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We are sure that all eyes in Davidia have been turned to Salem, S. C. since the announcement that the Session would be held here. With this thought in mind and our sincere desire to acquaint everyone with developments, we wish to share some of our blessings with you.

All have been informed of the decision to accept the generous offer made by the group here for headquarters. In many different ways it was made clear that Providential events and circumstances pointed to a change which indicated leaving Vista, California. The printing equipment was brought here several months ago, and repair work on the Rest Home was begun. Most of the office equipment and materials were brought from California by some who attended the Session. Some work still needs to be done before everything will be in readiness. But we are working toward producing as soon as possible, and will make added improvements as we go along.

Mother Nature's picturesque scenery in this lovely quiet place called Salem, with its inspiring mountains, beautiful trees, pure air, and spring water turns our thoughts to The Great Creator.

Our new home not only provides adequate space for the office and print shop but also living quarters. And in addition to all the natural beauty and necessary space, we have our own beautiful little church, with the organ, piano, and wall-to-wall carpeting provided by the group here. The pulpit, chairs, and seats are the ones which were used in the old Mount Carmel Chapel during the years Brother Houteff was giving the "Elijah Message". The hearts of the brethren were made glad as they viewed these simple furnishings and remembered the bygone days. We were all encouraged to learn that Brother Nations, who pastored the flock here since the inception of the Shepherd's Rod Message, had been told by Brother Houteff, that Mount Carmel would one day move to Salem.

We need the prayers of all that we may so proceed and conduct ourselves and the work that God can use us more fully in hastening the coming of the Kingdom.

P God's tender mercies were extended to our visiting members, blessing them with a safe trip in time to secure some rest before our first meeting Friday evening. Our faithful Vice President, Brother H. G. Warden, who is now retired from the heavy duties of the work, spoke to us on this occasion.

P Basing his study on Zechariah 8, Brother Warden admonished all to "let your hands be strong," the same admonition Moses gave to Joshua in Deuteromy 31: "Be strong and of a good courage,...for the Lord thy God,...He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Nevertheless, he warned that according to 1TG 28:14, 15 we may expect this prophecy to be fulfilled among us, that: "the people to whom these prophecies have been unfolded as having an enemy that bears the feminine designation 'she'. This 'she' questions and doubts God's presence among His people, who mocks them for their faith."

P In spite of all the obstacles which the enemy may present we should seek the kingdom and God's righteousness with our whole hearts. This brings the only perfect peace. "The reason given for such perfect peace is that the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Knowledge, then, is what we need,...

"Just as soon as God's people obtain this knowledge of the Lord, just that soon shall the kingdom appear. So it is that while learning of God and His wisdom, we are at the same time bringing peace on earth...How essential, then, that we study for ourselves;...that we know what is Truth through our own personal experience, not through the experience of others!"—1TG 31:4,5.

P Further, Brother Warden read: "The type also perfectly demonstrates that since God has now risen from His holy habitation, and has taken the reins in His Own hands, revival and reformation is sure to triumph..."—1TG 10:27.

P "Until now, we have been merely trifling with the Lord's adversaries but now we must get down to business regardless who hears it."—1TG 27:4.

P "...Therefore, 'let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words' of the Lord."—1TG 16:31.

P The Need of the Holy Spirit was the subject which Sister C. T. Smith discussed. In connection with this she referred to a statement on page 79 of Shepherd's Rod, Vol. II: "It is only by an experience of his own, based upon evidences of truth, received into the heart, that can renew the mind, and regenerate the soul, so that he can walk in newness of life. It is utterly impossible to enter the kingdom of Christ without a personal touch of divine glory..."

P Reviewing the revival of Life Sketches, page 425, and commenting on it from 1TG 10:17 she continued: "Here is a forecast of a great movement, a movement that is to carry on a work of successful revival in many places...this envisioned work of revival is to be carried by a Divinely organized movement, not by the Denomination though, and not by a man here and a man there. The movement is God-created, not devised by men."

