Dear Bro. Corliss,

I received your letter this morning and was glad to hear from you. I am pressed with much writing yet feel inclined to drop you a word. We are in the midst of our campmeeting. The Lord has strengthened me to bear a straight forward powerful testimony which has impressed the people. This people have had but few religious privileges and they have had but little preaching. It was a feast to hear their testimonies this morning. They had something to say. Intelligent words of experience came from many that showed the Lord was working upon their hearts. Our work is to talk much upon practical godliness. The great danger with our people who have had great light is to not prize their privileges and opportunities and as blessings from God of the highest value. The disciples did not appreciate this high privilege of having Jesus in their midst until his blessing was removed from them. Jesus then was missed. They did not know what he was to them until too late. Just so with us all, we do not know or appreciate the sacred gift of God in the light the opportunities he grants us. If the testimonies of his spirit were prized as the voice of God to men in warnings in councils in reproof our people would not be as cold and lukewarm as they are to day. It is the growing of unbelief in the testimonies of the spirit of God which leaves the people in darkness. Let us consider this matter. Is this the voice of God? Has he signified his will? Has he warned of danger? Has he presented before his people what they must do and what they must be in order to be saved? But the people pay no heed some who profess to be leaders explaining the scriptures to...
are indifferent to the word of God through clay. What if they treat them with disrespect how much easier will this unbelief and this disrespect be accepted than expressed faith and why because the natural heart is in accordance with this unbelief It pleases the carnal heart to be undisturbed in their errors and sins, and if they can find the least excuse to通过demit the value of these testimonies they feel easier in their selfish indulgence. O how easy for a little leaven of unbelief to leaven the lump. But supposing these testimonies are indeed the voice of God to the people. Then how can we regard the work and influence of these who will not acknowledge the voice of God in the testimonies borne, but who have braced their hearts against them, whose voice is never heard among the people urging them to give attention to the light from the throne of God. How will their work stand in the judgment? how many have these ministers drawn with them to pay no heed to the voice of God. Why his work is of that character that it would have been better for the people of God in the end if their voice had never been heard as a watchman on the walls of Zion. He placed greater confidence in his own finite judgment than in the words that God sends. The time will come that the people will see this in its true bearing but it will be too late to undoe the past. They charge upon these ministers the loss of their souls. And these ministers are among us today. These men are exalting their own ideas and plans above the plans light God has given them. These men allow self to come in between them and the people and to shut out heaven's rays of light given to the people. Where there is no vision the people perish. How easy for the people to look to their minister rather than to go to God for themselves and serve him conscientiously knowing what is of God for themselves. One hint of disrespect in regard to the light given in testimony will go further with minds unenlightened by the special grace of God than fifty sermons to prove their validity. Those who sow unbelief will reap the harvest they have sown the seed will spring up and bear fruit a harvest of unbelief. He may have his faith confirmed and then wish to gather up the seeds he has sown of unbelief and infidelity but can he gather it up? no indeed. He might work with all his might from day to day but he cannot gather up the seeds of doubt of questioning he has sown. Some of our ministers choose to disbelieve because they have most earnest work to do to correct the faults in their characters and to purify their lives. It is a big job. If they can only quiet their consciences that the testimonies are not from God they feel at ease to go on in their wrongs. I tell you the licentiousness of the people in the testimonies of the spirit of God and we shall see a demoralized state of things that we do not dream could exist.
But few realize what a blessing God has bestowed upon them in purifying the church. Those who are living in daily communion with Christ will learn to place his estimate upon men to reverence the pure and the good without regard to wealth or station. They will not hesitate to condemn sin despite the false honors with which they may be crowned. We are living in the last days dangers are thickening around us. It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinions. There are prejudices and wrongs in society which no Christian can sanction or countenance. But those who profess present truth are not all what they profess. They are ministers who are blind leaders of the blind. They are constantly seeking to meet the demands of the world you must say they conform to certain fashionable usages. Come out from among them and be ye separate sayth the Lord. Touch not the unclean, and I will receive you. Our ministers are being deceived they are not all representatives of Christ. They are so chilled with their own backslidings to be changed by worldly maxims that self is most prominent. Conscience is an inconvenient affair and they break over its admonitions. Bro Corliss I entreat of you to walk humbly be willing to be servant of all. Become patient meek pure and simple as a child put away everything like pomposity and self exaltation. Oh this ambition is corrupting our ministers. Christ is lost sight of self is magnified. As a people the knowledge of our true condition is hid from us because we close our eyes and ears to the truth. We see but perceive not we do not understand we rest as satisfied and unconcerned as though the cloud by day and the pillar of cloud by night rested upon the sanctuary. We profess to know
but in works deny him. We reckon ourselves as his own peculiar people and yet his presence and his power to save to the utmost are seldom manifest among us.

How great is our darkness and we knew it not. The light shines in the word of God and in the testimonies but we do not comprehend it. Our works do not correspond with our faith. Our doings are directly adverse to the principles of truth and righteousness.

The church is not separate from the world but many practice her abominations and yet sit in heavenly places and content for and have pleasure in unrighteousness pride covetousness love of the world also can live in her midst without fear of banishment or condemnation. There are sins of a grievous character existing in our midst but we are not alarmed or convicted. The general cry is the church is flourishing peace and spiritual prosperity is in her borders She is not afflicted and astonished because her character and influence is what it is.

I see enough to humble my soul daily before God and to seek to cling more closely than ever to my simplicity. That none of the deception delusions of these last days shall corrupt my testimony. May the Lord make my character to reflect the character of Christ and may I be enabled to stand against the incensing tide of unbelief and more darkness. Our delusion is strong indeed when we mistake the form of godliness for the spirit and power there off. Where are the ministers who in trumpet times are warning the people to flee from the wrath to come who are showing my people their transgressions and the house of Israel their sins where is the deep heart searching where is the heart brokenness before God where do we hear the warnings The reprofs of sin the deep earnest exhortation to purity and holiness where do we hear the agonizing cries before God the wrestling prayer This is to old fashioned to come in our midst there are few genuine conversions few deep religious experiences. May the Lord let the plowshare of truth break up the fallow ground of our hearts and lead us that we may fall upon the rock and be broken lest it fall upon us and grind us to powder. Love to your wife and little ones.

E G White.