soul and the souls of his brethren. . . . We are warned not to trust in man, nor to make flesh our arm. A curse is pronounced upon all who do this." (Jeremiah 17: 5. To Min. and Work. 366-367.)

Q.—So we see by the above quotation that Satan is running the Church and all the institutions.

44.—"I write thus fully, because I have been shown that ministers and people are tempted more and more to trust in finite man for wisdom, and to make flesh their arm. To Conference Presidents, and men in responsible places. I bear this message: 'break the bands and fetters that have been placed upon God's people.' To you the word is spoken, 'break every yoke,' unless you cease of making man amenable to man, unless you become humble in heart, and yourselves learn the way of the Lord as little children, the Lord will divorce you from His work. We

are to treat one another as brethren, as fellow laborers, as men and women who are, with us, seeking for light and understanding of the way of the Lord, and who are jealous for His glory." (Id. 480-481.)

45.—"The human being who undertakes to become wisdom for another will find himself coming short. . . . This message is spoken to our churches in every place. In the false experience that has been coming in, a decided influence is at work to exalt human agencies, and to lead some to depend on human judgment, and to follow the control of human minds. This influence is diverting the mind from God. God forbid that any such experience should deepen and grow in our ranks as Seventh-Day Adventists." (Id. 482-483-484.)

46.—"Those who have not been in the habit of searching the Bible for themselves or weighing evidences, have confidence in the leading men, and accept the decisions they make, and thus many will reject the very message God sends to His people, if these leading brethren do not accept them." (Gos. Wo. 126. Old Ed.)

Q.—See the next quotation every Christian now, from this on, will not listen or go to any minister or teacher for light.

47.—"The flock of God is in need of help from Heaven, and the sheep and lambs are perishing for food. But those who would have a deep and living experience in the things of God, cease to depend upon men, even their pastors and teachers, and put their trust wholly upon God using their God-given ability to His glory." (To Eld. Olsen, Sept. 1, 1892.)

48.—"God wants us to depend upon Him, and not upon man. He desires us to have a new heart; He would give us revealings of light from the throne of God. We should wrestle with every difficulty, but when some controverted point is presented, are you to go to man to find out his opinion, and then to shape your conclusions from his? No, go to God. Tell Him what you want! take your Bibles and search as for hidden treasures, God can teach you more in one moment by His Holy Spirit, than you can learn from all the great men of earth." (R. & H., Feb. 18, 1890.)

49.—“If you are content with superficial knowledge, if you fail to investigate the Scriptures for yourselves, if you depend upon the assertions of others, you will become incapable of searching any matter for yourselves, your mind will become accustomed to superficial exercise, and unfitted to appreciate the value of hidden gems of truth, to obtain which it will require effort. You will think yourself well advanced when your attainment is of an inferior order.” (R. & H., May 20, 1890.)

50.—“Half hearted Christians obscure the glory of God, misinterpret piety, and cause men to receive false ideas as what constitute vital godliness. . . . Every thing that man teaches with unholy hands and unsanctified intellect, even the gospel of truth become, by the contact contaminated.” (R. & H., Aug. 19, 1890.)

Q.—Now see what the Lord says is the result of committee meetings, and that the Lord wants them stopped, and that the Lord now wants every individual to come to Him and not listen anymore to their counsels.

51.—“If you have appointed committees to do the work which has been going on for years in Battle Creek, dismiss them; and remember that God, the infinite God, has not placed men in such positions as they occupied at Minneapolis, and have occupied since then.” (Coringbong, Australia, July 6, 1896.)

52.—“When men and women go to the Lord Jesus Christ for their individual selves, and are not educated to look to and trust in man, there will be fewer and fewer committee meetings; for all will be instructed of God. Men and women will understand thoroughly their responsibilities and the important results of personal effort. The long sessions of committee meetings have confused the senses of great things to be done, which have not been done at all. We want the mind of Christ, and each one will then indeed become a partner in the great firm with an invincible Jesus.” (From Australia, March 15, 1897.)

53.—“Look not to other men to see how they conduct themselves under the conviction of truth, or to ask them for aid. Look not to men in high responsibility for strength, for they are the very ones who are in danger of considering a position of responsibility evidence of God's special power. . . . Leaning upon

God." (From Basle, Switzerland, 1886.)

51.—"In the camp there has been many traitors in disguise, and Christ knows every one of them. God has been dishonored by disloyal subjects, who, were Christ here on the earth today in human form, would cry, 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him.' How will it be with the unrepentant sinner hereafter? The higher the position and the greater the light accorded to the man who has become disloyal and has denied his Saviour, the greater will be his punishment. . . . Men who might have stood in clear light, doing valiant service as ministers of the gospel, and medical missionaries, have been accepting false theories and sophistries, which originated with the father of lies, and yet they do not realize that they have changed." (A War. and an App. 15-16.)

55.—"The conflict is to wax fiercer and fiercer. Satan will take the field and personate Christ. He will misinterpret, misapply, and pervert everything he possibly can, to deceive, if possible, the very elect." (To Min. and Work. 411.)

56.—"In the very courts of the temple, scenes will be enacted that but few realize. God's people will be proved and tested, that we may discern between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. Vengeance will be executed against those who sit in the gate, deciding what the people should have, and what they should not have. These take away the key of knowledge. They refuse to enter in themselves, and those who would enter in they hinder. These bear not the seal of the living men and trusting in their wisdom is dangerous to the spiritual life of any Christian." (Comments on Isaiah 30: 1, 2.)

54.—"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I beseech the people of God to depend upon the Lord for strength. Beware how you place men where God should be. We are not safe in taking men for our authority or guide, for they will surely disappoint us." (Comment on Isaiah 28: 11.)

Q.—Now we can see why the Lord does not want us to trust anymore to any minister, or committee counsels. Now see the next quotation that things will grow worse and worse, and in the following quotations see what the ministers are preaching, and see what the Lord is going to do with them.

58.—“A man standing in the high position of a leader, and setting an example of wrong-doing, advancing principles that God repudiates, will be taken in the snare of Satan. He may say wonderful things. He may visit the sick, help the poor, and go through the entire list of activities, and yet never bring honor to God.” (Id. 29.)

59.—“The reason why we have so few men of mind, or stability, and of solid worth, is that God is not feared. God is not loved. The principles of religion are not carried out in the life as it should be. The Lord can do but little for men for they so easily become exalted.” (R. & H., May 13, 1890.)

60.—“Among professing ministers there are those who preach the opinions of men, instead of the Word of God. Unfaithful to their trust, they lead astray those who look to them for spiritual guidance.” (A. of A. 605.)

61.—“Heaven is ashamed for those who are engaged in all branches of the work, and especially is Heaven ashamed for those who are called to the sacred desk, and yet who do not try to do their best. Many read newspapers and periodicals and books, and neglect the study of their Bibles. They do not wrestle with God in the closet for the help which He alone can give. They go forth to their work spiritualess and without Christ. Ministers go before their congregations, presenting fragments of long used discourses, instead of a fresh portion of meat in due season for the people. They drift into dry controverted subjects, and the flock of God is unfed.” (R. & H., May 20, 1890.)

62.—“Much of that today is called testing truth is twaddle, which leads to a resistance of the Holy Spirit.” (To Eld. Haskel, October 10, 1890.)

63.—“Many of the ministers of the present day take their text from St. Paul, and preach from the newspapers. When they do so, I prefer to enjoy my own thoughts, rather than listen.” (R. & H., June 23, 1891.)

64.—“Scores of men have preached the Word when they themselves had not faith in it, and did not obey its teachings. They were unconverted, unsanctified, unholy.” (R. & H., January 31, 1893.)

65.—“The safeguards which false shepherds have thrown around their flocks will become as naught, and thousands will step out into the light.” (R. & H., July 23, 1895.)

66.—“There are ministers and workers who will present a tissue of nonsensical falsehood as testing truths, even as the Jewish Rabbis presented the maxims of men as the bread of Heaven. These are given to the flock of God, as their portion of meat in due season, while the poor sheep are starving for the bread of life. Even now there seems to be a burning desire to get up something startling, and bring it in as new light. Thus are men weaving into the web as important truths a tissue of lies. This imaginary food that is being prepared for the flock will cause spiritual consumption, decline, and death.” (R. & H., Jan. 22, 1901.)

Q.—So we see by all the quotations given that there is not one converted minister, or people, not one, but they are all being deceived, and led astray by the unconsecrated ministers, but there is more proof to come.

67.—“I know of no greater sin against God than for men to engage in the ministry who labor in self and not in Christ. They are looked up to as representatives of Christ. When they do not represent His spirit in any of their labors, they do not see or realize the danger attending the efforts made by the unconsecrated, unconverted men. They move on like blind men, deficient in almost everything, and yet self-confident and self-sufficient, themselves walking in darkness and stumbling at every step. They are bodies of darkness.” (Vol. 3, 462.)

68.—“To preach to the people will avail nothing unless the worker has a vital connection with God. The minister may attract attention by his eloquence; but if his spirit and actions are not in harmony with his word, they will have little power to convert souls. . . . In the sight of men the self-sufficient worker may seem to be moving the world; but in the sight of God the humble worker moves Heaven. The hosts of God are interested in the humble, praying man, who dare not make a move without coming in prayer into the presence of God to counsel with the Omnipotent.” (R. & H., July 4, 1893.)



69.—“While thus unsanctified in heart their labors can do the people no good. They may apparently convince souls that we have the truth; but where is the spirit and power of God to impress the heart and to awaken conviction of sin? Where is the power to carry the convicted forward to an experimental knowledge of vital godliness? They have not the knowledge of this themselves; then how can they represent the religion of Christ?” (Vol. 4, 437.)

70.—“As there are woes for those who preach the truth while they are unsanctified in life, so there are woes for those who receive and maintain the unsanctified in the positions which they cannot fill. If the Spirit of God has not sanctified and made pure and clean the hands and hearts of those, who minister in sacred things, they will speak according to their own imperfect, deficient experience, and their counsels will lead astray from God those who look to them, and trust in their judgment and experience.” (Vol. 2, 552.)

Q.—So we have found that there are not any ministers preaching that are fit to, and they will receive the curse of God, and also those who pay them tithes and offerings to support them, and see the next quotation how it refers to Adventist Ministers of Matt. 7: 22, 23.

71.—“Christ tells us how in the last days ministers, evangelists, physicians, teachers, will confront Him with their claims. They will plead how they have led the singers in their songs of praise, how they have waved the palm branches, how they have spoken of Him before thousands. ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name,’ they say, ‘and in Thy Name done many wonderful works?’ but Christ says, ‘Depart from Me ye that work iniquity.’” (To Eld. Olsen, September 19, 1895.)

Q.—Now in the next quotation, see how plain the Lord shows the two parties spoken of in Rev. 12: 17. The seed of the woman—the Laodicean Church, Adventists—and the remnant of them that have left them, we will show by plain quotations. So reader if you are one of the remnant, you will leave the Church. Read and be convinced.

72.—“Isaiah 8: 9-12 God has given me this message to those who are out of line; Verses 9, 10, 11, 12 in these last days, there

are arising strange fallacies and man made theories which God declares shall be broken in pieces. . . . Verses 11-16 in these representations of the prophet, we can see that Satan is at work not only with worldings who have not the fear and love of God before them, but also those who profess faith in Christ. Here is plainly represented two distinct parties, formed from a company that was once united. The members of one of these parties, are in resistance to the will of God. They have taken themselves from the side of the loyal and true, and are in resistance to the warnings of the spirit of God. To the obedient the Lord will be for a sanctuary, but for a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 'Every professed believer in Christ will, be tempted,' and many among them shall stumble and fall, and be broken, and be snared (mark that word) and be taken; notwithstanding all their knowledge of the word of God, and their light and position as expositors of truth, 'many shall stumble and fall, and be broken, and be taken.' The ruin of this class is certain. Then the charge is given, 'Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.' Verses 17-20 this warning is given, for the days in the which we are now living. Read carefully the third chapter of second Timothy. This scripture refers to the many, spoken of by Isaiah who have departed from the faith." (R. & H., Sept. 19, 1893.)

Q.—Now We can see by this wonderful prophesy, the fearful warnings given to the leaders and the Church. The two distinct parties formed one that was once united. The Adventist Laodicean Church, and the remnant. So dear reader you have to belong to one of these parties, and you have to get out of the Church to belong to the remnant, but not to organize another church, for that would make the eighth when there is only seven. And now we see the next quotation to determine what the stone of stumbling is to both the houses of Israel. Modern Israel has rejected the testimonies. See how plain the next quotation makes it.

73.—"And now, brethren I entreat of you not to interpose between me and the people, and turn away the light which God



would have come to them. Do not by your criticisms take out all the force, all the point of power, from the testimonies. Do not feel that you can dissect them according to your own ideas, claiming that God has given you ability to discern what is light from heaven, and what is the expression of mere human wisdom. If the testimonies speak not according to the Word of God, reject them. Christ and Belial cannot be united. For Christ's sake, do not confuse the minds of the people with human sophistry and skepticism, and make of none effect the work the Lord would do. Do not, by your lack of spiritual discernment, make of this agency of God a rock of offense, whereby many shall be caused to stumble and fall, and be snared, and be taken." (Vol. 5, 691.)

Q.—Now to get the full force of the third chapter of second Timothy, that is quoted in No. 72 last of quotation.

74.—"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."

Verse 2—"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy."

Verse 3—"Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good."

Verse 4—"Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."

Verse 5—"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away."

Verse 6—"For of this sort are they that creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts."

Verse 7—"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Verse 8—"Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth; men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith."

Verse 9—"But they shall proceed no farther: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was. . . ."

Verse 12—"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Verse 13—"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

Q.—Now see the next quotation, and see how plain the two parties are brought to view, and it is plain enough for anyone that wants the truth, but, of course, the Laodicean members will not see it. For in the quotations given that the Church is deceived by the leaders, claiming that the church is giving the loud cry, and reading testimonies to prove it, when they were given on condition, and you see by quotations 27, 28, if the loud cry starts again, they, with the Church will oppose it just as they did in 1888, but we will show by plain quotations that there will not be any loud cry, so read carefully and you will see by the next quotation that all the leaders are deceived and they in turn will deceive the people, and you will see by the quotation from the Bible verse 13, that they will grow worse, deceiving and being deceived.

