

"Elmhaven," Sanitarium, California,

Feb. 26, 1915.

Dear Brother Edson:

Some days ago I received your short letter of February 17, acknowledging receipt of our telegrams regarding Mother's accident. From time to time we have sent you reports, and with this I will enclose one prepared day before yesterday. Since this report was written, there has been little change. Mother has been restless a portion of the time, and at other times she has rested well. It seems to us that her strength is somewhat less than it was a week ago, and this is only natural. The Lord has greatly blessed Mother in mind and spirit, and we are praying for His healing power upon her poor, broken body. We know that you are also praying for her.

Yesterday I received page proofs of your lecture. It is very comprehensive and, no doubt, very interesting. I wish it were my privilege to hear you deliver it.

You have asked where in Mother's "Testimonies" is to be found the statement that England will yet humble the United States into the dust. Such a statement cannot be found, at least I have never been able to find it. In Testimonies for the Church No. 7, which is found in Vol. 1, pages 253 and onward, you will find three articles regarding the Civil War. The first, dated Jan. 4, 1862, contains, on page 259, these statements:

"Said the angel, Hear, O Heavens, the cry of the oppressed, and reward the oppressors double, according to their deeds.

"This nation will yet be humbled into the dust.

"England is studying whether it is best to take advantage of the present weak condition of our nation, and venture to make war upon her."



From the close proximity of these statements, many of our people have drawn the conclusion that it is England that will humble this nation into the dust.

Further on, page 279, will be found the statement:

"When England does declare war, all nations will have an interest of their own to serve, and there will be general war, general confusion."

Many of our people apply this to the present war, and are looking for reverses to come to England.

My own opinion is this: That our nation, the United States, was humbled into the dust at the time of the Civil War.

We all know that England at that time was studying whether it was best to make an attack upon the United States, and we all know that she decided not to do so.

It is my opinion that the present war does not fulfil the prediction that "When England does make war, all nations will have an interest of their own to serve", etc.

If this present war closes with some compromise, it is not at all improbable that England will be exultant or angry, and that the next great war may be started by some declaration from England.

Beginning on page 264 is an article, entitled "Slavery and the War." This was written some months earlier than the one we have been discussing. In the last paragraphs of this article, beginning with the words, "I was shown the inhabitants of the earth in utmost confusion," I find what seems to me to be a prediction of this present war. Following this "there seemed to be a little time of peace." And after that the inhabitants of the earth are

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presented in the utmost confusion. In this war other nations are engaged. My opinion is that "other nations" may refer to the Asiatics of India, China, and Japan.

I am sure you will find it profitable to study "Testimonies," Vol. 1, pages 253-270; also pages 355-368.

With best wishes for the prosperity of your work, I am

Your brother,

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