P Continuing, she read: "Clear it must be to every open-eyed Truth seeker that the revival which Life Sketches predicts and pictures is this laymen's movement, for aside from this movement that is now on foot, slowly but steadily sweeping away the rubbish throughout the Adventist world, we have never as yet in the existence of the author's writings in Life Sketches seen another such an organized movement carrying such a revival as this."—1TG 10:18.

"In conclusion", let us remember, "That a work and movement similar to those of Zechariah's day is successfully to bring revival and reformation among God's people of today, that those who expect the promised blessings must whole-heartedly enter into it..."—1TG 10:27.

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P After the song "How Great Thou Art" by Brethren Howard Luce and Sidney Smith, Brother Reichmann added: "Yes, How Great Thou Art! Twenty years ago I didn't even know the Lord. Today I am privileged to stand before a congregation of God's people. Miracles never cease, brethren, never!"

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Ⓐ Beginning on page 132 of Vol. 5 of the Testimonies, Brother Reichmann read from the chapter "Laborers For God."

After reading that we "have little time left in which to labor....and how carefully ought every moment be employed", our attention was directed to these solemn words on page 136 and 137: "...When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsakes us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few—this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason. The nation will be on the side of the great rebel leader.

"The test will surely come...."

Ⓐ "Now is the time when we should closely connect with God, that we may be hid when the fierceness of His wrath is poured upon the sons of men. We have wandered away from the old landmarks. Let us return...."

Ⓐ Turning to the chapter entitled "Brotherly Love", p. 167, Brother Reichmann read some of God's requirements.

"God requires more of His followers than many realize.... He requires nothing of us that He will not give us grace to perform. We shall have no excuse to offer in the day of God if we fail to reach the standard set before us in His word."  
—p. 171.

Ⓐ In conclusion par. 1, p. 505 of "Gospel Workers" was read.

"What the church needs in these days of peril is an army of workers who, like Paul, have educated themselves for usefulness, who have a deep experience in the things of God, and who are filled with earnestness and zeal. Sanctified, self-sacrificing men are needed—men who will not shun trial and responsibility; men who are brave and true; men in whose hearts Christ is formed 'the hope of glory,' and who, with lips touched with holy fire, will 'preach the word.' For want of such workers the cause of God languishes, and fatal errors, like deadly poison, taint the morals and blight the hopes of a large part of the human race."

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"WHAT WE MAY BE IF WE WORK WITH GOD AND LET HIM WORK WITH US" found in Symbolic Code, Vol. 12, No. 3, was Brother Sump Smith's subject. Commenting on this he said, Brother Houteff brought this sermon in March 18, 1939. At this time our attention was called to this verse of Scripture: "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." Isa. 62:1

Ⓐ Due to the great need of God's people, "it will take much speaking and effort on Gods part before righteousness and salvation will go forth out of Zion and Jerusalem." (12SC 3:3). And we, as a people, must be willing and work with God and each let Him work this in his own life. Are we going to arouse and meet this obligation? or are we going to just fold up and fail to respond? Who are we going to work with? God has not asked us to take the work in our own hands; He wants us to be willing and let Him work in us and for us.

Ⓐ The apostle exhorts the brethren, saying, 'Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand...in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.' "

This is the only way we are going to stand. God tolerates no half-hearted work. †

"...Oh what a day is before us! What sifting will there be among those who claim to be the children of God! The unjust will be found among the just. Those who have great light and who have not walked in it will have darkness corresponding to the light they have despised...."

Don't we claim to be the children of God? We claim to have God's truth, but what sifting there is going to be among us! We know that the "wheat and tares will grow together until the harvest."

"...We have need to heed the lesson contained in the words of Paul, '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'..."

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In verse 17 we have another angel mentioned, the **fifth**, also having a sharp sickle for reaping. Page 39 tells us to whom this angel refers.