75.—"Isaiah 29: 9-16—Every word of this will be fulfilled. There are those who do not humble their hearts before God, and who will not walk uprightly. They hide their purposes, and keep in fellowship with the fallen angels, who loved and maketh a lie. The enemy puts his spirit upon the men he can use to deceive those who are partially in the dark. Some are becoming imbued with the darkness that prevails, and are setting aside the truth for error. The day pointed out by prophecy is come. Jesus Christ is not understood. At this stage of earth's history, many act like drunken men, verses 9, 10. Spiritual drunkenness are on many who suppose that they are the true people who shall be exalted. Their religious faith is just as represented in this Scripture. Under its influence, they cannot walk straight. They make crooked paths in their course of action. One and then another reel to and fro. They are looked upon by the Lord with great pity, the way of truth they have not known; they are scientific schemers, and those who could and should have helped, because of clear spiritual eyesight, are themselves deceived, and sustaining an evil work. The development will soon be decided. When these spiritualistic deceptions are revealed to be what they really are, the secret working of evil spirits, those who

have acted a part in them, will become as men who have lost their minds. Verses 13-16. It is presented to me in our experiences, we have been, and are now meeting this very condition of things. Men who have great light and wonderful privileges, have taken the words of leaders who think themselves wise, who have been greatly favored and blessed of the Lord, but who have taken themselves out of the hands of God, and placed themselves in the rank of the enemy. The world is to be flooded by specious fallacies. One human mind, accepting these fallacies, will work upon other human minds, who have been turning the precious evidence of God's truth into a lie. These men will be deceived by fallen angels, when they should have stood as faithful guardians, watching for souls as they that must give an account. They have laid down their weapons of warfare, and have given heed to seducing spirits. They make of no effect the counsel of God and set aside the warnings and reproofs, and are positively on Satan's side, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, spiritual drunkenness is now upon men who ought not to be staggering as men under the influence of strong drink. Crimes and irregularities, fraud, deceit, and unfair dealings fill the world, in accordance with the leader, who rebelled in the heavenly courts. History is to be repeated. I could specify what would be in the near future, but the time is not yet. The forms of the dead will appear, through the cunning devices of Satan, and many will link up with the one who loveth and maketh a lie. I warn our people that right among us some will turn away from the faith and give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and by them the truth will be evil spoken of, and a marvelous work shall take place, ministers, lawyers, doctors, who have permitted these falsehoods to overmaster their spirit of discernment will be themselves deceivers, united with the deceived, and a spiritual drunkenness will take possession of them. To the unfaithful steward the Lord says, 'Take your pleasure and walk in blindness as drunken men; for after having many opportunities, and refusing to improve them, you will act at last as the drunkard acts, throwing away your last hope of eternal life. Seeking deep to hide their counsels from the Lord, and making lies for their

refuge, they will misinterpret the warnings and messages God has sent, placing in the warnings their false statements, to make God's Word of no effect. Reports and suggestions are gathered up, and kept in the memory to be used when it is thought that they can be used with the best effect. This has been going on for some time. Those who do this work seek deep to hide their counsels from those they would injure, but the Lord is acquainted with every movement, every performance, all the secret workings are open to the eyes of the One who knows the heart. Some of those who have been deceived by men in responsible positions will repent, and be converted, and in all our dealings with them, we must remember that none of those who are in the depths of Satan's snares know that they are there! . . . Those who are bound in Satan's toils are the most confident and the most boastful, they will protest at the thought that they are ensnared, and yet it is the truth." (To Daniels and Prescott and Associates, October 30, 1905.)

Q.—Now we have found in past quotations that the Church has gone over to the world in transgression of the law, now see in the next quotation in regard to the same thing, and how the leaders have been doing it.

76.—"Ezekiel 24:6-24. I am instructed to present these words before those who have had light and evidence, but who have walked directly contrary to the light. The Lord will make the punishment of those who will not receive His admonitions and warnings, as broad as the wrong has been. The purposes of those who have tried to cover up their wrong, while they have secretly worked against the purposes of God, will be fully revealed. Truth will be vindicated. God will make manifest that He is God. There is a spirit of wickedness at work in the Church, that is striving at every opportunity, to make void the law of God, while the Lord may not punish unto death, those who have carried their rebellion to such great lengths, the light will never again shine with such convincing power upon the stubborn opposers of truth. Sufficient evidence is given to every soul regarding what is truth and what is error, but the deceptive power

of evil upon some is so great, that they will not receive the evidencies and respond to it by repentance. A long continual resistance of truth will harden the most impressionable heart. Those who reject the Spirit of truth place themselves under the control of a spirit that is opposed to the word and work of God. For a time they may continue to teach some phases of the truth, but their refusal to accept all the light that God sends, will, after a time, place them where they will do the work of a false watchman." (On Visions of Ezekiel, July 4, 1906.)

Q.—Now we want to show some more quotations about the two parties spoken of in quotations 73-75-76.

77.—"Rev. 6: 12-17 and Chapter 7: 9-17. In these Scriptures two parties are brought to view. One party permitted themselves to be deceived, and took sides with those, with whom the Lord has a controversy. They misinterpret the messages sent to them, and clothed themselves in robes of self-righteousness. Sin was not sinful in their eyes. They taught falsehood as truth, and by them many souls were led astray." (Vol. 9, 267-268.)

Q.—Now we can see how plain the two parties are given in all these quotations, the seed of the woman or the Laodicean Church and the remnant. Now see the next quotation, about the Church.

78.—"I was shown that in these last days there will arise many deceptive doctrines. . . . I ask our people to study the 28th chapter of Ezekiel. The presentation here made, while it refers primarily to Lucifer, the fallen angel, has a yet broader significance. Not one being, but a general movement, is here described, and one that we shall witness, and a faithful study of this Chapter should lead those who are seeking for the truth to walk in all the light that God has given to His people, lest they be deceived by the deceptions of these last days." (Series B, No. 17, 27-30, on Ezekiel 28: 1-19—1911.)

Q.—Now in the next quotations we can see how, everything is run by Satan and controlled by the General Conference.

79.—"At the center of the work, matters are being shaped so that every other institution is following in the same course, and the General Conference is being corrupted by wrong sentiments and wrong principles, in the working of plans, the same princi-

ples are manifested that have controlled matters in Battle Creek for quite a length of time. I have been shown that the Jewish nation was not brought suddenly into their condition of thought and practice. From generation to generation they were working on false theories, carrying out principles opposed to the truth, and combining with their religion, thoughts and plans which were the products of human minds. Human inventions were made supreme. The holy principles that God has given are represented as sacred fire, but common fire has been used in the place of the sacred. Plans contrary to truth and righteousness are introduced in a subtle manner on the plea that this must be done, because it is for the advancement of the cause of God. But it is the devising of men that leads to oppression, injustice, and wickedness . . . The great and holy and merciful God will never be in league with dishonest practices; not a single touch of injustice will He vindicate. Men have taken unfair advantage of those whom they supposed to be under their jurisdiction, they were determined to bring the individual to their terms; they would rule or ruin. There will be no material change until a decided movement is made to bring in a different order of things. . . . Age after age Jesus had been delivering His goods to the Church. At the time of the first Advent of Christ to our world, the men who composed the Sanhedrin exercised their authority in controlling men according to their will. Thus the souls whom Christ had given His life to free from the bondage of Satan, were brought under bondage to Him in another form. . . . The spirit of domination is extending to the presidents of our conferences. . . . Satan exalts, for he has inspired them with his attributes. They are following in the track of Romanism. Those who are enjoined to represent the attributes of the Lord's character, step from the Bible platform, and in their own human judgement, devise rules and resolutions to force the will of others. . . . Their human inventions, originate with the specious devices of Satan, appears fair enough to the blinded eyes of men, because it is inherent in the nature. . . . In order to reign and become a power, they employ Satan's methods to justify their own principles. They exalt themselves as men of superior



judgement, and they have stood as representatives of God. These are false gods." (Granville, Australia, Sept., 1895.)

80.—"Under the exercise of faithfulness to the cause of God, they gratify selfish ambition and unholy desires, thus enfeebling conscience and perverting religion. The Lord does not accept this kind of faithfulness, look well to this matter. God is working that He may lift us up to a higher standard of character, but as there is so little realization of the great need of the Holy Spirit in the transaction of business, in counsels, and board meetings, there will be a continual deterioration of spiritual life, while at the same time there may be great activity in setting agencies at work for the advancement of the knowledge of the truth. But if the truth is not brought into the life, to sanctify the soul, those who will engage in the activity will become stumbling-blocks to others. In the fear of God I tell you that these things have been presented to me many times. We are far from being spiritual in character. The natural tendencies of the human heart must be subdued by the grace of God. They cannot be kept under our control, but must be put under the control of the Spirit of God. Unless we do submit ourselves to God, we cannot work according to His will. Self, self, is mingled with the sacred work of God, and it stains and mars that which is most holy. Men in important positions glorify themselves instead of God. They little realize how self works in their most solemn counsels, and the working of self is the result of their failure to become partakers of the divine nature, escaping the corruptions that are in the world through lust. This lust is not to be understood as simply referring to licentiousness, but to all unlawful desires, to ambition, grasping for power, desires for the praises of men. It comprehends all the desires of the selfish heart. It is revealed when men wish to make others to recognize their power over them, showing them that they can put those that they dislike into hard places. There are many, many ways that a man can be hard and cruel, and yet term his actions, works of justice, faithfulness to the cause . . . and yet there are men who profess to be followers of Christ, who cannot be depended upon to love mercy, and deal justly, be pitiful and courteous. If anything happens

to disturb them, woe to them who shall go to them to ask a favor, for they will treat him with a denunciatory spirit, wholly unlike the Spirit of Christ. When they might be a blessing. Kind words, in doing kindly deeds, they speak and act in a way that stirs up the worst passions in the human heart, and become agents of Satan in opening doors of temptation to those with whom they are associated. Those who are in connection with them are led to doubt the truth of Christianity. Men in responsible office give decisions in counsels when they are not in a fit state of mind to think themselves; for they have not the Spirit of Christ, because something has happened to stir up their feelings, and they have yielded to the control of the evil one." (R. & H., July 28, 1891.)

81.—"The Jews had made the courts of the temple a scene of sacrilegious traffic, they had turned the ancient and sacred institutions of the passover into means of vile profit. Christ came suddenly into the temple courts; divinity flashed through humanity and raising a whip of small cords in His hand with a voice that they will hear again in the execution of the judgement, He said, 'Take these things hence.' It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves.' These priests saw as it were an avenging angel with a flaming sword, such as guarded the way to the tree of life. Today this sacrilegious work is being more than repeated. There will be messages borne; and those who have rejected the message, God has sent, will hear most startling declarations. The Holy Spirit will invest the announcement with a sanctity and solemnity which will appear terrible in the ears of those who have heard the pleadings of infinite love and have not responded to the offer of pardon and forgiveness. Injured and insulted Deity will speak, proclaiming sins that have been hidden. As the priests and rulers, full of indignation and terror, sought refuge and flight at the last scenes of the last cleansing of the temple, so it will be in the work for the last days. The woes that will be pronounced upon those who have the light from heaven, and yet did not heed it, they will feel but have no power to act." (Special to Ministers & Workers, No. 7, 54-55.)



82.—“There must be a cleansing of the institutions similar to Christ's cleansing of the temple of old. . . . ‘It is written, said the Lord, My house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves,’ There are, in our institutions today, transactions similar to those that took place in the temple courts in Christ's time and all heaven is looking on. . . . God has a controversy with all who practice the least injustice; for in so doing they reject the authority of God, and imperil their interest in the atonement, the redemption that Christ has undertaken for every son and daughter of Adam. Will it pay to take a course abhorrent to God? Will it pay to put on your censors, strange fire to offer it before God, and say it makes no difference? I appeal to my brethren to wake up. Unless a change takes place suddenly, I must give the facts to the people; for this state of things must change; unconsecrated men must no longer be managers and directors in so important and sacred a work. With David we are forced to say, ‘It is time Lord to work, for they have made void Thy law.’” (To Brethren in Responsible positions, Granville, N. S., Sept. 1895.)

83.—“Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou has 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 remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”

“I am instructed to say that these words are applicable to Seventh-Day Adventist Churches in their present condition, the love of God has been lost, . . . God brings against ministers and people the heavy charge of spiritual feebleness, saying, ‘I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; so then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot; I will spue thee out of My mouth.’” (R. & H., Feb. 25, 1902.)

84.—“Let us consider how this deceptive work is being continued today among those who profess to be the loyal people of God. . . . For years the enemy has been seeking to bring in false theories into the churches, and God alone can help us to meet this work successfully. . . . Today, Satan is using the same devising to introduce the same evils, and his efforts are followed

by the same results that in the days of Israel laid so many in their graves. Let us study the record of how Israel, in the sight of the mount in which they had shortly before seen so wonderful a display of God's power were led into idolatry. . . . From this record we may learn how little dependence can be placed in men, who trust in men and do not make God their reliance. Those, who are living in these last days are in the greatest danger of placing their confidence in men, rather than in the true and living God. The Lord has given instruction that the history of the apostacy of Israel is now to be presented, because men who in the past have had great light have become self-sufficient, and are looking to men, trusting in human leaders, who are themselves practicing evil. Men who ought to stand as firm as a rock to principle, are treading in the same path that the Israelites followed. 'Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.' This is the snare that is come into our ranks. There are wrong sentiments that have to be met. There are men who are acting the part of Aaron at the very time when every soul should be working to seal the law among God's disciples. They are building up the very thing that God has specified should not be built up. A great deal of time and anxiety are required to counter work the ingenuity of Satanic agencies that are presenting their way among those who are ready to accept wrong philosophy, to cause confusion and division. Every jot of influence is needed to discern the evils of Satan's devising, and to keep souls from being drawn into the net of the modern Aarons who are saying, 'These be thy gods, Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt;' long before, the Lord could have told Moses what was taking place. He could have revealed that Aaron could not be depended upon, but for wise and holy purposes He permitted the evil to develop. He suffered these shameful representations to come to its height, then when the leading men had done all in their power to do, He sent Moses down to punish the transgressors. The Lord sees what is in the hearts of men. At times He permits evil to take place that He may prevent still greater evils that would appear, unless He permitted the design hidden in the

human heart to work out. Mark God's word to Moses concerning this apostasy. 'They have corrupted themselves,' He said, 'they had turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them, every man is tempted when he is drawn aside by his own lusts.' . . . Of all the sins that God will punish, none is more grievous in His sight than those who encourage others to do evil. God would have His servants to prove their loyalty by faithfully rebuking transgression, however painful the act may be. Those who are honored with a divine commission, are not to be weak pliant timeservers. They are not to aim at self exultation, or to shun disagreeable duties, but to perform God's work with unswerving fidelity." (R. & H., February 4, 1909.)

Q.—Now here is another terrible warning to the remnant, that they cannot trust the church nor the leaders, but must come out from the church.

85.—"Jude 4. At this time Jude's testimony is of great force to all who desire to be under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Jude bears this to guard believers against the seductive influence of false teachers, men who have a form of godliness but are not safe leaders. In these last days, false teachers will arise and become actively zealous. All kinds of theories will be presented to divert the minds of men and women from the very truths that define the position that we can occupy with safety, in these times when Satan is working with power upon religionists, leading them to make a pretense of being religious, but fail of placing themselves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. False theories will be mingled with every phase of experience, and advocated with Satanic earnestness, in order to captivate the mind of every soul who is not rooted and grounded in the full knowledge of the sacred principles of the Word. In the very midst of us will arise false teachers, giving heed to seducing spirits whose doctrine is of satanic origin. These teachers will draw away disciples after themselves. Creeping in unawares, they will use flattering words and make skilful representations with seductive tact" (Testimony on Jude, September 5, 1893.)

86.—"Those who sympathize with Korah, Dathan and Abiram in their apostacy, brought blight and death upon themselves.

So it will be in these last days, the cause of Christ will be betrayed. Those who have had the light of truth and have enjoyed its blessings, but have turned away from it, will fight down the Spirit of God. Inspired with a spirit from beneath, they will fight down that they once built up, and show to all reasonable, God-fearing souls, that they cannot be trusted. They may lay claims to truth and righteousness, but their spirit and works will testify that they are the betrayers of the Lord. The attributes of Satan they call the moving of the Holy Spirit." (R. & H., May 24, 1898. Republished July 13, 1922.)

