



TimeWatch - For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

THE LEARNING FORUM: The Work in New York

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New York--A Symbol of Work in the World.-- Those who bear the burden of the work in Greater New York should have the help of the best workers that can be secured. Here let a center for God's work be made, and let all that is done be a symbol of the work the Lord desires to see done in the world. . . . {*Ev 384.2*}

Results to Follow Proper Effort.--God wants the work to go forward in New York. There ought to be thousands of Sabbath keepers in that place, and there would be if the work were carried on as it should be. But prejudices spring up. Men want the work to go in their lines, and they refuse to accept broader plans from others. Thus opportunities are lost. In New York there should be several small companies established, and workers should be sent out. It does not follow that because a man is not ordained as a preacher he cannot work for God. Let such ones as these be taught how to work, then let them go out to labor. On returning, let them tell what they have done. Let them praise the Lord for His blessing, and then go out again. Encourage them. A few words of encouragement will be an inspiration to them.--*Life Sketches, p. 385. (1915) {Ev 389.1}*

January 8, 1902 The Work in Greater New York. To the Brethren and Sisters in the churches of Greater New York, which are always to be united as one church in Christ Jesus: You have not received that education which it is the will of God that you should have. You have not been depending upon the Bread of Life which came down from heaven. Had you studied the word of God diligently, you would have been convinced that unity, and harmonious action are always to be preserved if one would advance in grace and the knowledge of the truth. Could your understanding have been with an eye single to the glory of God, your own selfish ideas would have been dispelled and your eyes would have been opened to the secrets of the great spiritual agencies in the church. Your drawing apart--one small church from another small church--has grieved the Holy Spirit of God. For years the plan of Heaven has not been met, and time has weakened the influence of the message. The commission to you who have come to a knowledge of the binding claims of the law of God, is that you are now to reach a higher standard than that which has hitherto been reached. {*AU Gleaner, January 8, 1902 par. 2*}

There should not be a call to have settled pastors over our churches, but let the life-giving power of the truth impress the individual members to act, leading them to labor interestedly to carry on efficient missionary work in each locality. As the hand of God, the church is to be educated and trained to do effective service. Its members are to be the Lord's devoted Christian workers. The church of today is too one-sided. *{AU Gleaner, January 8, 1902 par. 9}*

There are large interests in New York City; New York embraces a large field. It would be wise to have New York properly worked as a separate conference. It is a great missionary field. It will require a much larger outlay of means than is now anticipated. If New York is set off as a separate field, if it stands separate from the other territory and interests, we can make a specialty of this field, as a great missionary center, and more will be accomplished. Much confusion will also be avoided. *{AU Gleaner, January 8, 1902 par. 10}*

The great New York must stand in a different relation to the General Conference from the surrounding territory and neighboring interests, which are different, and which will have to be considered in a different light as far as missionary work is concerned. New York is a world of itself; and as such should have, in some respects, a different management from that of the surrounding localities. *{AU Gleaner, January 8, 1902 par. 13}*

The work in Greater New York is to be carried on in a way that will properly represent the sacredness and holiness of the truth of God. Vegetarian restaurants, treatment rooms and cooking schools, are to be established. The people are to be taught how to prepare wholesome food. They are to be shown the need of discarding tea, coffee and flesh-meat. *{PH038 6.3}*

Under the direction of God, the mission in New York City has been started. This work should be continued in the power of the same Spirit that led to its establishment. Those who bear the burden of the work in Greater New York should have the help of the best workers that can be secured. Here let a center for God's work be made, and let all that is done be a symbol of the work the Lord desires to see done in the world. *{PH038 11.3} {Testimony for the Church, Vol. 7, Pages 37, 38}*

If Elder Franke will humble his heart before God, he will be successful in giving the invitation given by Him, who, though the Majesty of heaven, humbled Himself to take the position of a servant. But Elder Franke must carry his work forward solidly, not in ways that are not after God's order. This is his danger. In the past, extravagance and display have attended his labors. These should be exchanged for right methods. He should work in Christ's lines, pointing souls to the Saviour. *{6MR 229.3}*

The work in Greater New York is to be done after Christ's order, **not after the order of a theatrical performer**. It is not a theatrical performance that glorifies God, but the presentation of truth in the love of Christ. *{6MR 229.3}*

No human being is to seek to bind other human beings to himself, as if he were to control them, telling them to do this, and forbidding them to do that, commanding, dictating, acting like an officer over a company of soldiers. This is the way that the priests and rulers did in Christ's day. But it is not the right way. After the truth has made an impression on hearts, and men and women

have accepted the truth, they are to be treated as the property of Christ, not as the property of man. Elder Franke must remember this. His words of forbidding and commanding are contrary to the example Christ has given. *{6MR 230.1}*