"For the second reaping, however, He uses His guileless 'servants', the 'firstfruits', the 144,000, as prefigured by the angel with the sharp sickle (Rev. 14:17, 18)..." This angel does not represent a message, but the next ministry, --the angel God is looking for.

The message of this ministry, the 144,000 is none other than the Judgment of the Living Message as it swells to a loud cry (Rev. 18:1), in the time of verse 18 "which cried with a loud cry" (the **sixth** angel and the **fifth** message of Rev. 14). Hence, here is the commission (message) of the 144,000 servants.

"...The great day of the Lord is almost here...because the announcement of it is here already, and because the message, ...the work of the Judgment is already making its way throughout the Adventist world...the **material** that is to lighten the earth with the glory of the angel, the Loud Cry,-- (Rev. 18:1) is all ready and waiting."-- 1TG 5:12. (emphasis ours)

"Now we really are enriched with Truth if we have studied and assimilated what has been given us, for we have had made available to us the 'gold that is tried in the fire' that we might be rich, the 'eyesalve' that we 'might see', and the 'raiment' with which we may be covered (Rev. 3), and the 'extra oil' that our way might be lighted (Matt. 25). Therefore the Devil is not going to attack us where he attacked Laodiceans, **but he will tell us that we are poor in Truth.** He will do this in almost any way...."-- 11S. C. 2:11:2.

It is therefore imperative that we hear the Rod, and Who hath appointed It. "God's people take a strong and independent attitude because they believe that God is with them... God's people **must** know that God is with them, and they must firmly stand on His side...."-- 13 S. C. 3,4:7:1.

"Again and again has the voice from heaven addressed you. Will you obey this voice? Will you heed the counsel of the True Witness to seek the gold tried in the fire, the white raiment, and the eyesalve? The gold is faith and love, the

white raiment is the righteousness of Christ, the eyesalve is that spiritual discernment which will enable you to see the wiles of Satan and shun them, to detect sin and abhor it, to see truth and obey it."--5T 233.

"We must continue to believe even in the face of the severe circumstances that will present themselves to challenge our faith. We must realize, therefore, that not a little faith but **very much faith** is required of any who would be among this great people. Ever remember that the Israelite multitude and later the whole nation completely lost out simply because of their belief which led to their rebellion against God's ways until there was no remedy."-- 12 S. C. 3:6:1.

"Trouble is coming. It is not going to be a small trouble.. The trouble is to be exceedingly great.

"Some of us may think we have hardship now, but the fact is that we do not know what hardship is. We cannot now comprehend or even imagine how great the trouble will be. 'Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it...' The trouble actually is what saves him. Then the time of trouble is coming for the good of the latter-day Jacobites. It is coming to deliver them. Through this most difficult time, it is the man who has the greatest faith in God that will fear the least. The more faith one has then the greater will be his deliverance."--13 S. C. 1,2:10.

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 P Brother Sidney Smith began his study with a comparison from the Air Force--the right way, the wrong way, and the Air Force way--as illustrating the ways of the many winds of doctrine in fulfilling the promise of a revival and reformation. We have your way, my way, and God's way.

P Referring to Hosea 2:6-13 we are given a description of God's way--give up everything and come back to God.

P "...Before He calls for reformation He prepared the way: He brings His church to trying and perplexing circumstances from which she can not easily disengage herself. He brings her to a situation similar to which he brought the prodigal. He does this in order that she might be brought to realize where her support in reality comes from, to know for certain that it does not come from her lovers. Then, and then only, may she do the very thing the prodigal did when he came to himself."--2TG 21:11.

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Continuing on page 12, Brother Smith referred to the dispersion of God's church "into the 'wilderness' (into the lands of the Gentiles), there to speak comfortingly to her, and to help her reform. After this comforting meeting takes place she is to have her vineyards from thence, and the Valley of Anchor for a door of hope;...

"The Valley of Achor, you note, is her door of hope--it is the only way out of her predicament. The valley has but one significance: it stands for a thorough purging, for destroying the sinners that are in here midst before possessing the land--her only hope of becoming a decent, respectable wife of God."