Q.—Now let us see the next quotation, and see the condition of the Church 35 years ago, is it any wonder that the Lord said that the Church would go to hell, and that now the Church has gone over to the world and joined them?

87.—"It is a solemn statement that I make to the Church, that not one in twenty, whose names are registered on the church books, are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner. They are professionally serving God, but they are very earnestly serving mammon. This half and half work is a constant denying of Christ. So many have brought in their own unsubdued spirit, unrefined, their spiritual taste is perverted by their own immoral debasing corruptions, symbolizing the world in spirit, in heart, in purpose, confining themselves in lustful practices, and are full of deception through and through in their professed Christian life; living as sinners, claiming to be Christians. Those who claim to be Christians, and will confess Christ, should come out from among them and touch not the unclean thing and be separate. There is a satanic policy that is practiced by those who are spiritually blind, that they can mingle safely with the worldly element, confederate with them, be in cooperation with them, but it will not require a great length of time to discern that they are no longer with Christ, or place the least value upon being one with their brethren." (Melborn, May 9, 1892.)

88.—"I am instructed to say to our people, unify, unify, but we are not to unify with those who are departing from the

faith." (R. & H., April 19, 1906.)

89.—"Three years ago the Lord gave me a view of things past, present, and future. . . . The apostle declares that in the last days men will 'Heap to themselves teachers having itching ears,' because they desire to hear smooth things. Against these Christ has warned us: 'Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheeps clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves; ye shall know them by their fruits. The class of religious teachers here described profess to be Christians. They have the form of godliness and appear to be laboring for the good of souls, while they are at heart avaricious, selfish, ease-loving, following the promptings of their own unconsecrated hearts, that are in conflict with Christ and His teachings, and are destitute of His meek and Holy Spirit. . . . Many who profess to be the ministers of Christ, have mistaken their Master. They lay claim to be serving Christ, and are not aware that it is under Satan's banner under which they are rallying. They may be worldly wise, and eager for strife and vain glory, making a show of doing a great work, but God has no use for them. The motive which prompts to action gives character to their work. Altho man may not discern their deficiency, God marks it." (Vol. 4, 371-377.)

90.—"Wherefore I send unto you prophets and wise men, and scribes; and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them ye shall scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city." (Matt. 23: 34.)

91.—"This prophecy was literally fulfilled by the Jews in their treatment of Christ, and of the messengers whom God sent to them. Will men in these last days follow the example of those whom Christ condemned? These terrible predictions they have not carried out to the full, but if God spares their lives, and they nourish the same spirit that marked their course of action both before and after the Minneapolis meeting, they will fill up to the full these deeds of those, who Christ condemned when He was here on earth." (Special Test. to Ministers & Work., 225.)

92.—"Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren.

When Sabbath keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them." (G. C., 608.)

Q.—Now let us take another view of what the Lord says of the leaders, and the members of the Church.

93.—"At this stage of earth's history, meat eating is dishonoring to God." (Bible Training School, July 19, 1902.)

94.—"Every one who has a part to act in the service of God, is to cultivate pure and holy thoughts. He is to keep himself from all appearance of evil, you cannot do this, while you subsist on the flesh of dead animals. . . ." (To Elder Collins, Dec. 14, 1896.)

95.—" 'Because iniquity' abounds, the love of many waxes cold.' (Matt. 24:12.) The Word 'many' refers to the professed followers of Christ. They are affected by the prevailing iniquity, and backslide from God; but it is not necessary that they should be thus affected. The cause of this declension is that they do not stand clear from the iniquity. The fact that their love for God is waxing cold because iniquity abounds, shows that they are, in some sense, partakers in this iniquity, or it would not affect their love for God, and their zeal and fervor in His cause. . . . Many men and women who profess the religion of Christ are guilty. Even some who profess to be looking for His appearing are no more prepared for that event than Satan himself. They are not cleansing themselves from all pollution. They have so long served their lust, that it is as natural for their thoughts to be impure and their imaginations corrupt. It is impossible to cause their minds to dwell upon pure and holy things, as it would be to turn the course of Niagara, and send its waters pouring up the falls." (Vol. 2, 346.)

Q.—Now let us see what results from such men being in office, and sending out missionaries, we can see that they would choose just such men as they are.

96.—"Altogether too light a matter is made of selecting men to do the sacred work committed to our hands. As a consequence of this carelessness, unconverted men are at work in missionary fields, who are full of passionate lusts, who are un-



thankful, who are unholy. Though some of these have been often reproved, they have not changed their course, and their lustful practices bring reproach upon the cause of God. What will be the fruit of such labor? . . . There are many in responsible positions who do not heed the injunctions of the apostle, but make no provisions for fulfilling the lust of the flesh. . . . Why is it that those who have been long engaged in the ministry, do not grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus? I have been shown, that they gratify their selfish propensities, and do only such things as agree with their tastes and ideas. They make provision for indulgence in pride and sensuality, and carry out their selfish ambitions and plans. They are full of self-esteem, but although evil propensities may seem to them as precious as the right hand or the right eye, they must be separated from the work, or they cannot be acceptable before God." (To Ministers and Workers, Pa.—170-172.)

97.—"The great searcher of hearts knows every sin committed in secret, by the workers of iniquity. These persons come to feel secure in their deceptions, and because of His long suffering say the Lord seeth not, and then act as though He had forsaken the earth, but He will detect their hypocrisy, and will open before others those sins which they were so careful to hide." (Vol. 5, 211-212.)

98.—"But the day of God will reveal the true cause for all our disappointments in man. God is not at fault, He gave them encouraging promises on conditions; but they did not comply with these conditions. They trusted to their own strength and fell under temptation. That which can be said of men under certain circumstances, cannot be said of them under other circumstances. Men are weak in moral power, and so supremely selfish, so self-sufficient, and so easily puffed up with vain conceit, that God cannot work in connection with them; and they are left to move like blind men, and manifest so great weakness and folly, that many are astonished that such individuals should have been accepted, and acknowledged as worthy of having any connection with God's work. . . . In the advancement of the work of God, that may be said in truth of individuals at one time.

may not be said correctly of them at another time. The reason of this is, that one month they may have stood in innocency, living up to the best light they had, while the month following was none too short for them to be overcome by Satan's devices, and, through self-confidence, to fall into grievous sins, and become unfitted for the work of God." (Vol. 3, 470.)

Q.—Now in the next quotation, altho given years ago, we see by the language that it refers to the time of the end, and see how the remnant tried to get the Laodicean Church to see their sins, but the leaders with the church excused them, and thus all the church was lost, and the glory departed.

99.—"The leaven of godliness has not entirely lost its power. At the time when the danger and depression of the Church is the greatest, the little company who are standing in the light, will be sighing and crying for the abominations that are done in the land, but more especially will their prayers arise in behalf of the Church, because its members are doing after the manner of the world. . . . These sighing, crying ones, had been holding forth the Word of Life; they had reproved, counselled, and entreated. Some who had been dishonoring God, repented and humbled their hearts before Him, but the glory of the Lord had departed from Israel; altho many still continued the form of religion, His power and His presence were lacking. In the time when His wrath shall go forth in judgement, these humble, devoted followers of Christ, will be distinguished from the rest of the world by their soul-anguish, which is expressed in lamentation and weeping, reproofs and warnings, while others try to throw a cloak over the existing evil, and excuse the great wickedness every where prevalent, those who have a zeal for God's honor and love for souls, will not hold their peace to obtain the favor of any. Their righteous souls are vexed day by day with the unholy works and conversation of the unrighteous. They are powerless to stop the rushing torrent of iniquity, and hence are filled with grief and alarm. They mourn before God to see religion despised in the very homes of those who have had great light. They lament and afflict their souls because pride, avarice, selfishness, and deceptions of almost every kind



are in the Church. The Spirit of God, which prompts to reproof is trampled under foot, while the servants of Satan triumph. God is dishonored, the truth is made of none effect. The class who do not feel over their own spiritual declension, nor mourn over the sins of others, will be left without the seal of God. The Lord commissions His messengers, the men with the slaughtering weapons in their hands: Ezek. 9: 5, 6. Here we see the Church—the Lord's sanctuary—was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men, those whom God had given great light, and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust. . . . Thus peace and safety is the cry from men, who will never again lift up their voice like a trumpet to show God's people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins. These dumb dogs, that would not bark, are the ones to feel the just vengeance of an offended God. Men, maidens, and little children, all perish together." (Vol. 5, 209-211.)

Q.—Now let us see what the Lord says the Laodicean Church will do to the remnant those given in the above quotation, before this time comes.

100.—"Ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death." (Luke 21:16.)

"This prophecy has been fulfilled in a marked manner. Every indignity, reproach, and cruelty that Satan could instigate human hearts to devise, has been upon the followers of Jesus, and it will be again fulfilled in a marked manner. (The Acts of the Apostles, 84.)

101.—"Who can truthfully say, 'Our gold is tried in the fire, our garments are unspotted by the world.' I saw our instructor pointing to the garments of so galled righteousness. Stripping them off, he laid bare the defilements beneath. Then he said to me, 'Can you not see how they pretentiously covered up their defilements and rottenness of character? How is the faithful city become a harlot! My Father's house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and the glory have departed, for this cause there is weakness and strength is lacking.'" (Vol. 8, 250.)

102.—“The churches are like the unproductive tree which, received the dew and rain and sunshine, should have produced abundance of fruit, but on which the divine searcher discovers nothing but leaves. Solemn thought for our churches; solemn, for every individual; marvelous is the patience and forbearance of God; except thou repent, it will be exhausted. The churches and our institutions will go from weakness to weakness, and from cold formality to deadness, while they are saying, ‘I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing.’ The True Witness says, ‘and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.’ Will they ever see their true condition?” (Bible Training School, May 1907.—Reprint R. & H., Nov. 7, 1918.)

103.—“Those who are carnally minded now, notwithstanding the warnings given of God in His Word, and through the Testimonies of His Spirit, will never unite with the Holy Family of the redeemed. They are sensual, debased in thought, and abominable in the sight of God. They have never been sanctified through the truth. They are not partakers through the Divine Nature, having never overcome self and the world with its affections and lusts. These characters are all through our churches, and as the result the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die. There must be no indifferent testimony borne now, but a decided, pointed testimony, rebuking every impurity, exalting Jesus.” (To Elder O. A. Olsen, February 18, 1892.)

104.—“What can I say to arouse our people? I tell you not a few ministers who stand before the people to explain the scriptures are defiled. Their hearts are corrupt, their hands unclean. Yet many are crying, Peace, Peace; and the workers of iniquity are not alarmed. . . . The Church is corrupt because of her members who defile their bodies and pollute their souls. . . . Satan rejoices to have sinners enter the church as professed Sabbath-keepers, while they allow him to control their minds and affections, using them to deceive and corrupt others. . . . There are more men of this stamp than many have imagined, and they will multiply as we draw near the end of time.” (Vol. 5, 78, 79 & 141.)

105.—“Immorality is alarmingly on the increase among us as

a people." (Week of Prayer Reading, given in 1910.)

106.—"The vengeance of God will be aroused against all, whose lustful passions have been concealed under a ministerial cloak. While professing to be a shepherd of the flock, he was leading the flock to certain ruin." (Vol. 2, 454.)

107.—"God will accept nothing but purity and holiness; one spot, one wrinkle, one defect in the character will forever debar them from heaven, with all its glories and treasures." (Id. 453.)

108.—"All along through the ages there are strewn wrecks of character, that have been stranded upon the rock of sensual indulgence. As we approach the close of time, as the people of God stand upon the borders of the Heavenly Canaan, Satan will, as of old, redouble his efforts to prevent them from entering the goodly land. He lays his snares for every soul. It is not the ignorant and uncultured merely that need to be guarded; he will prepare his temptations for those in the highest positions, in the most holy office; if he can lead them to pollute their souls, he can through them destroy many, and he employs the same agent now as he employed three thousand years ago. By worldly friendship, by the charms of beauty, by pleasure-seeking, mirth, feasting, or the wine-cup, he tempts to the violation of the seventh commandment. Satan seduced Israel into licentiousness before leading them into idolatry. Those who will dishonor God's image and defile His temple in their own person, will not scruple at any dishonor to God that will gratify the desire of their depraved hearts. Sensual indulgence weakens the mind and debases the soul. The moral and intellectual powers are benumbed and paralyzed by the gratification of the animal propensities; and it is impossible for the slave of passion to realize the sacred obligation of the law of God, to appreciate the atonement, or to place a right value on the soul. Goodness, purity and truth, reverence for God, and love for sacred things, all these holy affections and holy desires that link men with the heavenly world, are consumed in the fires of lust. The soul becomes a blackened and desolate waste, the habitation of evil spirits, and 'the cage of every unclean and hateful bird.' Beings formed in

the image of God are dragged down to the level of brutes." P. P., 457-458.)

109.—"Cleanse the camp of this moral corruption, if it takes the highest men in the highest positions. God will not be trifled with. Fornication is in our ranks, and I know it, for it has been shown to me to be strengthening and extending its pollution. There is much we will never know but that which is revealed, makes the Church responsible and guilty, unless they show a determined effort to eradicate the evil. Cleanse the camp for there is an accursed thing in it; I have no real grounds of hope for those who have stood as shepherds to the flock, and for years have been borne with by the merciful God, following them with warnings, with entreaties, but who have hid these evil ways and continued in them, they are denying the laws of the God of Heaven, by practicing fornication. We may leave them to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, after all has been done to reform them. But in no case trust to them the guarding of souls. False shepherds: Oh, can it be that men who have been engaged in the work for a long time, will corrupt their ways before the Lord after great experience and spiritual light. . . . When the mind is infatuated by the idea of sin there will be deceptions practiced, lies will be told, for those who commit such things will not be slow to lie as well, but all sins shall be revealed." (R. & H., May 24, 1887.)

110.—"The time is at hand when every secret thing will be brought into judgement, and then there will be many confessions made that will astonish the world. The secrets of all hearts will be revealed. The confessions of sin will be most public." (R. & H., February 25, 1897.)

111.—"Will there be sins committed by you on the very borders of the Heavenly Canaan? Oh what revealings! The husband will know for the first time the deceptions and falsehoods that have been practiced by the wife whom he thought innocent and pure. The wife, for the first time, will know the case of her husband, and the relatives and friends will see how falsehood and corruption have been clustering about them; for the secrets of all hearts will be revealed. The hour of judgment is almost here,—long delayed by the goodness and mercy of God....

The small sins will swell into greater sins, impure thoughts, private, impure actions, unrefined, low, and sensual thoughts and actions in the married life, the giving loose reins to baser passions under the marriage vow, will lead to every other sin, the transgression of all the commandments of God." (R. & H., May 24, 1887.)

112.—"Art thou bound unto a wife? Seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? Seek not a wife. But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none." (1 Cor. 7: 27, 29.)

113.—"In this age of the world, as the scenes of earth's history are soon to close, and we are about to enter upon the time of trouble such as never was, the fewer the marriages contracted, the better for all, both men and women." (Vol. 5, 386.)

Q.—Now the above Scripture and testimonies show that those who are not married should not get married, and those that are married should live as though they were not. Now I am going to prove that it means sexual indulgence.

