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Dear Brother

We have your letter of December 29 in which you ask whether there is any passage in the Testimonies mentioning that we should not give the Sabbath School offering or tithe on the Sabbath day. The answer is that we do not know of any such passage, whether in the published or unpublished writings of Sister White. You will be interested in a statement on this subject made by Sister White's son, Elder W. C. White, before her death. The following paragraphs are taken from a letter which he wrote at her request on February 1, 1911:

"There was a time when many Seventh-day Adventists felt opposed to any collection being made on the Sabbath day, and when it was proposed that offerings should be taken in the Sabbath-school for the support of missions, this was bitterly opposed by some.

"Then Mother took her position that giving was a very good and important part of the worship of God, and that giving for missions was a very appropriate part of the worship on the Sabbath. Her advice to our people from that time on has been in harmony with this, and I have never known her to object to our taking up collections on the Sabbath, whether in Sabbath-school or in regular church service or in camp-meetings for the furtherance of foreign missionary work."

In another letter, W. C. White wrote: "During the years she has often pointed out that the bringing of gifts to the Lord is a very important part of worship, and as a part of worship is proper for the Sabbath."

Your second question is whether Sister White advises us not to have the Lord's Supper on the Sabbath. We do not know of any such passage.

I trust that this statement from our office will be of help to you in meeting the questions which have been raised on these subjects.

Sincerely yours,

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