"Yes, rather than be her lord, God is indeed to be her husband, for one can have lords many, but only one husband."

"The names of Baalim are significant of persons possessing selfish characters such as Baalim's--teachers of religion, prophets who would rather curse Israel than lose the opportunity of monetary gain, or of some other foolish, selfish promotion that exalts and flatters. Such shall then no longer be known by their lordly, high and exalter titles.

"When the Church is thus purged of all her idols, then will she find eternal peace."--page 13.

However, we are assured that "No matter how great and how effective a revival and reformation even God Himself may launch in His church, the Scriptures make it plain that both the sinners and the saints will be in the church until the harvest. No one need brag that the members of his church are all saints,...ITG 21:3.

From ITG 33:4 Brother Smith stressed "that the Assyrian will control the land just so long as God's people continue in idolatry.. But, just as soon as all idols are cast aside,--yes, as soon as the great revival and reformation takes place in the hearts of the people,--then the Assyrian (the power that now rules them) shall certainly fall, and God's people shall just as certainly return...."

Whether or not we really believe it, we are the only ones holding up the deliverance which Isaiah describes so very plainly in chapter 31.

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Brother Glen Green began his study with these words of encouragement from "Life's Sketches", page 196: "...We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."

As we are all concerned about receiving the seal of God, we sometimes wonder what should we do to merit this much desired privilege. Brother Green turned to ITG 7:3 and referred to our pallel--those who left Egypt.

"...They are our only type....'Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.' (1 Cor. 10:11.) Their duties, therefore, are our duties, and their failures should be our stepping stones to success. Thus it is that the deeds of those who entered into the promised land must be our deeds, and if we are to be sealed, then the deeds of those who failed to enter therein, we must shun as completely and as quickly as we would shun a lion's den.

"...This scripture implies that if the experiences of ancient Israel had not been for ensamples, they would never have been written. How important, then, that we diligently study them. Yes, in order for us to know what we must do or must not do to receive the seal and to enter into the Promised Land, we must examine the deeds of both those who entered it and of those who were left out of it."pp. 3,4.

Some of the incidents which befell the Israelites were reviewed, then these words of caution were given: "What a great difference would there have been had the Israelites only believed that God, not Moses, was their Leader, that that which appeared to be their death trap, was their door of hope. Let their experience teach us to remember that God is either leading us altogether or not at all, that His ways are not our ways, and that what may appear to be our greatest obstacle, may actually turn out to be our greatest blessing."--p. 6.

Then referring to an additional help for us, Brother Green referred to our having the message which God has sent to us to encourage, strengthen, and lead us. And "under this

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perfect system of preparing, and dispensing the Word of God, 'meat in due season,' to His people, there need be no fear that the reservoir will run dry, or that the lamps will grow dim. This is the only system, moreover, that can make the church perfect, without spot, wrinkle, or any such thing-- a people without guile in their mouths, all seeing eye to eye, all saying the same thing...."--1TG 14:22:3.

Our main concern should be ourselves. We should examine ourselves daily to see if we are in the faith, lest we, too, forget the way to Lord has led us.

"Having their failures before us, we should make them our stepping stones to success. Let us therefore wholeheartedly believe that God is in charge of our salvation,...Let us ever bear in mind that we of ourselves know nothing about God's plans except as told through His appointed servants, the prophets, and as we witness them day by day. If we daily walk with God, if we commit all to Him, then the responsibility is all His."--1TG 7:6,7.

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### SESSION BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Session Business Meetings were held in the Davidian S.D.A. Church in Salem, South Carolina July 5, 1970. Opening prayer was offered by Sister Thara Smith.

#### Opening Remarks--"A Burden"

(With the exception of a very few deletions, the following is a reproduction of this talk verbatim.)