114.—"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10: 31.) Here is a principle that lies at the foundation of every act, thought, and motive; the consecration of the entire being, both physical and mental, to the control of the spirit of God. The unsanctified will and passions must be crucified. This may be regarded as a close and severe work, yet it must be done, or you will hear the terrible sentence from the mouth of Jesus, 'Depart.'" (Vol. 3, 84.)

115.—"And those who would be workers together with God, must strive for perfection of every organ of the body and quality of the mind." (Chris. Ob. L. 330.)

116.—"Every faculty of the mind, every organ of the body, must be kept in as healthy a condition as possible, so that the work of God will not bear a defective character." (R. & H., June 14, 1887.)

117.—"Sensuality and base practices in the marriage relation are educating the mind and moral taste for demoralizing practices outside of the marriage relation. He (Satan) knows the weak points in every character, and if these weak points are so

strengthened, he will display his infernal wisdom in his devices to overthrow the very strongest men." (R. & H., May 24, 1887.)

118.—"But very few feel it their religious duty to govern their passions. They have united themselves in marriage to the object of their choice, and therefore reason that marriage sanctifies the indulgence of their baser passions. These men and women will one-day learn what lust is, and behold the results of its gratification. Passion may be found of as base a quality in the marriage relation as outside of it. . . . It is the animal passions which clamors for indulgence. . . . Those who put their trust in Christ are not to be enslaved by any heredity or cultivated habit or tendency, instead of being held in bondage to the lower nature, they are to rule every appetite and passion." (Solemn Appeal Pa., 42-175.)

119.—"No man or woman has any right to form habits which lessen the action of one organ of mind or body. He who perverts his power is defiling the Temple of the Holy Spirit. . . . We are to use no power of our being for selfish gratification. . . . The physical penalty of disregarding the laws of nature will appear in the form of sickness, ruined constitutions, and even death itself. But a settlement is also to be made by and by with God. Every transgression of the laws of physical life is a transgression of the law of God; and punishment must and will follow every such transgression." (R. & H., June 21, 1907.)

120.—"If you will watch, continually watch unto prayer, if you will do everything as if you were in the immediate presence of God, you will be saved from yielding to temptation, and may hope to be kept pure, spotless, and undefiled till the last. . . . If Christ be within us, we shall crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts." (Gospel Workers, 128.)

121.—"Every word, every act, should tend to elevate, to refine, to enoble. There is sin in thoughtlessness about such matters." (Id. 125.)

122.—"It is necessary to guard against the cultivation of the indulgence of the lower passions. This is not the fruit of sanctified hearts. 'If any man defile the temple of God, which temple ye are, him God shall destroy.'" (R. & H., May 17, 1887.)



123.—“We are required of God to preserve every power in the best possible condition, that we may render acceptable service to our Creator.” (P. P., 362.)

124.—“The old nature, born of blood and the will of the flesh, cannot inherit the kingdom of God. The old ways, the hereditary tendencies, the former habits, must be given up; for grace is not inherited. The new birth consists in having new motives, new tastes, new tendencies. Those who are begotten unto a new life by the Holy Spirit, have become partakers of the Divine Nature, and in all their habits and practices, they will give evidence of their relationship to Christ. . . . They have been born again.” (R. & H., April 12, 1892.)

125.—“But put ye on the Lord Jēsus Christ, and make not provisions for the flesh, to fulfill the lust thereof.” (Rom. 13-14.)

“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not that liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. . . . This I say then, walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” (Galations 5: 15-16.)

126.—“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7: 1.)

“But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.” (1 Corinthians 9: 27.)

127.—“All who have any true sense of what is embraced in being a Christian, know that the followers of Christ are under obligations as His disciples to bring all their passions, their physical powers and mental faculties, into perfect subordination to the will. Those who are controlled by their passions cannot be followers of Christ. Virtue and purity are of great value. These precious traits are of heavenly origin. They make God our friend, and unite us firmly to His throne. . . . God hates everything impure, and His frown is upon all who give themselves up to gradual and sure decay. . . . Those who corrupt their own body cannot enjoy the favor of God until they sincerely repent, and make an entire reform, ‘and perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord.’ None can be Christians and indulge in that which



debilitates the system. . . These men and women will one day learn what lust is, and behold its gratification." (Solemn Appeal 12 & 175.)

128.—"By such misuse of the marriage relation, the animal passions are strengthened, and as they grow stronger the moral and intellectual faculties become weaker. The Spiritual is overborne by the sensual. The character thus acquired by the parents is transmitted to the children, and they come into the world with their moral power weaker and the lower passions predominate. The gross passions are perpetuated in their children.... Only those who have clean hands and pure hearts shall abide in the day of His coming. O that I could make all understand their obligation to preserve the body in the best condition, to render perfect service to their Maker. . . . Those who desire immortality must not allow an impure thought or act. If Christ is the theme of contemplation, the thoughts will be widely separated from every subject which will lead to impurity of action." (C. T. & B. H., 130-139.)

129.—"Women are forced to a life of hardship, pain, and suffering, because of the uncontrolled passion of men who bear the name of husband—more rightly could they be called brutes. . . There is but little real, genuine, devoted, pure love. Many a woman has had her fine and tender sensibilities outraged, because the marriage relation allowed him whom she called husband to be brutal in his treatment of her. His love she found to be of so base quality that she became disgusted, very many families are living in a most unhappy state, because the husband and father allows the animal in his nature to predominate over the intellectual and moral. The result is that a sense of languor and depression is frequently felt, but the cause is seldom defined as being the result of their own improper course of action. We are under solemn obligation to God to keep the spirit and the body healthy, that we may be a benefit to humanity, and render to God perfect service. The apostle Paul utters these words of warning: 'Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof.' He urges us onward by telling us that 'Every man that striveth for the mastery is

temperate in all things.' He exhorts all who call themselves Christians to present their 'bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.' He says, 'I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway. The Lord has given me a view of the corruptions everywhere existing. Wickedness, crimes, and sensuality exist even in high places. Even in the church professing to keep God's commandments there are sinners and hypocrites. It is sin, not trial and suffering, which separates God from his people, and renders the soul incapable of obeying and glorifying him. It is sin that is destroying souls. Sin and vice exists in Sabbath-keeping families. Moral pollution has done more than every other evil to cause the race to degenerate. It is practiced to an alarming extent, and brings on diseases of almost every description. Parents do not generally suspect that their children understand anything about this vice. In very many cases the parents are the real sinners. They have abused their marriage privileges and by indulgence have strengthened their animal passions. And as these have strengthened, the moral and intellectual faculties have become weak. The spiritual has been overborne by the brutish. Children are born with the animal propensities largely developed, the parents own stamp of character has been given to them. The unnatural action of the sensitive organs produce irritation. They are easily excited, and momentary relief is experienced in exercising them. But the evil constantly increases. The drain upon the system is sensibly felt. The brain force is weakened, and memory becomes deficient. Children born to these parents will most invariably take naturally to the disgusting habit of secret vice. The marriage covenant is sacred; but what amount of lust and crime it covers. Those who feel at liberty, because married, to disregard their bodies by beastly indulgence of the animal passions, will have their degraded course perpetuated in their children. The sins of the parents will be visited upon the children, because the parents have given them the stamp of their own lustful propensities. . . . but very few feel it to be a religious duty to govern their passions. . . . They have united themselves to the object of their choice, and therefore reason that marriage

sanctifies the indulgence of the baser passions. Even men and women professing godliness give loose reins to their lustful passions, and have no thought that God holds them accountable for the expenditure of vital energy, which weakens their hold on life, and enervates the entire system. The marriage covenant covers sins of the darkest hue. Men and women professing godliness debase their own bodies through the indulgence of the corrupt passions, and thus lower themselves beneath the brute creation. They abuse the power that God has given them to be preserved in sanctification and honor. Health and life are sacrificed upon the altar of base passions. The higher, nobler powers are brought into subjection to the animal propensities. Those who thus sin are not acquainted with the result of their course. Could all see what amount of sufferings that they bring upon themselves by their own sinful indulgence, they would be alarmed; and some, at least, would shun the course of sin that brings such dreaded wages. . . . Yet because they are married, they think that they commit no sin. Men and women, you will one day learn what lust is, and the terrible result of its gratification. Just as base quality may be found in the marriage relation as outside of it. Eph. 5: 20-29 in the marriage relation, this is the quality of love that God recognizes as holy. Love is a pure and holy principle; but lustful passions will not admit of restraint; and will not be dictated to and controlled by reason. It is blind to consequences; it will not reason from cause to effect. Many women are suffering from great debility and settled diseases, because the laws of their being have been disregarded; nature's laws have been trampled upon. The brain nerve power is squandered by men and women, being called into unnatural action to gratify base passions; and this hideous monster—base low passion—assumes the delicate name of love." (R. & H. I have the second page but have not the date.)

130.—"And those who would be workers together with God, must strive for the perfection of every organ of the body and quality of mind." (C. O. L., 330.)

131.—"Every true Christian will have control of his appetite

and passions. Unless he is free from the bondage and slavery of appetite, he cannot be a true, obedient servant of Jesus Christ. It is the indulgence of appetite and passion which makes the truth of none affect upon the heart. It is impossible for the spirit and power of the truth to sanctify a man, soul, body, and spirit when he is controlled by appetite and passion. . . ." (Spiritual Gifts, 171-172.)

132.—"If we comply with the conditions, the Lord will fulfill to us His promises. But there is a work for us to do, which we should in no wise neglect. In the strength of Jesus, we can perform it aright. We may press ever onward and upward, constantly growing in grace and the knowledge of the truth." (Vol. 5: 13.)

133.—"The Holy Spirit will not compel men to take a certain course of action. We are free moral agents; and when sufficient evidence has been given to us as to our duty, it is left with us to decide our course. . . . If you would know the mystery of godliness, you must follow the plain word of truth, feeling or no feeling, emotion or no emotion. Obedience must be rendered from a sense of principle, and must be pursued under all circumstances." (R. & H., July 17, 1888.)

134.—"In complying with His requirements, you will find a peace, contentment, and enjoyment that you can never have in the path of wild license and sin. Then study the nature of the liberty you desire. Is it the liberty of the sons of God, to be free in Christ Jesus, or do you call the selfish indulgence of base passions freedom? Such liberty carries with it the heaviest remorse; it is the cruellest bondage." (R. & H., August 19, 1884.)

Q.—Now let us consider another side of this marriage question.

135.—"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." (2 Cor. 6:14.) "Hundreds have sacrificed Christ and Heaven in consequence of marrying unconverted persons." (Vol. 4: 507.)

136.—"Those who profess the truth trample on the will of God in marrying unbelievers; they lose His favor, and make bitter work for repentance." (Id. 505.)

137.—"We are living in the last days, when the mania upon

the subject of marriage constitutes one of the signs of the near coming of Christ. . . . There is not one marriage in one hundred that results happily, that bears the sanction of God, and places the parties in a position better to glorify him." (Id. 504.)

Q.—Now here is another side of this question, that there are many in the church, violating it and will never be saved unless there is a separation and decided repentance, read and be convinced.

138.—"Yet ye say, wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously; yet is she thy companion and the wife of thy covenant. And did He not make one? Yet had He the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That He might seek a seed of God. (margin) Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that He hateth putting away." (Mal. 2: 14, 15, 16.)

139.—"When the pharisees afterward questioned Him concerning the lawfulness of divorces, Jesus pointed His hearers back to the marriage institution as ordained at creation. 'Because of the hardness of your hearts,' He said, 'Moses suffered you to put away your wives; but from the beginning it was not so.'" (M. of B., 98.)

140.—"Whosoever putteth away his wife and marrieth another, committeth adultery: And whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." (Luke 16:18.)

Q.—Now the above is a positive statement and there is no condition that will change it, no matter for what cause, but we will see more.

141.—"His disciples say unto Him, if the case of the man be so with his wife it is not good to marry. But He said unto them all men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it was given." (Matt. 19: 10-11.)

142.—"For John had said unto Herod, it is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife." (Mark 6: 18.)

143.—"John was acquainted with the fact that he was about to marry his brother's wife, while her husband was yet living,

and faithfully told Herod it was not lawful." (E. W., 26, or Vol. 1. Spir. G., 26.)

144.—"For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: In that thou saidst truly." (John 4: 18.)

145.—"For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from the law, so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." (Romans 7:2-3.)

Q.—The above quotations should be enough proof to satisfy any one, that it is a sin to marry any divorced person when one or both are living; so dear reader we leave it with you. Now here are more statements that we must heed, that we should not keep company with any of those that are named in these quotations, leaders or layman, have nothing to do with them.

146.—"But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no not to eat." (1 Cor. 5:11.)

147.—"If any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." (2 Thess. 3:14.)

148.—"It may be there is in the church those who are cold, proud, haughty, and un-Christian, but you need not associate with this class." (R. & H., Feb. 16-18, 1894.)

149.—"It is natural to seek companionship. Every one will find companions or make them. And just in proportion to the strength of the friendship, will be the amount of influence which friends will exert over one another for good or evil. All will have associates, and will influence and be influenced in their turn. The link is a mysterious one which binds human hearts together, so that the feelings, tastes and principles of two individuals are closely blended. One catches the spirit, and copies the ways and acts, of the other. As wax retains the figure of



the seal, so the mind retains the impression produced by intercourse and association. The influence may be unconscious, yet it is no less powerful. . . . If choice is made of companions who fear the Lord, the influence will lead to truth, to duty, and to holiness. A true Christian life is a power for good. But, on the other hand, those who associate with men and women of questionable morals, of bad principles and practices, will soon be walking in the same path. The tendencies of the natural heart are downward. He who associates with the skeptic will soon become skeptical; he who chooses the companionship of the vile will most assuredly become vile. To walk in the counsel of the ungodly is the first step toward standing in the way of sinners, and sitting in the seat of the scornful. Let all who would form right characters choose associates who are of a serious, thoughtful turn of mind, and who are religiously inclined. . . . If you turn away from good counsel, and choose to associate with those who you have reason to suspect are not religiously inclined, although they profess to be Christians, you will soon become like them." (Vol. 4:587-589.)

150.—"It is not the opposition of the world that will most endanger us; it is the evils cherished right in our midst that works the most grievous disaster. It is the unconsecrated lives of half-hearted professors that retard the work of truth, and bring darkness upon the church of God." (R. & H., June 6, 1888.)

151.—"Those who come up to the Bible standard, the Bible descriptions of Christ's followers, will be found rare indeed." (Vol. 3:474.)

152.—"Thank God all will not be rocked to sleep in the cradle of carnal security. There will be faithful ones who will discern the signs of the times. While a large number professing truth will deny their faith by their works, there will be some who will endure unto the end, the same spirit of selfishness, of conformity to the practices of the world, exists in our day as in Noah's. Many who profess to be the children of God, follow their own worldly pursuits with an intensity that gives a lie to their profession. They will be planting and building, buying and selling, eating and drinking, marrying and given in marriage, up



to the last moment of their probation. This is a condition of a large number of our own people. Because iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold. To but a few can it be said, 'You are the children of the day, we are not of the night, nor of darkness.'" (Vol. 5:10.)

Q.—Now we have seen by the past quotations how the church has become immoral through the leaders and church members, and the indulgence of the animal passions, and in marrying unbelievers, and marrying divorced persons. Now let us see another way Satan has corrupted the church, parents dressing their children with bare limbs, thus giving them the first lesson in immorality, and the women dressing themselves in short dresses and low neck dress, read and see.