If those who accept the truth under Elder Franke's labors follow his example, refusing to hold fellowship with those who do not do just as they do, they will need a re-conversion. There must be no wrangling, no strife, among the people of God. There must be no binding up in separate parties. No minister is to say, I will have a church who will do my bidding, who will be ruled by my wisdom. *{6MR 230.2}*

Those who are truly converted will press together in Christian unity. There is to be no division in the church of God. No unwise authority is to be exercised over those who accept the truth. The meekness of Christ is to appear in all that is said and done. *{6MR 230.3}*

From the light given me, I know that when Elder Franke hides self in Christ, when he is converted daily, he will be a successful laborer for God. And God will bless him as long as he works in the meekness and lowliness of Christ.--*Letter 195, 1901, pp. 6-8. (To Brother and Sister Haskell, September 23, 1901) {6MR 230.4}*

I must tell you that it is God's purpose that you and Elder Franke shall labor together in the same field. The gifts that God has entrusted to each of you are needed. You are to follow your line of work, always looking to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith. Your gifts and the gifts of **Elder Franke**, varied as they are in a marked degree, will accomplish the work that the Lord desires to see done. *{6MR 231.1}*

The work in Greater New York needs Elder Franke's talents. If he allows himself to be controlled by the Holy Spirit, he will be given power to arouse the slumbering senses of worldlings. And it is the Lord's design that the work you and Sister Haskell shall do shall make Elder Franke's work more complete. He needs your counsel, and the mission needs your influence. *{6MR 231.2}*

It may seem to you that the contrast between your gifts and Elder Franke's gifts is too great to allow you to work together in harmonious action. No; for there are varied minds to be reached. And the Lord is your Helper. *{6MR 231.3}*

The Lord desires His chosen servants to learn how to blend together. A decided influence for good is to be brought to bear on the inhabitants of the world. However diverse the talents of His Workers, these workers are to labor in unity, all revealing kindness and love. By different gifts the truth is to be proclaimed, all the gifts controlled by the same Spirit.--*Letter 197, 1901, p. 1. (To Brother and Sister Haskell, September 29, 1901) 6MR 231.4}*

The gospel is not properly represented by the course Elder Franke has pursued. God does not want any such example given to his workers; for it is entirely contrary to Christ's example. If **Elder Franke** persists in following the course which he has followed in the past, he should not be sustained by the Conference. **The means which he has drawn from the people and used so**

extravagantly would support three workmen in the field who would work with economy.--
Letter 150, 1901, p. 1. (To Brother and Sister Haskell, October 2, 1901.) {6MR 232.1}

I am deeply moved as I see the moral apathy upon the world. I am much interested in New York. **There is abundant room for you both. Commence your labors in some other part of the city,** farther away than within a few blocks of where another hall has been hired for meetings, unless you can blend with Elder Haskell, although your talents are varied. *{6MR 232.3}*

You can reach a class that Elder Haskell cannot reach. And whether he can reach them or not, **there is a work that God has given him to do in the establishment of missions and the training of Bible workers to go into families and give scripture readings,**--a work that will prepare those who accept the truth to be in their turn light-bearers in the world, all striving to be one with Christ as he is one with the Father. *{6MR 232.4}*

(Elder Franke) Your teaching is of a character to bind the people to yourself, you dictating to them in a way for which no example is given in the word of God. There is, in consequence, difference, contention, and variance. A party spirit is shown that reveals that the work has been misshaped. *{6MR 233.1}*

However large may be a man's claim to knowledge and wisdom, unless he is under the teaching of the Holy Spirit he is exceedingly ignorant of spiritual things. He needs to realize his danger and his inefficiency, and to place entire dependence upon the One who alone is able to keep the souls committed to His trust, able to imbue them with His Spirit, and to fill them with unselfish love for one another, thus enabling them to bear witness that God has sent His Son into the world to save sinners. **Those who are truly converted will press together in Christian unity. Let there be no division in the church of God, no unwise authority exercised over those who accept the truth.** The meekness of Christ is to appear in all that is said and done. *{9T 146.3}*

The workers in the large cities must act their several parts, making every effort to bring about the best results. They are to talk faith and to act in such a way as to impress the people. **They are not to narrow the work down to their own particular ideas. In the past too much of this has been done by us as a people, and it has been a drawback to the success of the work.** Let us remember that **the Lord has different ways of working,** that **He has different workmen to whom He entrusts different gifts.** We are to see His purpose in the sending of certain men to certain places. *{9T 145.3}*

From the light that I have had, I know that New York City must be worked, and that now is the time for this work to be done. Elder Haskell has struggled to gain a foothold there; but where is the means to begin the sanitarium work and the hygienic restaurant work that should be established in many localities in that great city? We are glad to be able to say that already a restaurant has been opened in Brooklyn.--*Ms 133, 1902, p. 4. (General manuscript entitled "Fragments," October 30, 1902.) {4MR 275.2}*