

Brunswick, Oct. 2, 1848

My Dear Brother & Sister Hastings:

My chief object in writing to you now is to notify you that the "Outcasts" in Maine are to have a general meeting at the house of Brother S. Howland in Topsham, Maine. Our Conference is to commence Oct. 20 and hold over the Sabbath and Sunday. In behalf of the brethren and sisters here I extend to you an invitation to come and meet with us. Bros. Bates, Gurney and Nichols are expected from Mass. The principal points on which we dwell as present truth are the 7th day Sabbath and Shut Door. In this we wish to honor God's most holy institution and also acknowledge the work of God in our Second Advent experience.

We do not wish to shut out any new truth, or countenance any of the errors of this dark age. Our object is to do good. We wish to hold up truth and expose error. We would be happy to see any who are seeking for truth in sincerity and humility.

There is a steam boat that runs from Portland to Brunswick, and a stage that runs from the boat to the place of meeting. Tuesdays and Thursdays leave Portland one P. M. fare on the boat and stage from Portland to the place of meeting only 50 cents. You can come in the cars to Portland, I suppose.

Now dear Brother and Sister you must come. We all want to see you here. God will bless you in making an effort. He has wonderfully blessed such meetings where we have traveled with Brother Bates this past summer in Conn. and New York. Our visit to New York was attended all the way by the goodness and power of God. I have not time to record particulars, but will just say that on our return we stated in conversation among ourselves, that we found the cause in New York two-fold better than we expected and that three times as much was accomplished in our visit as we expected. Praise the Lord. We came home with light hearts. Ellen's health while journeying was much better than it had been for years. Her health is not so good just now. Henry was well when we left him at Gorham. The cause in Maine seems feeble, but I know of no case of apostasy. All seem firm in faith. We hope our contemplated Conference will give new

courage to the poor tried children in Maine. Come and help us. I must close this short, hasty, and imperfect letter for want of time to write more. I cannot write half the letters I have promised to Brethren in New York and Conn. So you will excuse me now.

Your Brother in bright hope of the new Kingdom.

James White.

P. S. Ellen joins in much love to you, also she and all the brethren and sisters here join in saying "Come" to the meeting.

J. W.