153.—"It is a sin in the sight of heaven for parents to dress their children as they do. The only excuse that they can make is, it is fashion. They cannot plead modesty to expose the limbs of their children even with only one covering drawn tight over them. They cannot plead that it is healthful, or really attractive. Because others will continue to follow this health destroying practice, it is no excuse for those who style themselves reformers. Because every body around you follow a custom which is injurious to health, it will not make your sin one whit less, or to be any guarantee for the health and life for your children." (How to Live, Vol. 1:74.)

154.—"When parents and children meet at the final reckoning, what a scene will then be presented. The thousands of children who have been slaves to appetite and debasing vice, whose lives are moral wrecks, will stand face to face with the parents who made them what they are." (Spiritual Gift, Vol. 3:169.)

155.—"Chapter after chapter has been opened to me. I can select family after family of children in this house, every one is corrupt as hell itself. Some of them profess to be followers of Christ. And you, their parents, are as indifferent as though you had a shock of paralysis. . . I can count family after family that are almost entirely under the control of Satan. . . . Right here in this church, corruption is teeming on every hand. Now and

then there is a sing, or some gathering for pleasure. Every time I hear of this I feel like clothing myself in sackcloth. . . . You are asleep. Would the lightning and thunder of Sinai arouse this church? Would they arouse you, fathers and mothers, to commence the work of reformation in your own houses? You should be teaching your children. You should be instructing them how to shun the corruptions and vices of this age. Instead of this, many are studying how to get something good to eat. You place upon your tables butter, eggs, and meat, and your children partake of them. They are fed with the very things that will excite their animal passions, and then you come to meeting and ask God to bless and save your children. How high do your prayers go? You have a work to do first. When you have done all for your children which God has left for you to do, then you can with confidence claim the special help which God has promised to give you. . . ." (Vol. 2:360-362.)

156.—"But it is a painful fact that there is not one girl in a hundred who is pure-minded, and there is not one boy in a hundred whose morals are untainted. Many who are older have gone to such lengths in dissipation that they are polluted, soul and body; and corruption has taken hold of a large class who pass among men and women as polite gentlemen and beautiful ladies." (Vol. 1:96.)

157.—"Youth and children of both sexes engage in moral pollution, and practice this disgusting, soul-and-body-destroying vice. Many professed Christians are so benumbed by the same practice, that their moral sensibilities cannot be aroused to understand that it is a sin, and that if continued, its sure results will be utter shipwreck of the body and mind. Man, the noblest being upon the earth, formed in the image of God, transforms himself into a beast! He makes himself gross and corrupt. Every Christian will have to learn to restrain his passions, and be controlled by principle. Unless he does this, he is unworthy of the Christian name."

158.—"Obedience to fashion is pervading our Seventh-day Adventist churches, and is doing more than any other power to

separate our people from God." (Vol. 4:647.)

159.—"As soon as any have a desire to imitate the fashion of the world, that they do not immediately subdue, just as soon God ceases to acknowledge them as His children." (Vol. 1:137.)

160.—"There is but one woman in a thousand who clothes her limbs as she should. Women should clothe their limbs as thoroughly as do men." (H. to L., Chap. 6:64.)

161.—"By wearing the dress reaching about to the top of the woman's gaiter boot, we shall escape the evils of the extreme long dress, and also shun the evils and notoriety of the extreme short dress." (Vol. 1:464.)

162.—"Through all ages and in every nation, those who believe that Jesus can and will save them personally from sin, are the elect and chosen of God; they are His peculiar treasure. They obey His call, and come out from the world and separate themselves from every unclean thought and unholy practice." (R. & H., August 1, 1893.)

163.—"There should be a continual effort to imitate the society we expect soon to join, namely, angels of God who have never fallen by sin. The character should be holy, the manners comely, the words without guile, and thus should we follow on step by step until we are fitted for translation." (Vol. 1:216.)

Q.—Now here is another way that the leaders have led the church astray, and thus fulfill the prophecy of the second of Daniel, verse 43, the mingling of the feet of iron and clay, is not what we have been taught it was, the marriage of the crowned heads of Europe, but, uniting the church in politics, by Seventh-day Adventist voting. Now see the proof what the Lord says, showing that there is not one minister, doctor, or teacher, man or woman, fit to be in that position, and if the Lord's instruction was carried out, there would not be one of them in any office.

164.—"The Lord would have his people bury political question. On these things silence is eloquence. Christ calls upon His followers to come into unity on the pure gospel principles which are plainly revealed in the word of God. We cannot with safety vote for any political party; for we do not know whom we are voting for. We cannot with safety take part in any political

scheme. . . . Those who are Christians indeed will be branches of the true vine, and will bear the same fruit as the vine. They will act in harmony, in Christian fellowship. They will not wear political badges, but the badge of Christ. What are we to do, then? Let political questions alone. 2 Cor. 6:14-15. Those teachers in the church or school who distinguish themselves in politics, should be relieved of their work and responsibility without delay; for the Lord will not cooperate with them. The tithe should not be used to pay anyone for speechifying on any political questions. Every teacher, minister, or leader in our ranks who is stirred with a desire to ventilate his opinion on political questions, should be converted by a belief in the truth, or give up his work. His influence must tell as a laborer together with God in winning souls to Christ, or his credentials must be taken from him. If he does not change, he will do harm, and only harm. . . . I call upon my brethren who are appointed to educate, to change their course of action; it is a mistake for you to link your interest with any political party, to cast your vote with them or for them. Those who stand as educators, as ministers, as laborers together with God in any line, have no battle to fight in the political world. Their citizenship is in heaven. The Lord calls upon them to stand a separate and peculiar people. He would have no schisms in the body of the believers. His people are to possess the elements of reconciliation. . . . They are not to spend their time talking politics or acting politics: for by so doing they give the enemy opportunity to come in and cause variance and discord. Those in the ministry who desire to stand as politicians, should have their credentials taken from them; for this work God has not given to high or low among His people. . . . God's children are to separate themselves from politics, from any alliance with unbelievers." (Gos. Wor., 391-395.)

165.—"We have come to a time when God's sacred work is represented by the feet of the image in which the iron is mixed with miry clay. The mingling of church craft and state craft is represented by the iron and the clay. They have invested their strength in politics, and have united with the papacy." (Extracts from M. S. S., April 22, 1899.)

Q.—Now here is another way that the leaders are doing wrong, by telling how much we should give.

166.—“God designs that exercise of benevolence shall be purely voluntary—not having recourse even to eloquent appeals to excite sympathy. ‘The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.’ He is not pleased to have His treasury replenished with forced supplies. . . . The plan of redemption was entirely voluntary on the part of our Redeemer, and it is the purpose of Christ that all our benevolence should be free-will offerings.” (Vol. 3, 413.)

167.—“See Numbers 14. They are prepared, as we have seen men prepared in our day, to exalt their judgment, and pervert the judgment of God. This history was recorded for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world have come. Here is seen a determination to disregard the will of God. In their unbelief the people refused to go up and take the land. When they found out that because of unbelief they must wander in the wilderness for 40 years they said, we will go up now. But Moses told them that they had no permission to go up. If they had gone when the Lord said go, the armies of the Lord’s hosts would have gone with them; but because of their rebellion and delay, the Lord refused to give them victory. God’s people today have far greater light than had ancient Israel. They have not only increased light which had been shining upon them, but the instruction given of God to Moses, to be given to the people. God specified the difference between the sacred and the common, and declared that this difference must be strictly observed. This lesson is also given to modern Israel.” . . . (A Tract Rolling Back the Reproach, Pa. 26.)

168.—“The Lord will not be trifled with. Those, who neglect His mercies and blessings in this day of opportunities, will bring impenetrable darkness upon themselves, and will be candidates for the wrath of God. Sodom and Gomorrah were visited with the curse of the Almighty for their sins and iniquities. There are those in our day, who have equally abused the mercies of God, and slighted His warnings. It will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for those who bear the name of Christ, yet dishonor Him by their unconsecrated

lives, this class are laying up for themselves a fearful retribution, when God in His wrath shall visit them with His judgments." (Vol. 4, 191.)

169.—"Today Christ is looking with sadness upon those, whose characters He must at last refuse to acknowledge. Inflated with self-sufficiency, they hope that it will be well with their souls, but in the last great day, the mirror of detection reveals to them the evils that their hearts have practiced, and shows to them at the same time the impossibility to reform. Every effort was made to bring them to repentance, but they refused to humble their hearts. Now the bitter lamentation is heard, 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved.' Christ tells us how in the last great day ministers, elders, evangelists, physicians, teachers, will confront Him with their claim. They will plead how they led the singers in their songs of praise, how they have waved the palm branches, how they have spoken of Him before thousands, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name,' they say, 'and in Thy Name done many wonderful works?' But Christ says, 'Then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.' O that you had known, even in the day of your visitation, when like sweetest music, mercy's sweet voice fell upon your ears, the things that belong unto your peace. But you were not ready. If you had been faithful to the warnings of the Word; if you had dismissed Satan, instead of linking your arm in his; if you had preserved untarnished the principles of right; if you had obeyed the commandments, broken with ungodly advisers, scorned their impious bribes, and followed Jesus in His self-denial, I could have welcomed you into my presence. But you have not cared for my society, and you have no power to go from the snares. . . . You have despised all my entreaties and scorned my invitations. You have caused many to follow your sinful ways, and now your punishment has come. You will receive as your works have been. You must lose everlasting life. You have chosen your own ways, such sentiments, such characters, you could not enter the gates of the Holy City. What a scene is this, as I pass over the ground again and again, bowed



down in agony that no tongue can express, as I see the end of the many, many who have refused to receive of their Saviour. Justice will take the throne, and the arm strong to save, will show itself strong to smite, and destroy the enemies of the kingdom of God. Christ will lay bare the deeds and motives of every one. Every hidden action will stand out as clearly before the doer, as if proclaimed before the universe." (A Solemn Warning Sanitarium, Calif., October 1, 1903.)

170.—"The Lord has presented before me that those who have been in any measure blinded by the enemy, and who have not fully recovered themselves from the snare of Satan, will be imperiled, because they cannot discern the light from heaven, and will be inclined to accept a falsehood. This will affect the whole tenor of their thoughts, their decisions, their propositions, their counsels. The evidence that God has given, is no evidence to them, because they have blinded their own eyes by choosing darkness rather than light, then they will originate something they call light, which the Lord calls sparks of their own kindling, by which they will direct their steps. The Lord declares these Scriptures are applicable to you." (Isaiah 50:10-11; John 9:39; Chap. 12:46-48.) (To Brethren in Responsible Positions, March 13, 1892.)

171.—"For the spirit would fail before Me,' saith the Lord, 'if I were to deal with My people in accordance with their perversity. They could not endure My displeasure and My wrath. I have seen the perverse ways of every sinner. He who repents and does the works of righteousness, I will convert and heal, and restore unto him My favor.' I am instructed to say, that in His judgments the Lord will remember mercy, for His own name's sake, He will not permit the forward and independent to carry out their unsanctified plans. He will visit them for their perversity of action. 'There is no peace,' saith my God to the wicked, concerning those who have been deceived and led astray by unconsecrated men, the Lord says: 'Their course of action has not been in accordance with My will: Yet for the righteousness of My own cause, for the truth's sake, for the sake of those who have preserved their fear and love of God, I, who create the fruit

of the lips, will put My message in the lips of those who will not be perverted. Altho some may be deceived and blinded in their ideas of men and purposes of men, I will heal every one who honors My Name. All repentant Israel shall see My salvation. I the Lord, do rule, and will fill with praise and thanksgiving the hearts of all who are high and afar off, even all the penitent of Israel who have kept My ways.' " (Southern Union Worker, October 16, 1913.)

172.—"There are thousands who are traveling the road of darkness and error, the broad road that leads to death, who flatter themselves, that they are in the path that leads to happiness and heaven; but they will never find the one, nor reach the other." (Vol. 3, 438.)

173.—"The only safety now is to search for the truth as revealed in the Word of God, as for hid treasures. The Sabbath question and man not immortal, and the testimony of Jesus, are the great and important truths to be understood, which will prove an anchor to hold God's people in these perilous times." (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 4, 90.)

174.—"Yet with the sins of Saul and its results before us, how many are pursuing a similar course. While they refuse to obey some of the requirements of the Lord, they persevere in offering up to God their formal service of religion. There is no response of the Spirit of God to such service. No matter how zealous they may be in their observance of their religious ceremonies, the Lord cannot accept them, if they persist in willful violation of one of His commandments." (P. P., 634.)

175.—"The great searcher of hearts knows every sin committed in secret, by the workers of iniquity. These persons come to feel secure in their deceptions, and because of His long suffering, say the Lord seeth not, and then act as though He had forsaken the earth. But He will detect their hypocrisy, and will open before others those sins, which they were so careful to hide." (Vol. 5:211-212.)

Q.—Now I want to show in the next quotations, what kind of people compose the publishing committees of the publishing houses, and see how they told falsehoods to a prophet; what will

they do to the laity? and see how the editor of the Review, printed a falsehood to deceive the people.

176.—“The Devil was influencing minds to hold back my books published at the Review and Herald. Those at the head of the work, discouraged the agents about handling ‘Patriarchs and Prophets,’ and ‘Great Controversy,’ the very books that the people should have had at once, and centered their efforts on ‘Bible Readings,’ promising at a certain time they would concentrate their efforts on my works. But the promise they never kept. At the very time when, ‘Great Controversy,’ should have been circulated everywhere, it was laying idle on the shelves of the Review and Herald and Pacific Press. The light given by God for the people was hidden away in the publishing houses. The inner working of this matter was presented to me, and I saw that the very men, who said that the canvassers would not handle the books, were themselves arranging matters, so that they should not handle them. They told me falsehoods.” (Testimony to J. N. Loughborough, February 19, 1899.)

177.—In the Review of September 18, 1924, the editor makes the following statement: “Mrs. E. G. White, a short time before her death, made this statement with reference to our church paper: ‘To those who fail to read the Review, and keep track with the progress of the work, the Loud Cry of the message may come, and they not know it.’”

Q.—Now I will show by several statements, that Sister White never said such a thing, and he knows it; he never told where he got it from, for he knows that he manufactured it. Now the reader will see by quotation 7, that the church will never be saved, and in quotation 8, they must face square about, but they never did. Now read carefully the next two pages, and you will see, that those that belong to the church and read the church paper, will never know when the loud cry will come, and when it comes, they will fight it, and finally the church will land in hell; so the church will never give the loud cry, read, and be convinced. Now let us see what the Lord says about the General Conference. He said once that is was the highest voice of God on earth, it was once, but not anymore.

178.—“Who can now feel sure, that they are safe in respecting the voice of the General Conference Association? If the people of our churches understood the management of the men who walk in the light of the sparks of their own kindling, would they respect their decisions? I answer, no not for a moment. . . . Where is the voice, from whence will it come, to whom the people may listen, knowing that it comes from the True Shepherd? I am called upon by the Spirit of God to present these things before you, and they are correct to the life, according to the practice of the last few years.” (To Eld. Olsen, May 30, 1896.)

