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PORTION OF ELDER JONES' SERMON IN THE BATTLE CREEK
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Some say, "Well now, here is this testimony about the college that is being carried on now, and that young people should not be brought here, and Battle Creek not made a great educational center" and so on. They say, "What do you say to that?" I say Amen to everything that it says there, and I will read two or three passages of it so you may know what I mean by saying Amen to it. "There is need that the managers of the Sanitarium, realizing the difficulties and dangers of the situation, shall bring into the institution men and women of mature years who have a good Christian experience and will make an earnest, faithful effort to be a help to the youth and a blessing to all in the institution." I say Amen to that. We are trying our best to do it. We would like to have all the help you can give us. "Many youth should not be drawn to Battle Creek." Amen. "Let no plans be laid for enlarging the work at Battle Creek. But the question remains, what shall be done for those who are there?" "Let faithful pastors and teachers work zealously to save the souls of both helpers and patients." There is another one here where it speaks about inexperienced youth, etc., should not come, and by the way, I can cover that ground the quickest by reading what the catalogue says. (I have not the catalogue and did not take what he read.) Only persons of mature years, just as this says, and steady purpose are desired for this school, and they are not desired for the school, they are desired for the Sanitarium, and when they are in the Sanitarium, we expect them to study

something, that is all. Well, I will read further here. "Boys and girls who need the benefit of parental restraint and watchcare will not be admitted. It is the special purpose of this school to offer educational advantages to those. ...in labor." Now the whole thought and whole sentiment from the beginning, and it is recorded in the original minutes of the first meeting that ever had anything to do with the school as it is now, was that the people (it is a Sanitarium school) the people in the Sanitarium are expected to go to school. I do not care if they are sixty years old, they are expected to go to school, because there is something they can learn, in the electricity department, in the carpentry department, in the blacksmith shop, all these departments. Considerable ^{been} has made, --about forty courses. One is a course in the tin shop, another a course in the blacksmith shop, another is a course in the electricity department, another is a course in the engineering department, and another is a course in the plumbing department. There are twenty miles of steam-pipe in the sanitarium, and that takes plumbing. Any man can learn plumbing, and by going there to work, there are lots of people ~~sixty~~ old who can do well to learn the plumber's trade. We do not want the youth here, we do not want any of that kind here, but we must have workers in the Sanitarium, because the Sanitarium is told it must stand, and we are to help it, and as certainly as it stands and is to be helped, somebody had got to be there and carry on the work. Why not take some kind of study? Reading so they can read intelligently, writing a good hand, studying arithmetic and bring himself up, because I have told the helpers there over and over that no difference how well a man knows his trade,

the more intelligent he becomes in literary lines, the better workman he is at his trade, and better work he can do. It is an awful thing for a Seventh-day Adventist to just go to the shop and then go home, and go to the shop and then go home, and make no improvement in his mind. That will never do. That is surely unbecoming the Sanitarium. All that it ever was intended to be or that it is now intended to be is that whoever works in the Sanitarium is expected to take some study, and the school must give it to him. Now the instruction is for our people to keep their children away. Do so, thank the Lord. We will help to keep them away, but do help to get steady, steadfast people who have character, and get them in there, no difference whether they know any trade or not, no difference whether they know their A B C's or not. We do not care for that, they can learn them. We want to teach them that, but in addition to that, if there were no Seventh-day Adventists here at all. . .

The other day I went into the bathroom to pray with the boys before they began their work in the morning, and I noticed a Bulgarian, a Roumanian, a Russian, a West Indian, a South American, a Mexican, and some others besides from foreign countries. I said to myself as I sat there giving those men the Bible lesson, I said, How could I have a larger missionary field than I have right here? In giving those young men a Bible lesson there I was preaching the third angel's message in Bulgaria, in Roumania, in Russia, in the West Indies, in South America, in Mexico, and other places, and I was doing it better than I could if I were in all those countries myself, for these Bulgarians can go to Bulgaria and teach the third angel's message, as they have accepted the truth since they came here. They can go into Bulgaria and preach the

third angel's message far better than I could if I were there a lifetime, so I count my missionary field in the Sanitarium the greatest missionary field that I ever found, and I am working in more countries than I ever did before in my life or I ever could in any other place on this earth, and I am not going to run away from it. I am not going to throw the missionary enterprise overboard. I am going to stand there and face the people and go,-- by the way, this says young people, and I do not believe that the phrase "young people" covers people with gray hairs, but I have seen that testimony used over and over by people who made that phrase, "young people" cover every age up to gray hairs, and people have been persuaded, have been argued with, have been tried to be kept away from coming to the Sanitarium to help or to the medical Missionary College, who had gray hairs, because this said young people should not come to Battle Creek. I have no sympathy with any such use of the Testimonies,--that makes the phrase "young people" cover all ages up to gray hairs. I believe young people means young people, and with the specifications that are given, every item of it we can say Amen to right straight through, and will cooperate with day and night.

I will not detain you any longer. Let us arise and be dismissed.