In the opening service Brother Warden stated:

"I have a burden that I can't shake off. And if you will pardon me, I will take a few moments to relieve myself of that burden." Turning to Amos 4:11, 12 he read: "I have overthrown some of you as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet ye have not returned unto me, saith the Lord. Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel:...Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

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"If this verse doesn't solemnize us, nothing else will. It surely is present truth. The previous verses have been fulfilled and this one is about to be fulfilled. We are to meet God whether we want to or not. We should meet Him in peace, that is up to us whether we shall or not."--H.G.W.

Turning to Amos chapter 5, he read verses 5-15, especially stressing "Seek ye Me and ye shall live."

I take it the Lord is bringing us this very earnest warning here, that we should seek Him as never before. I don't know of anything plainer in all the Scriptures than that--pleading with Israel to repent and believe the gospel."--H.G.W.

Making a few comments as he read, Brother Warden turned to **Christ Our Righteousness** and read pages 150 and 151 (old edition):

"How precious how important are these solemn moments! Each of us has a case pending in the courts of heaven. We are individually to be judged according to the deeds done in the body. In the typical service, when the work of atonement was performed by the high priest in the most holy place of the earthly sanctuary, the people were required to afflict their souls before God, and confess their sins, that they might be atoned for and blotted out. Will any less be required of us in this antitypical day of atonement, when Christ in the Sanctuary above is pleading in behalf of His people, and the final irrevocable decision is to be pronounced upon every case?"

"In 1884 we entered this antitypical day of atonement, therefore that is the time spoken of here, in which we are to afflict our souls and seek God with all our hearts that we may be able to stand when the Judgment of the Living begins."--H.G.W.

"Let the church arise, and repent of her backslidings before God. Let the watchman awake, and give the trumpet a certain sound...The attention of the people must be gained; unless this can be done all effort is useless;...**The church must arouse to action.** The Spirit of God can never come in until she prepares the way. There should be earnest searching of heart. There should be united persevering prayer, and through faith a claiming of the promises of God...."

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"I don't think we are looking for a pentecost, but I do believe we are looking for more of the Holy Spirit. This specifically states that we **must** prepare the way if we are to get it. The Spirit of God can never come in until **she prepares the way.**" --H.G.W.

"There should be earnest searching of heart. There should be united persevering prayer, and through faith a claiming of the promises of God...."

"We are told that failure to search our hearts is the one thing of which we are the most guilty. We do not search our hearts. Yet we are told to do so. Sister White says in the early days they did much of it. But in these days it is very unpopular. There should be united persevering prayer and through faith claim the promises of God. I take it this means we should call a prayer meeting for that very purpose; we should seek God for the Holy Spirit. In fact, I am sure that is **exactly just what it means.**" --H.G.W.

"There should not be a clothing of the body with sackcloth as in ancient times, but a deep humiliation of soul. We have not the first reason for self-congratulation and self-exultation. We should humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. He will appear to comfort and bless the true seekers...."

Turning to page 163 Brother Warden continued his reading and comments:

"When the earth is lightened with the glory of God, we shall see a work similar to that which was wrought when the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaimed the power of a risen Saviour...."

"Now this is speaking of the Pentecost back there, but it seems to many of us that this should be repeated to a greater or less degree before the pentecostal power comes upon us." --H.G.W.

"...The light of heaven penetrated the darkened minds of those who had been deceived by the enemies of Christ, and the false representation of Him was rejected; for through the efficiency of the Holy Spirit, they saw Him to be Prince and Saviour to give repentance unto Israel, and remission

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of sins. They saw Him encircled with the glory of heaven, with infinite treasures in His hands to bestow upon those who turn from their rebellion. As the apostles set forth the glory of the Only Begotten of the Father, three thousand souls were pricked to the heart, and they were made to see themselves as they were, sinful and polluted, and Christ as their Saviour and Redeemer, was lifted up, Christ was glorified, through the power of the Holy Spirit resting upon men."

