

Topsham, Oct. 17, 1849

Dear Brother Bowles:

I feel impressed to write you at this time. A great privilege is ours to communicate our thoughts and feelings to each other in this, our time of trial.

You see by The Present Truth No. 4, that yours enclosing ten dollars was received. I gave three to Brother Bates, and the seven I took to pay the printer.

Since, I have received a letter from Brother Whitmore of your place, and have sent as he requested.

Dear Brother, your letter to me was like cold water to a thirsty soul. The money came in a good time. Our dear Brother E. L. H. Chamberlain of Middletown, Conn. had taken your letter from the office. I met him in the street, and took your letter, and broke the seal, and read, and we rejoiced together. We joined with you in praising God, that Brother Bates was inclined to visit Jackson. We love Brother Bates. He is an humble, devoted man of God. He once stood high in society, and had some eight or ten thousand dollars of the deceitful. But he is an "outcast," and has spent all his property in the Holy Advent cause. Yet he is rich, yes, glory to God, he is a rich servant of Jesus Christ. But few know of his trials, labors, sufferings in the cause of present truth, in which he devotes his whole time. He is a tried friend, and a bold Christian. I hope he will be able to visit Michigan again soon.

As for having the paper enlarged, and continued, it is my desire that it should be (if the Lord will). Since I left Conn. wife and I have been visiting the flock, in different parts of this state, therefore I could not publish. It takes much time and thought for one to prepare matter for the press, as I have done but little [of this work] and am not prepared to move fast.

We now expect to go to western N. Y. next week. There I may publish a sheet double the size of the little sheet. If we have a paper, we must have a

good one, and I think we should have one. A portion of it should be devoted to short stirring letters from the Brethren accounts of conferences, &c. I have recently read Carlow and Stennet on the Sabbath. Carlow wrote in 1724, and Stennet in 1658. They are to the point. I think large extracts from them would do much good. I now expect to publish, at least, a few numbers of double the size of the little paper, and extract largely from these and other works, and have some thousands to widely distribute among the advent people, with the hope to benefit some of them. Unless they keep the commandments of God, they will be lost. I do not expect that many of them will receive the truth, yet we have a duty to do to them. We must not hide our light, but let it shine. Oh! who will hide his talent now? God forbid that we should do it. To us is committed the light of present truth and on us rests the responsibility of spreading it. "Ye are the light of the world." We shall not be guiltless unless we let this light shine. Our pens and our tongues must be active now. God requires, and his cause calls for our united efforts. Yes, our pens, our voices, and our money are now called for to spread this last message of living light, before precious, starving souls.

My spirit grows warm while I write. Oh! that God would wake up poor deluded souls who have been deluded by false shepherds, and have been led to believe that God's holy, royal law is abolished.

Dear Brother, I hope to hear from you on the receipt of this. I hope you will write and express your views of our duty at this time in relation to publishing for free circulation among the Advent people. Please to direct to James White, Oswego, N. Y. Care of Elias Goodwin. Will you give your love to all your little band. Tell them for us to be strong in the mighty God of Jacob. We love you all and trust that you will prove faithful to the end. The Lord is at work in mighty power among us. Our conferences in Maine have been powerful, the most so I ever witnessed. I hear from Conn., and that their Conference was a glorious one. Here I will copy from a letter from Brother Geo. W. Holt, a man who has stood like a pillar in all the truth since 1843, and a powerful preacher of the truth. I wish he also could visit Michigan. He says:

"We met on Sabbath, and had a glorious heavenly time, perfect harmony existed among us. It was remarked by some that they never attended such a heavenly meeting before."

Quite a number have embraced the Sabbath of late in Vt. N. H. Conn. N. Y. and Me. The cause is moving onward, and gathering strength as it moves.

Wife has seen in vision that what we have seen and felt of late of the melting, uniting power of truth and the Holy Spirit, is but a drop to the mighty shower that will soon be poured out. Glory to God forever. Oh! I mean to have my cup right side up, so as to get a share.

I have 1000 pamphlets in neat style ready to distribute. They contain my articles on the Sabbath. I will mail you one tomorrow. You can have more if you wish for them.

No. 2 of this pamphlet will be devoted to the Advent question in our experience, and the commandments.

Ellen joins in love. From your brother for the whole truth,

James White.