179.—“Let those in America, who suppose the voice of the General Conference to be the voice of God, become one with God before they utter their opinion.” (To Eld. Haskel, November 16, 1899.)

180.—“That these men should stand in a sacred place, to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be,—that is past.” (General Conference Bulletin, Pa. 25, 1901.)

181.—“To divide our interest with the leaders of error, is aiding the wrong side and giving advantage to our foes. The truth of God knows no compromise with sin, no connection with artifice, no union with transgressors.” (Vol. 4:81.)

182.—“Jeremiah 9:4-5, The time has come, when it is not safe to put confidence in a friend or a brother.” (R. & H., January 3, 1884.)

183.—“Let those, who would follow Christ fully come up to the work, even if it be over the heads of ministers and presidents.” (Vol. 5:369.)

184.—“God requires certain things of His people, if they say, ‘I will not give up my heart to do these things,’ the Lord lets them go on in their supposed wisdom, until this Scripture (Isa. 28:13) is fulfilled. You are not to say, ‘I will follow the Lord’s guidance up to a certain point that is in harmony with my judgment,’ and then hold fast to your own idea, refusing to be molded after the Lord’s similitude. Let the question be asked, is this the will of the Lord? Not, is it the opinion or judgement of the General Conference.” (Adelaide, Australia, October 12, 1896.)

185.—“O could I be assured in the coming conference my brethren would feel a sense of what pure principles mean to them, and to all with whom they are associated, my heart would leap with joy; if those who have wandered so far from God and true righteousness, would show that the Holy Spirit was striving with them, that they were conscious of their guiltiness in departing from the word of God, and acting as blind leaders of the blind, I would have hope. When these do awake from their paralysis, they will be overwhelmed with a sense of lost time,—the Lord’s precious talent,—Lost opportunities, which were given to them, that they might show their appreciation of the infinite compassion of God for fallen man. . . . The word of God appropriated is a preparation for eternal life. But men have placed such an interpretation upon His word that it has been made meaningless. Heart and conscience have become hardened and corrupted. Brethren, in the name of Jesus, I ask, do you believe the word of God? Are you sons and daughters of God? If you are, it is because you have been converted, and have received Christ into your soul temple, and your minds have been brought under the new law, even the royal law of liberty.” (Coringbong, Australia, February 6, 1896.)

186.—“State Conferences may depend upon the General Conference for light, and knowledge, and wisdom; but is it safe for them to do this? Battle Creek is not to be the center of God’s work. God alone can fill this place. When our people in different places have their special convocations, teach them, for Christ’s sake and for their own souls sake, not to make flesh their arm. There is no power in man to read the hearts of their fellow men. The Lord is the only one upon whom we can with safety depend, and He is accessible in every place and to every church in the union. To place men where God should be placed does not honor or glorify God. Is the president of the General Conference to be made a God for this people? Are the men at Battle Creek to be regarded as infinite in wisdom? When the Lord shall work upon human hearts and human intellects, principles and practices different from this will be set before the people. ‘Cease ye from man.’ The Lord has a controversy over

this matter." (Coringbong, Australia, July 5, 1896.)

Q.—The next quotations, although given years ago, you can see by the reading, it applies now; anyone that wants to, can see that it describes their very case.

187.—"I have been shown that God's people who profess to believe present truth, are not in a waiting, watching position. They are increasing in riches, and are laying up their treasures upon earth. They are becoming rich in worldly things, but not rich toward God. They do not believe in the shortness of time; they do not believe that the end of all things is at hand, that Christ is at the door. They may profess much faith, but they deceive their own souls; for they will act out all the faith that they really possess. Their works show the character of their faith, and testify to those around them, that the coming of Christ is not to be in this generation. According to their faith will be their works. . . . Their preparations are being made to remain in this world. They are adding house to house, and land to land; and are citizens of this world. . . ." (Vol. 2:196.)

188.—"And again He came to His disciples, and found them sleeping. Their eyes were heavy. By these sleeping disciples is represented a sleeping church, when the day of God's visitation is nigh. It is a time of clouds and thick darkness, when to be found asleep is most perilous." (Id. 205.)

189.—"Men who stand in very responsible positions at the heart of the work, are asleep. Satan has paralyzed them, in order that his plans and devices may not be discerned, while he is active to ensnare, deceive, and destroy. Some who occupy the position of watchman to warn the people of danger, have given up their watch, and recline at ease. They are unfaithful sentinels. They remain inactive, while the wily foe enters the fort, and works successfully by their side to tear down what God has commanded to be built up. They see that satan is deceiving the inexperienced and unsuspecting; yet they take it all quietly, as though they had no special interest, as though these things did not concern them. They apprehend no special danger; they see no cause to raise any alarm. To them everything seems to be going well, and they see no necessity of raising the faithful



trumpet notes of warning which they hear borne by the plain testimonies, to show the people their transgression and the house of Israel their sins. The reproofs and warnings disturb the quiet of these sleepy, ease-loving sentinels, and they are not pleased. They say in their hearts, if not in words, 'This is all uncalled for. It is too severe, too harsh. These men are unnecessarily disturbed and excited, and seem unwilling to give us any rest or quietude. "Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them." They are not willing that we should have any comfort, peace, or happiness. It is active labor, toil, and unceasing vigilance alone which will satisfy these unreasonable hard-to-be-suited watchmen. Why don't they prophesy smooth things, and cry peace, peace, then everything would move on smoothly.' These are the true feelings of many of our people and satan exalts at his success in controlling the minds of so many who profess to be Christians. He has deceived them, benumbed their sensibilities, and planted his hellish banner right in their midst; and they are so completely deceived, that they know not that it is he. The people have not erected graven images, yet their sins are no less in the sight of God. They worship mammon. They love worldly gain. Some will make any sacrifice of conscience to obtain their object. God's professed people are selfish and self-caring. They love the things of this world, and have fellowship with the works of darkness. They have pleasure in unrighteousness. They have not love toward God, nor love for their neighbors. They are idolaters, and are worse than the heathen, graven-image worshippers, who have no knowledge of a better way." (Vol. 2: 139-441.)

190.—"We need not say, the perils of the last days are soon to come upon us. Already they have come. We need now the sword of the Lord to cut the very soul and marrow of fleshly lust, appetites, and passions. May it pierce and divide in a far greater degree than it has ever done. May all the proud be cast down. May the carnally secure be drawn from the refuge of lies, with which they have sought to deceive the people of God. May it cut away their self righteousness, and open the eyes of the blind, that they may see that they are not whole in the sight of God." (To

J. E. White, February 6, 1894.)

191.—“I am instructed to repeat to our brethren and sisters the warning and the exhortation that Paul sent to the church at Thessalonica: ‘The mystery of lawlessness does already work; only there is one that restraineth now, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall be revealed the lawless one, whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the breath of His mouth, and bring to naught by the manifestation of His coming; even He, whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that are perishing; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’” (To Thess. 2: 7, R. V. Vol. 8:226.)

192.—“I have been shown that all who love indulgence in sin, are the ones that do not hear, do not perceive the words spoken. Why? Because evil angels have so long led them, and controlled their powers, that the words spoken to awake conviction, are changed by Satan to mean something else. This is evidencing the power of Satan over human ears, to hear things all crooked and strange; and the very things which the Lord would have them hear, they do not understand. They say, that you never spoke to them the words, that you know that you did speak. But Satan interpreted the words, so that they did not hear them.” (Testimony on Hearing and Doing.)

193.—“He who will give himself fully to God, will be guided by the divine hand. He may be lowly and apparently ungifted: yet if with a loving, trusting heart, he obeys every intimation of God’s will, his powers will be purified, enobled, energized, and his capabilities will be increased. As he treasures the lessons of divine wisdom, a sacred commission will be intrusted to him; he will be enabled to make his life an honor to God and a blessing to the world. ‘The entrance of Thy word giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple.’” (Acts of the Apostles, 284. Given in 1911.)

194.—“It is too late in the day to cry out against men for

manifesting too much earnestness in the service of God; to say, 'You are excited; You are too intense, too positive.' It is too late to caution your brethren for studying the Bible for themselves, because they may be deceived by errors. We know falsehoods are coming in like a swift current; and that is just the reason we want every ray of light that God has for us, that we may be able to stand amid the perils of the last days." (R. & H., March 4, 1890.)

195.—"Many are going directly contrary to the light which God has given to His people, because they do not read the books which contain the light and knowledge and cautions, reproofs, and warnings. . . . Light so precious, coming from the throne of God, is hid under a bushel. God will make His people responsible for this neglect. An account must be rendered to Him for every ray of light He has let shine upon our pathway, whether it has been improved to our advancement in divine things, or rejected, because it was more agreeable to follow inclination." (General Conference Bulletin 12, 1901.)

196.—"I was shown there was too much comparing ourselves among ourselves, taking fallible mortals for a pattern when we have a sure, unerring Pattern. The people of God should not measure themselves by the world, nor by the opinion of men, nor by what they once were before embracing the truth. But their faith and position in the world as they now are, must be compared with what they would have been, if their course would have been continually onward and upward, since they professed to be followers of Christ. This is the only safe comparison that can be made. In every other, there will be self-deception. If the moral character and spiritual state of God's people, do not correspond with the blessings, privileges and light, which have been conferred upon them, they are weighed in the balance and found wanting. Angels mark their report wanting. With some the knowledge of their true state seems to be hidden from them. They see the truth, but do not fully understand it, and therefore are not sanctified in obeying it. And yet they rest as unconcerned, and well satisfied, as though the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, as a token of God's favor, went before

them. They profess to know God, but in works deny Him. They reckon themselves as His chosen, peculiar people, yet His presence and power to save to the utmost are seldom manifested among them. How great is the darkness of such: Yet they know it not. The light shines, but they do not comprehend it. No stronger delusions can deceive the mind, than that which makes them believe that they are right, and that God accepts their works. When they are sinning against Him. They mistake the form of godliness for the spirit and power thereof. They suppose that they are rich, and have need of nothing, when they are poor, wretched, blind, and naked, and need all things." (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 4: 148-149.)

197.—"No account of past experience will suffice for the present, or will strengthen us to overcome the difficulties in our path. We must have new grace and fresh strength daily in order to be victorious." (Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 3: 124.)

Q.—Now here is some more about the two parties spoken of in the comments on Isaiah 8. Reader, which one do you belong to?

198.—"The fifth chapter of Revelation needs to be closely studied. It is of great importance to those who shall act a part in the work of God for these last days. There are some who are deceived. They do not realize what is coming on the earth. Those who have permitted their minds to become beclouded in regards to what constitute sin, are fearfully deceived. Unless they make a decided change, they will be found wanting when God pronounces judgment upon the children of men. They have transgressed the law and broken the everlasting covenant, and they will receive according to their works. Rev. 6: 12-17, Chap. 7: 9-17. In these Scriptures two parties are brought to view. One party permitted themselves to be deceived, and took sides with those, with whom the Lord has a controversy. They misinterpreted the message sent them, and clothed themselves in robes of self-righteousness. Sin was not sinful in their eyes. They taught falsehood as truth, and by them many souls were led astray." (Vol. 9: 267-268.)

199.—"All who gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their defection, and loyalty from their treason, will

triumph with the third angel's message." (R. & H., June 8, 1897.)

Q.—Now here is another way that the Conference and the doctors and institutions become murderers, they won't send a missionary, unless they agree to take quinine, which the Lord says it kills but never cures, so any one who gives or takes it, or any other drug, is breaking the sixth commandment.

200.—"The use of poisonous drugs are coming more and more into practice among our people. The light which the Lord has given me was, that institutions should be established to do away with drugs, and use God's agencies, that instructions should be given daily on this subject. But God's ways and instructions have not been heeded, therefore not one twentieth part of good has been accomplished which might have been, if Christian physicians had heeded the admonitions and the counsel of the Most High." (U. T., January 8, 1892.)

201.—"I was shown that more deaths have been caused by drug taking than all other causes combined. . . . Mercury, Calomel, and Quinine have brought their amount of wretchedness, which the day of God alone will fully reveal. These poisonous preparations have destroyed their millions, and have left sufferers on the earth to linger out a miserable existence. All are better off without these dangerous mixtures." (Facts of Faith, 133-139.)

Q.—Just think of it, that more deaths from drugs than all wars, pestilences, diseases of all kinds, intoxicating drinks, earthquakes, murders, and all kinds of accidents, cyclones, and everything you can think of, and Seventh-day Adventists are guilty of causing.

202.—"There are more who die from the use of drugs than would have died, had nature been left to her own work." (How to Live, No. 1: 61.)

203.—"Drugs given to stupify whatever they may be, derange the nervous system. . . . medicine deranges nature's fine machinery, and breaks down the constitution. It kills, but never cures." (Id. 57.)

204.—"A walk, even in winter, would be more beneficial to the health, than all the medicines the doctors may prescribe." (Vol. 2: 529.)

205.—"Some will have medicine at all events. Then let them take these hurtful mixtures, and the various deadly poisons on their own responsibility. God's servants should not administer medicines which they know will leave behind injurious effects upon the system, even if they do relieve present suffering." (Facts of Faith, 139-140.)

206.—"If there was in the land one physician in the place of thousands, a vast amount of premature mortality would be prevented. Multitudes of physicians, and multitudes of drugs, have cursed the inhabitants of the earth, and have carried thousands and tens of thousands to untimely graves." (Id. 133.)

207.—"The words of Christ are of more worth than the opinions of all the physicians in the world." (Chris. Temp. & Bible Hygiene, 162.)

208.—"And Asa in the third and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: Yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians." (2 Chron. 16: 12.)

209.—"The true method of healing the sick is to tell them of the herbs that grow for the benefit of man. Scientists have attached large names to these simple preparations, but true education will lead us to tell the sick, that they need not call in a doctor any more than they would call in a lawyer. This is a work our sanitariums are called upon to do. This is true science." (U. T., August 26, 1898.)

210.—"God has pledged Himself to keep this machinery in healthful action, if the human agents will obey His laws and co-operate with God." (U. T., Jan. 11, 1897.)

211.—"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." (P. S. 103: 2-3.)

212.—"And when He called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases." (Matthew 10: 1.)

213.—"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." (Jeremiah 17: 7.)



Q.—Here is another sin that is very prominent in the church ; that is caste.

214.—“Many of those who feel that they have much polish because of their education, or their advantage in society, do not make it manifest in a way that would commend itself to a true Christian. Too often they manifest an unChrist-like spirit toward those who they do not regard as their equals. They are **proud, prejudiced, cold, and full of Pharisaical spirit that has** not the slightest resemblance to the love of Christ. They show an interest of ‘our set,’ but others have no part in their interest or affections. They have a theory of what the standard should be, but it is false, and leads away from the simplicity of the gospel, from the meekness and lowliness of Christ. If the person of whom they are brought in contact, meet their standard, they will be courteous to them; but if they do not, they treat them with indifference or contempt. In their narrowness they will chill and kill the life of true godliness in the soul. They are self righteous, self-centered, too tenacious of their own ideas to learn anything from others.” (R. & H., June 14, 1892.)

215.—“The Levites and the priests represent a class in the church, who manifest an indifference to the very ones who need their sympathy and help. This class, notwithstanding their position in the church, are commandment-breakers. The Samaritans represent a class who are helpers with Christ, and who are imitating His example in doing good. Those who have pity for the unfortunate, the blind, the afflicted, the widows, the orphans, and the needy, Christ represent as commandment keepers, who shall have eternal life.” (Vol. 3: 512.)