"I believe this is our one supreme need-- to get this vision of Christ, to get this vision of this undone condition, to realize how holy He is and how ungodly we are." --H.G.W.

"As they looked upon His spotless righteousness, they saw their own deformity and pollution, and were filled with godly fear, with ~~love~~ and adoration for Him who gave His life a sacrifice for them. They humbled their souls to the very dust, and repented of their wicked works, and glorified God for His salvation."

"I don't believe they were any worse than we are. I don't believe they were any more wicked; do you? I think they were just as human as we are, yet they saw themselves as they really were." --H.G.W.

"The revelation of Christ by the Holy Spirit brought to them a realizing sense of His power and majesty, and they stretched forth their hands unto Him by faith, saying, 'I believe.' Thus it was in the time of the early rain; but the latter rain will be more abundant. The Saviour of men will be glorified, and the earth will be lightened with the bright shining of the beams of His righteousness...."

"So ~~fol~~ there is a great day coming, great things ahead of us if we **meet the conditions.**

"There are many things that I would like to say to you but time is precious. I do not know where to begin. Many people are looking to this place today.... In the foreign fields we have quite a number; a goodly company in Indonesia, likewise in Santo Domingo. And we know they are very much interested in what we are doing here today. Furthermore, we have others throughout the country who are interested in this particular movement, this particular branch of Davidian

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SR believers. Now I repeat that we have reached the most solemn time, a time in which we are to choose seven men filled with the Holy Ghost. Think of it. We are to choose the new officers. May God help us to choose the right ones."  
--H.G.W.

*Emphases*  
..... (see p. 20)

The first order of business was appointing a chairman and a secretary. Brother Sidney Smith was elected chairman and Sister Yvonne Bishop as secretary.

Our Editor, Brother Sidney Smith, reported the printing press is ready for printing any time.

The Treasurer's report given by Sister Yvonne Bishop, was accepted as read.

It was voted that:

1. We use the old Code format of Brother Houteff's;
2. In the publishing work all material must be approved by both the editor and the council;
3. We print a book containing all Amendments to the By-Laws enacted by the Sessions;
4. Sessions be held at the Association's headquarters when the vice president deems it necessary;
5. New officers and council members:  
Vice President-----L. Sump Smith  
Secretary----- Nan Smith  
Treasurer-----Thara M. Smith  
Editor----- Glen Green  
Council member--- Sidney Smith  
Council member--- Howard Luce  
Council member --- Lula M. Newsom

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Answered Prayer --- A Cause of Rejoicing

(The following is part of a field letter dated 9/27/67.)

"Dear Davidian Believer:

"...We invite you to join with us in a united prayer that the Lord will indicate where the new office headquarters should be...

"We know that the Lord will hear and answer our united prayer of faith, even as He heard and answered Jehosphat and all Judah.

"Sunday, October 8, 1967 has been set aside as a day of fasting and prayer. On this day at 12:00 o'clock noon united prayer will be offered.

"Sincerely yours to 'follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth,'

"The Executive Council  
(Vista California)

At long last we see the fruition of these prayers. Along with our prayer of thanksgiving, we pray the Lord will bless us as we endeavor to fulfill His purpose.

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All would be interested to know of some administrative changes in the Association.

Brother Warden has been faithful in the service since the inception of the message in 1930. After 40 years of active service with the message, Brother Warden decided the time had come for younger ones to carry on the heavier load. He will still be actively engaged in the message, giving studies to interested ones near his home in California, corresponding with old friends, and welcoming contact with any new interested ones.

He stated that he will remain true to the Truth as it is promulgated by Davidians in Salem, South Carolina.

Brother Warden has been faithful in Present Truth for so many years we have learned to love him and regard him as a father in the work. We are thankful that we can be able to rely on his advice as occasions arise while we are getting ourselves adjusted to our new duties at the new headquarters.

We wish for him and Sister Warden many more happy years of service in the lighter duties which they have chosen to retain.

(Emphasis author's except where otherwise indicated.)

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