

*Verbatim Statements made by H. J. in
the Tabernacle.*

CONNECTION WITH SANITARIUM.

Self

A year ago last October I came to the sanitarium to help the people there. I was told that it was an exceedingly bad, apostate place and system. I was in California at the time. To the one who told me, I said, "Why do you not go there then and teach them the truth?" By the way, that is what Samuel said. Why, let me read it. I read only a phrase of the text; now let me read the next word. "As for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way." I said to the one who told me that the situation was such a bad, wicked, apostate whatsoever-you-might-call-it, "Why don't you go there and teach the truth?" I said, "Error can not stand before the truth. The truth of the third angel's message has met and conquered every kind of error in the world. Why not go there and teach the truth and help them to better things?" No one went. Alone in California, praying to God, thinking only what was the right thing to do, I learned that the thing for me to do was to go to the sanitarium and teach them the truth as it is in the Bible, as it is in the third angel's message.

once--those in the highest responsibilities more than once--I am not going there as a partisan of Doctor Kellogg nor as an opposer of the General Conference nor the General Conference brethren. I am told that things are in a bad condition; there is no one there to help. Brother Tenney had not come then, Brother Hibbard had been gone for nearly two years--only Brother McCoy for the whole family, patients and all. And I said I would go. And I did. I came for that reason, I came for that purpose, that is the reason why I am there yet, and that is the purpose why I stay there, and that alone. I am under no

kind of a bargain nor contract with the sanitarium nor anybody in it. I have no understanding with the sanitarium nor anybody in it. Just as free to go tonight or tomorrow as I was to come. But so long as the sanitarium is as bad off and the people there as bad as the testimonies say they are, so long I am going to stand there in the fear of God and under God, and try to help them. I know and a good many of you know that in the two years since I came here in November, in those two years I do not know how many kinds of suspicions, evil things have been said about me, about my apostasy, about my giving up the testimonies, and a whole lot of other things. I do not know how many things have been said, and I do not care. I know why I went there when I went, I know why I am there now, and why I am going to stay. And I say again: as long as that place and the people there are as bad as the testimonies say they are, and even as bad as the people say they are, there I stay to help those bad people; for this is the only Bible that I have. The only Bible that I have is the Bible that leads that way, the only God that I know is the God that sorrows over bad people, the only Saviour that I have is the Saviour that came to save bad people. And as long as I have that God and that Saviour and this Bible, I know I am perfectly safe when I stand even in the very midst and amongst bad people trying by every possible means to teach ~~the~~ good and the right way and to lead the m out into the light and better things that God has for them. People may say what they please, they may print what they please, they may publish what they please, they may do what they please, they can not stampede me from that position. It is the Christian position, and I am not uttering this in any tone or spirit of defiance at all; I am simple telling in the ~~fear~~ ^{fear} of God why I am

there, and why I stay. And I will say a little more. If every Seventh-day Adventist helper should leave there and go away, so much the more will I be needed there, because the people who would come in who were not Seventh-day Adventists would of course be worse than those good ones who went away. So much the more would I be needed there to help them to be good.

Now let me say again: I am not bound to the sanitarium. I may go some of these days, but I am not going until my work is done and until God gives me to go as plainly as he gave me to come. The day may come that I will go, but when that day shall come and I go, it will not be then and it never shall be that I will go to turn upon it, make war against it, and spread every kind of evil report about it. Maybe the day will come when I shall go. It will be because the work of God calls me to some other place; and I may tell you just now in confidence, letters have come from several brethren, telling me, specially on this federation of churches idea and the need of religious liberty work being done in the country. Several leading brethren have written me, "O Brother Jones, if you will just separate from the sanitarium and from all sanitarium influence so that the brethren will know that you are clear of all that, and you will take the field on religious liberty, then the brethren will receive you on open arms and you will be engaged in that wide work that God made you an apostle of so many years ago--religious liberty." I said to them and I will say to you, liberty on conditions is not liberty. And for me to go on any such proposition as that to preach religious liberty! I do not say that I will never go to do that, but I do say that when I go to do that I will go as the everlasting friend of the sanitarium, of everybody in it, and of the principles

for which it stands, and I will be its friend wherever I go and speak in its behalf to the honor of God wherever I have a chance to speak. I am not saying this in any spirit of defiance at all; I am simply letting you know where I stand and why I stand there. I have no opposition at all to make to anything that is going on. I have no opposition at all to make to anything that is being done. I would not do it. I would rather be sunk ten thousand fathoms deep than to do it. But I shall not say that anybody else shall not do it. They have their responsibilities before God, and they have a God to serve as well as I. I am not opposing anything that anybody does. I am doing my best to serve the Lord as he gives me the light and the way to serve him and to do the work which I came to the sanitarium to do. I think perhaps you understand that.