216.—“All who have Christ’s spirit, will regard the feeble and the aged with special respect and tenderness.” (Vol. 6: 272.)

217.—“When the Lord’s poor are neglected and forgotten, or greeted with cold looks and cruel words, let the guilty one bear in mind, that he is neglecting Christ in the person of His saints. Our Saviour identifies His interest with that of suffering humanity. . . . He has placed them among us, to awaken in our hearts that love which He feels towards the suffering and oppressed, and He will let His judgments fall upon any one who wrongs, slights, or abuses them.” (Vol. 4, 620.)

218.—“If we neglect the needy and unfortunate that are brought under our notice, no matter who they may be, we have no assurance of eternal life; for we do not answer the claim that God has upon us. . . . We are not compassionate to humanity, because they may not be kith or kin to us.” (Vol. 3, 524.)

219.—“All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him. He pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.” (Proverbs 19, 7.)

220.—“God calls not only for our gifts for the needy, but for the cheerful countenance, our hopeful words, our kindly hand-clasp.” (Chri. Obj. Les. 418.)

221.—“Many will allow a brother or neighbor to struggle under adverse circumstances. . . . We shall not wait to have the needy and unfortunate brought to us. We shall not need to be entreated to feel the woes of others. It will be natural for us to minister to the needy and suffering, as it was for Christ to go about doing good. . . . We should anticipate the sorrows, the difficulties, the troubles of others.” (Id. 383-386.)

222.—“‘He that saith, that he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. . . .’ (1 John 2:9.) Could any description be any more clear and sharp than John has given us? These things are written for us. They are applicable to the churches of Seventh-Day Adventists. Some may say, ‘I do not hate my brother; I am not so bad as that.’ But how little they may understand their own hearts. They may think that they have a zeal for God in their feelings against their brother, if his ideas seems in any way to conflict with theirs; feelings are brought to the surface which have no kinship to love. They show no kinship to harmonize with him; they would as leave be at swords points with their brother as not. And yet he may be bearing a message from God to the people, just the light they need for this time. Why do not brethren of like precious faith consider that in every age, when the Lord sent a special message to His people, all the powers of the confederacy of evil were set to work, to prevent the truth from coming to those, who should receive it. If Satan can impress the mind and stir up the passions of those, who claim to believe the truth, and thus lead them to

unite with the forces of evil, he is well pleased. If once he can get them to commit themselves on the wrong side, he has laid his plans to lead them on a long journey; through his deceptive wives, he will cause them to act upon the same principles, he adopted in his disaffection in Heaven. They take step after step in the false way, until there seems to be no other course for them except to go on. Believing they are right in their bitterness of feeling toward their brethren. Will the Lord's messenger bear the pressure brought against him? If so, it is because God bids him stand in His strength, and vindicate the truth that he is sent of God. When men listen to the Lord's message, but through temptation allow prejudice to bar the mind and heart against the reception of the truth, the enemy has power to present the most precious things in a distorted light. Looking through the medium of prejudice and passion, they feel too indignant to search the Scriptures in a Christ-like spirit, but repudiate the whole matter, because points are presented that are not in accordance with their own ideas. When a new view is presented, the question is often asked, 'Who is its advocate? What is the position of the one who would teach us, who have been students of the Bible for so many years?' God will send His word of warning by whom He will send, and the question to be settled is not what person it is who brings the message; this does not in any way affect the word spoken. 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' . . . If we are to bear a part in this work to its close, we must recognize the fact, that there are good things to come to the people of God in a way we had not discerned; and there will be resistance from the very ones, that we least expected to engage in this work. . . . How long will the Lord have patience with men in their blindness, how long He will wait before leaving them to grope their way in final darkness, we cannot determine." (To Elder Olsen, Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 1, 1892.)

223.—"Read the second chapter of James. Practice the truth in your daily life, and you will know the work the Lord has given you to do. Read also the fourth chapter, especially verses 5-12; and chapter 5, especially verses 12-20. These chapters are a dead letter to the larger number of those who claim to be Seventh-

Day Adventists. I am directed to point you to these Scriptures, and to the seventh chapter of Matthew. You need to study every word as for your life. . . . many houses now supposed to stand will fall. The Lord declares that He will not accept divided service." (To B. C. Church, Jan. 11, 1897.)

Q.—Can Christians live as they used to, see what the Lord says?

224.—"We are not called to worship and serve God by the use of the means used in former years. God requires higher service than ever before. He requires the heavenly improvements of the heavenly gifts. He has brought us into a place where we need higher and better things, than we have ever needed before." (R. & H., 25, 1890.)

225.—"We are now to call things by their right name. No longer are we to look upon unrighteousness as righteousness. Let every one be prepared to lift up the standard of truth. We are to have no fellowship with worldly practices that have perverted the faith of some, who have enjoyed great privileges, and who should now be standing on vantage ground. We are to respond to God's call, to take a decided stand for truth and righteousness. No longer are we to bind up with worldly elements." (Series B, No. 6, 63-64, 1903.)

226.—"God's ideal for His children is higher than the highest human thoughts can reach. 'Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect.' This command is a promise, the plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan. Christ always separates the contrite soul from sin. He came to destroy the works of the devil, and he made provisions that the Holy Spirit shall be imparted to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning." (D. A., 311.)

227.—"He who has not sufficient faith in Christ to believe He can keep him from sinning, has not the faith that will give him an entrance into the kingdom of God." (R. & H., March 10, 1904.)

228.—"But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and you need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teaches you all things, and is truth, and is

no lie, even as it has been taught you, ye shall abide in Him." (1 John 2:27.)

229.—"The Christian life is a constantly onward march. Jesus sits as a refiner and purifier of His people, and when His image is perfectly reflected in them, they are perfect and holy, and prepared for translation." (Vol. 1, 340.)

230.—" 'In that day. . . . The remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob. . . . Shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.' (Isaiah 10:20.) They will turn from every idol that binds them to the earth, and to the seas, and to the fountains of waters. They will free themselves from every entanglement, and will stand before the world as monuments of God's mercy. Obedient to every divine requirement, they will be recognized by angels and by men as those, that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." (Comments on Revel. 14:6-7.)

231.—"Those whom the Lamb shall lead by the fountain of living waters, and from whose eyes He shall wipe away all tears, will be those now receiving the knowledge and understanding revealed in the Bible, the Word of God. Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the 144,000." (R. & H., March 9, 1905.)

232.—"I saw that none could share the refreshing, unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action." (Early Writings, 61.)

233.—"Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God, while our characters have one spot or stain upon them." (Vol. 5, 214.)

234.—"Those who are distrustful of self, and are humbling themselves before God, and purifying themselves by obeying the truth, these are receiving the heavenly mold, and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads, when the decree goes forth, and the stamp is impressed, their characters will remain spotless and pure for eternity. Now is the time to prepare. The seal will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. . . . All who receive this seal must be without spot before the throne of God." (Vol. 5, 216.)

235.—“No sins 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. 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.” (Id. 172.)

236.—“You should know what caused the fall of Adam, so that you may not commit the same error, and lose heaven as he lost Paradise.” (R. & H., April 24, 1888.)

237.—“As our first parents lost Eden through the indulgence of appetite, our only hope of regaining Eden is through the firm denial of appetite and passion.” (Vol. 3, 491.)

238.—“The victory of our triumphant Head over the most subtle temptation during His forty days’ fast, and the glorious promise of reigning with Him on His throne, on condition that we overcome as He overcame, establishes the fact, that one of the highest attainments in the Christian life, is to control appetite, and that without this victory all hope of Heaven is vain.” (C. T. B. H., 206.)

239.—“God requires continual advancement from His people. They must learn that indulged appetite, is the greatest hindrance to mental improvement and soul sanctification.” (R. & H., February 24, 1910.)

240.—“Our habits of eating and drinking show, whether we are of the world, or among the number whom the Lord, by His mighty cleaver of truth, has separated from the world.” (Vol. 6, 372.)

241.—“Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the true witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation.” (Vol. 1, 187.)

242.—“By precept and example make it plain, that the food which God gave Adam, in his sinless state, is the best for man’s use, as he seeks to regain that sinless state.” (Vol. 7, 135. Gen. 1:29.)

243.—“Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians.” (Vol 2, 265.)



244.—“In the Day of God, many will be shut out of the City of God by sins, which they supposed to be unworthy of notice.” (S. of T., Dec. 24, 1896.)

245.—“The sins which man is disposed to look upon as small, may be the very ones which God accounts as great crimes.” (Vol. 5, 337.)

246.—“In the last great day, many will say, ‘Lord, Lord, open unto us,’ but the door will be shut, and their knock will be in vain.” (Vol. 8, 75.)

247.—“Live by day for Christ. Seek to be victor just for one day; for you do not know that you will have another day to live. Confess your sins today. You have the promise of pardon” (R. & H., August 18, 1891.)

248.—“It is discipline of spirit, cleanness of heart and thought, that is needed. Moral purity depends upon right thinking and right acting. Evil thoughts destroy the soul, while right control of the thoughts prepares the mind to labor harmoniously for the Master. Every thought should be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.” (Gos. Wr., 126.)

249.—“We cannot discern the character of God, or accept Christ by faith, unless we consent to the bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. To all who do this, the Holy Spirit is given without measure.” (D. A., 180.)

250.—“The thoughts must be centered upon God. We must put forth earnest effort to overcome the evil tendencies of the natural heart. Our efforts, our self-denial and perseverance, must be proportionate to the infinite value of the object of which we are in pursuit. Only by overcoming as Christ overcame, shall we win the crown of life.” (M. H., 455.)

251.—“God hates everything impure, and His frown is upon all who give themselves up to gradual and sure decay. All are free moral agents, and as such they must bring their thoughts to run in the right channel. Their meditation should be of that nature which will elevate their minds, and make Jesus and Heaven the subjects of their thoughts. Here is a wide field in which the mind can safely range. If Satan seeks to divert the mind from this to low and sensual things, bring it back again, and place it

on eternal things; and when the Lord sees the determined effort to retain only pure thoughts, He will attract the mind, like the magnet, and purify the thoughts, and enable them to cleanse themselves from every secret sin." (Sol. Ap., 27-29.)

252.—"The law is an expression of the thought of God; when received in Christ, it becomes our thought, it lifts us above natural desires and tendencies, above temptation that leads to sin." (D. A., 308.)

253.—"Those who would have that wisdom which is from God, must become fools in the sinful knowledge of this age, in order to be wise. They should close their eyes, that they may see and learn no evil. They should close their ears, lest they hear that which is evil, and would obtain that knowledge which would stain their purity of thoughts and acts, and should guard their tongues lest they utter corrupt communications, and guile be found in their mouths." (Sol. Ap., 30. Eph. 4:29.)

254.—"The Lord says, 'Make strait paths for your feet.' What must we do to make strait paths for our feet? We must speak no unkind word, either at home or abroad; we must be gentle and considerate toward all. We cannot be fretful and impatient, and still be Christians; for a fretful, impatient spirit is not the spirit of Christ. If Jesus comes into your home, He will say, 'Peace be unto you,' but He cannot come into your house if you are scolding, and fretting, and finding fault with one another." (R. & H., Aug. 14, 1888.)

255.—"There are conscientious souls that trust partly to God and partly to themselves. They do not look to God to be kept by His power, but depend upon watchfulness and the performance of certain duties for acceptance with Him. There are no victories of this kind of faith. . . . There is need of constant watchfulness, and of earnestness, loving devotion; but these will come naturally, when the soul is kept by the power of God through faith. We can do nothing, absolutely nothing, to recommend ourselves to the Divine favor. We must not trust ourselves at all, or in our good works; but when as erring sinful beings we come to Jesus, we may find rest in His love." (R. & H., July 7, 1884.)

Q.—Now let us see what is the reason, that the members do not come up to the standard given in the above quotations?

256.—“There is not one in one hundred, who understands for himself the Bible truth on this subject (Justification by Faith), that is so necessary to our present and eternal welfare.” (R. & H., Sept. 3, 1889.)

257.—“For the last twenty years a subtle, unconsecrated influence has been leading men to look to men, to bind up with men, to neglect their heavenly companion. Many have turned away from Christ. They have failed to appreciate the one who declares, ‘Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.’ Let us do all in our power to redeem the past.” (R. & H., Feb. 18, 1904.)

258.—“The people of God have lost much by not maintaining the simplicity of the truth as it is in Jesus. This simplicity has been crowded out, and forms and ceremonies, and a round of busy activities in mechanical work, have taken its place. Pride and lukewarmness, have made the professed people of God an offense in His sight. Boastful and self-sufficiency, and complacent self-righteousness, have masked and concealed the beggary and nakedness of the soul; but with God all things are naked and manifest.” (R. & H., Aug. 7, 1894.)

259.—“The fact concerning the real condition of the professed people of God, speaks more loudly than their profession, and makes it evident, that some power has cut the cable that anchored them to the Eternal Rock, and they are drifting away to sea, without chart or compass.” (R. & H., July 24, 1888.)

Q.—Now we find in the above quotation, that the cable that anchored them to Christ. His righteousness is cut, and that they are without chart—“The Bible,” or compass—“The Testimonies;” and in quotation 13, the church has joined the world in transgression of the law. By so doing, no person that wants to live a Christian, will stay in the Church; and we will see by the next quotation, it will be harder to live a Christian in the Church, than out of it?

260.—“We have far more to fear from within than without. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the

Church itself than from the world. . . . What is our condition in this fearful and solemn time? Alas! what pride is prevailing in the Church, what hypocrisy, what deception, what love of dress, frivolity, and amusements, what desire for the supremacy. All these sins have clouded the mind, so that eternal things have not been discerned." (R. & H., March 22, 1887.)

Q.—Now we have found in the above quotations, that no one can be saved without living the health reform, and in quotations 94 and 95, that it is dishonoring to God from 1902, to eat meat; and all do so in the Church are immoral. Now let us see what the health reform is, and see how the Church has gone back on it. The Lord sent a message in 1908 to the Church, to get up a pledge to sign, so they will be health reformers in the fullest sense of the term. So let us see what the Bible says first.

261.—"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31.)

262.—"Here is a principle which lies at the foundation of every act, thought and motive; the consecration of the entire being, both physical and mental, to the control of the Spirit of God. The unsanctified will and passions must be crucified. This may be regarded as a close and severe work. Yet it must be done, or you will hear the terrible sentence from the mouth of Jesus, 'Depart.'" (Vol. 3, 84.)

Q.—So the entire Church has gone to eating meat, and so will be lost. Now the Lord puts eating first, so let us consider what else the Church is eating which is forbidden.

263.—"Because we from principle discard the use of meat, butter, mince-pies, spices, lard, and that which irritates the stomach and destroys health." (Vol. 2, 367.)

264.—"The people everywhere should be taught to cook without milk and eggs, so far as possible." (Vol. 7, 135.)

265.—"Flesh meats, butter, and cheese, rich pastry, spiced food, and condiments are freely partaken of by both old and young. The blood making organs cannot convert such things into good blood." (C. T. B. H., 47.)

266.—"Sweet cakes, sweet puddings, and custards will disorder the digestive organs; and why should we tempt those who

surround the table by placing such articles before them." (Y. I., May 21, 1894.)

267.—"Do not dishonor God by making sweet cakes of any description." (To Bro. & Sister Wilson, N. S. W., Nov. 11, 1898.)

268.—"Salaratus in any form should not be introduced into the stomach, for the effect is fearful. It eats the coating of the stomach, causes inflammation, and frequently poisons the entire system." (Vol. 2, 537.)

269.—"The use of soda or baking-powder in bread is harmful and unnecessary. Soda causes inflammation of the stomach, and often poisons the entire system. . . . In making of raised or yeast bread, milk should not be used in place of water. . . . Bread should be light and sweet. Not the least taint of sourness should be tolerated. The loaves should be small, and so thoroughly baked that, so far as possible, the yeast germs shall be destroyed. When hot or new, raised bread of any kind is difficult of digestion. it should never appear on the table. . . . Far too much sugar is ordinarily used in food. Cakes, sweet puddings, pastries, jellies, jams, are active causes of indigestion. Especially harmful are the custards and puddings in which milk, eggs and sugar are the chief ingredients. The free use of milk and sugar taken together should be avoided. . . . Cheese is still more objectionable; it is wholly unfit for food. . . . Mustard, pepper, spices, pickles, and other things of like character, irritate the stomach and make the blood feverish and impure." (M. H., 300-325.)

270.—"It would be much better to discard the sweet puddings, jams, and marmalades, which cause fermentation in the stomach. When these are banished from our tables, when we have sweeter stomachs, we shall have sweeter tempers, and be better able to live a Christian life." (S. T., Sept. 30, 1897.)

271.—"Over ripe fruit or wilted vegetables ought not to be used. Vegetables and fruit should not be eaten at the same meal. At one meal use bread and fruit, at the next use bread and vegetables." (S. T., September 30, 1897.)

272.—"Food should not be washed down; no drink is needed with meals." (R. & H., No. 31, 1884.)

273.—"The only safe course is to touch not, taste not, handle

not tea, coffee, wines, tobacco, opium and alcoholic drinks." (Vol. 3, 488.)

Q.—Now here is another thing which the people are doing, gone to eating yeast cakes, to get vitamins, which we are told in quotation 269, there should not be any yeast enter the stomach. Now they can get plenty of vitamins in Kellogg's Pep or Zo, and all of it good food, and no poisons in it like yeast. Another thing they are eating is table salt, all of it mixed with soda or bicarbonate of soda, which is a positive sin to eat as we have found in past quotations. Another thing they most all eat is ice-cream. Now see the quotation taken from Review 1920, quoted from a D. C. paper, "Much of the so called ice-cream on the market is only a mixture of a little milk, corn starch tapioca, and binders' glue." Ice-cream analyzed by the bureau was found to contain metallic poison, including lead, copper, and arsenic.

Q.—Now we can see in the next quotation, why the ministers are not fit to preach or give counsel in their meetings.

274.—"What a pity it is that often, when the greatest self-denial should be exercised, the stomach is crowded with a mass of unhealthful food, which lies there to decompose. The affliction of the stomach afflicts the brain. The imprudent eater does not realize that he is disqualifying himself for giving wise counsel, disqualifying himself for laying plans for the best advancement of the work of God. But this is so. He cannot discern spiritual things and in counsel meetings, when he should say yea, he says nay. He makes propositions that are wide of the mark, because the food he has eaten has benumbed his brain power." (R. & H., May 27, 1902.)

Q.—Here is another way Adventists are sinning, by buying things sold in the market that has grease in.

275.—"Some think nothing of using the fat of animals in the preparation of their food, and carelessly eat food that has the fat of animals in it, while God's command emphatically forbids them doing so." (Lev. 7: 23. Vol. 2, 61.)

276.—"There is need now of men like Daniel, men who have the self-denial and the courage to be radical temperance reformers. Let every Christian see that his example and his influence



are on the side of reform." (S. of T., Dec. 6, 1910.)

277.—"Even in this life it is not for our good to depart from the will of our Father in Heaven. When we learn the power of His Word, we shall not follow the suggestions of Satan in order to obtain food or to save our lives. Our only question will be, what is God's command, and what His promise, knowing these, we shall obey the one, and trust the other." (D. A., 121.)

Q.—Now here is another thing which the leaders indorse is contrary to the teachings of the Lord to them.

278.—"Teachers were to educate in spiritual things, to prepare a people to stand in the trying crisis before us; but there has been a departure from God's plan in many ways. The amusements are doing more to counteract the workings of the Holy Spirit than anything else, and the Lord is grieved. . . . In plunging into amusements, match games, pugilistic performances, they declare to the world, that Christ was not their Leader in any of these things." (S. T. E., 181-218.)

279.—"Healthy young men and women have no need of cricket, ball-playing, or any kind of amusement just for the gratification of self, to pass away the time." (Series B, No. 1, 29.)

280.—"Their sports and games open the door to a flood of temptations." (Special to Ministers, 235.)

281.—"Casting all your care upon him; for He careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant, (not in kicking football, and educating yourself in the objectionable games, which ought to make every Christian blush with mortification at the after thoughts), because your adversary, the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.' Yes, he is on your playgrounds watching your amusements, catching every soul that he finds off his guard, sowing his seed in human minds, and controlling the human intellect." (Inst. to Min., 180.)

282.—"Parties of pleasure have been a disgrace to our institutions and the Church. They encourage pride of dress, pride of appearance, self-gratification, hilarity, and trifling. Satan is entertained as an honored guest, and he takes possession of those who patronize these gatherings. A view of one of such

company was presented to me, where were assembled those who professed to believe the truth. One was seated at an instrument of music, and such songs were poured forth as made the watching angels weep. There was mirth, there was coarse laughter, there was an abundance of enthusiasm, and a kind of inspiration; but the joy was such as Satan is only able to create. There is an enthusiasm and infatuation of which all who love God will be ashamed. It prepares the participants for unholy thoughts and actions." (Special Test. Mini., 225-6.)

283.—"The low, common pleasure parties, gathering for eating and drinking, singing, and playing on instruments of music, are inspired by a spirit that is from beneath. They are an oblation unto Satan. The exhibitions in the bicycle craze are an offense to God. His wrath is kindled against those who do these things. For in these gratifications the mind becomes besotted, even as in liquor drinking. The door is opened to vulgar associations. The thoughts, allowed to run in low channels soon pervert all the powers of the being. Like Israel of old, the pleasure-lovers eat and drink, and rise up to play. There is mirth and carousing, hilarity and glee. In all this, the youth follow the example of the authors of the books that are placed in their hands for study. The greatest evil of it all is, the permanent effect these things have upon the character. . . . 'Past history will be repeated. Men will reject the Holy Spirit' working and open the door of the mind to Satanic attributes that separate them from God. They will turn against the very messengers through whom God sends the message of warning. Even now I fear, that the very things I am seeking to make plain will be misapplied, misinterpreted and falsified. Some have felt it a virtue to educate themselves in this line, and by their misapplication they make of no effect the message God sends." (Instruct. to Ministers, 217-219.)

284.—"Evil results have been seen, both in the Sabbath-School work, and in the Missionary Society, because of making much of machinery while vital experience was lost sight of. In many of the imagined improvements that have been brought in, the mold of man has been placed upon the work. . . . The same

evil has existed for years as now exists in our churches. Formality, pride, and love of display has taken the place of true piety and humble godliness. . . . But it is not for the workers to seek for methods by which they can make a show, consuming time in theatrical performances and musical display, for this benefits no one. It does no good to train the children to make speeches for special occasions. They should be won to Christ, and instead of expending time, money, and efforts to make a display, let the whole efforts be made to gather sheaves for the harvest. . . ." (Christian Education, 1893.)

Q.—So we have found by tracing the history of the Church down since the rise, that she is still in the Laodicean state, and by quotation 10, she has made it impossible for God to carry out His promises, for them; to carry out the messages that the Lord gave them, and that they would not accept His corrections. Now let us see what the Lord will do now.

285.—"A vast reformation would be wrought in the world if the veil of the future could be lifted, and all could see that very soon there is to be a change in the attitude of God, in His dealings with the perversity of man; that there are limits to divine mercy and forbearance. There are those who, by their impenitence under the beams of light that have shone upon them, are very near the line where the forbearance of God is exhausted. In mind and heart they are saying, 'The Lord delayeth His coming,' and they are eating and drinking with the drunken. But God declares of such, that 'Sudden destruction cometh upon them,' 'And they shall not escape.'" (R. & H., 17, 1922. Reprint from R. & H., Dec. 1897.)

Q.—Will we be saved because we belong to the Seventh-day Adventist church, and has a denominational name any weight with God?

286.—"We will not be saved as a sect, no denominational name has any virtue to bring us into favor with God." (R. & H., Feb. 10, 1891.)

287.—"We are saved as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. We may have our names recorded in the most spiritual of churches, and yet not belong to Christ, our names may not be written in the Lamb's book of life." (Id.)

Q.—Then if, as we have found that the church has gone over to the world, and has been rejected, where shall we pay our tithes and offerings, let God answer.

288.—“The Lord has made us individually His stewards. We each hold a solemn responsibility to invest our means ourselves. God does not lay upon you the burden of asking the Conference, or any counsel of men, whether you shall use your means as you see fit to advance the work of God in destitute towns, and cities, and impoverished localities.” (Special to Battle Creek Church, Pa. 41-42.)

Q.—Here is another way the Lord will separate the two parties, that were ones united.

289.—“Truth is mighty and will prevail . . . those who love and support the word of God will more and more decidedly range themselves on the Lord’s side, and brethren will stand heart to heart in defense of the truth. Those who support error will more and more decidedly gather themselves against the holy and pure principles revealed in the word of God.” (R. & H., June 24, 1890, reprint, January 20, 1921.)

290.—“Why has the Lord so long delayed His coming? The whole host of heaven is waiting to fulfill the last work for this lost world. It is because the few, who profess to have the oil of grace in their vessels with their lamps, have not become burning and shining lights in the world.” (R. & H., March 27, 1894.)

291.—“Had the purposes of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God.” (Vol. 6, 450.)

292.—“Let me tell you that the Lord will work in the last work, in a manner much out of the common order of things, and in a way contrary to any human planning. There will be those among us who will always want to control the work of God. To dictate, even what movement shall be made when the work goes forward, under the direction of the angel, who joins the third angel in the message to be given to the world. God will use ways and means by which it will be seen, that He has taken the reins in His own hands.” (Special Testimonies, No. 3 to 10; 59-60.)

293.—“God will manifest that He is not dependent on learned, self-important mortals.” (To B. C. Church, June 20, 1882.)

294.—“God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern; angels will do a work which man might have had the blessing of accomplishing, had they not neglected the claims of God.” (R. & H., Dec. 15, 1885.)

Q.—See what the Bible says on this very point, referring to the last days.

295.—“For He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.” (Romans 9: 28.)

296.—“On the sick bed, Christ is often accepted and confessed; and this will be done oftener in the future than it has been done in the past; for a quick work will the Lord do in our world.” (Vol. 6:233.)

Q.—When the Lord takes the work in His own hands, then these Scriptures will be fulfilled.

297.—“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put My laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord; for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest.’” (Hebrews 8:10-11.)

298.—“But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you; but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him.” (1 John 2:27.)

Q.—The above Scriptures and Testimonies teach, that when the remnant is all converted, and truly trusting in God, and has come out, and separated from all connection with any church, then the Lord will fulfill these promises.

299.—“When the principles of love are implanted in the heart, when man is renewed after the image of Him that created him, the new covenant promise is fulfilled. ‘I will put my laws in their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.’ . . . Christ’s

character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God just as if you had not sinned." (Steps to Christ 60-62.)

Q.—Then when the Lord takes angels to finish the work, what does He tell us to do, and will we know when it is finished, and will any one know when probation closes?

300.—"We must draw near to God, for we cannot lean upon men or the crowd. We must know the Lord deeply as never before. O to be more like Jesus! . . . The work is to suddenly close when we least expect it." (Atl. Gleaner, May 12, 1913.)

301.—"The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world, but before our own churches also, that the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly. The fearful warnings of the prophecy is addressed to every soul. Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised. Let no one's interpretation of prophecy rob you of the conviction of the knowledge of the events, which show that this great event is near at hand." (Melbourne, February, 1894.)

302.—"Zephaniah 1:14-18. When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an Intercessor." (G. C., 614.)

303.—"As Jesus moved out of the most holy place, I heard the tinkling of the bells upon His garments; and as He left, a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth." (E. W., 140-141, 280.)

304.—"A darkness will cover the inhabitants of the earth when Jesus moves out of the heavenly sanctuary. such as enveloped the earth at the time of the crucifixion; this will be evidence to those who have known the truth that probation hours are past, and the eternal destiny of every soul is sealed beyond recall." (R. & H., 1884.)

305.—"Mark 13:35, 36, 37. When Jesus ceases to plead for man, the cases of all are forever decided. This is the time of reckoning with His servants. To those who have neglected the preparation of purity and holiness, which fits them to be waiting ones to welcome their Lord, the sun sets in gloom and darkness, and rises not again. Probation closes; Christ's intercession



ceases in heaven. This time finally comes suddenly upon all, and those who have neglected to purify their souls by obeying the truth, are found sleeping." (Vol. 2, 191.)

Q.—Now see another solemn statement about the judgment of the living.

306.—"The coming of Christ will be as it were at midnight, when all are sleeping, it will be well for every one to have his accounts all straightened up before sunset. All his works should be right, all his dealings just, between himself and fellow-man. All dishonesty, all sinful practices should be put away. The oil of grace should be in our vessels with our lamps . . . there will be some who at that late day who will have the appearance of being Christians, but their identity with Christ is only a deception. Sad indeed will be the condition of the soul who has the form of godliness, but who has denied the power thereof; who has called Christ, Lord, Lord, and yet who has not His image and His superscription. The foolish virgins flattered themselves that they would have mercy, that they would obtain entrance into the marriage feast; but the Master answered their plea with a stern refusal, saying, 'I know you not,' and the door was shut." (R. & H., March 27, 1894.)

307.—"Those who would be saints in heaven, must first be saints on earth; for when we leave this earth we shall take our characters with us, and this will be simply taking with some of the elements of heaven imparted to us through the righteousness of Christ." (R. & H., August 18, 1890.)

## THE CHURCH'S DESOLATION

- 1—Well may the servants mourn my God,  
The church's desolation;  
The state of Zion calls aloud,  
For grief and lamentation.
- 2—Once she was all alive to Thee  
And thousands were converted;  
But now a sad reverse we see,  
Her glory has departed.
- 3—Her pastors love to live at ease,  
They covet wealth and honor, and  
While they seek such things as these,  
They bring reproach upon her.
- 4—Such worthless objects they pursue  
Warmly and undiverted, the  
Church they lead and ruin to,  
Her glory is departed.
- 5—Her private members walk no more  
As Jesus Christ has taught them;  
Riches and fashions they adore,  
With these the world has bought them.
- 6—The Christian name they still retain,  
Absurdly and false-hearted,  
And while they in the church remain,  
Her glory has departed.
- 7—Some few like good Elijah stand,  
While thousands have revolted;  
In earnest for the heavenly land,  
They never yet have halted.
- 8—With such religion doth remain,  
For they are not perverted,  
O, may they all through them regain,  
The glory that's departed.