

July 14, 1935.

Elder J. Burgess  
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Dear Brother Burgess:

Your letter of July 9 came to hand Friday, and I must endeavor to respond to your inquiries.

→ Some time before the revised version of the Old Testament was printed, there was a rumor that in the new version, the story of Elijah being fed by the ravens would be changed to read that he was fed by Arabs.

One Sabbath, while in Switzerland, I mentioned this to mother and asked her if Elijah was fed by birds or by men. Mother replied that Elijah was fed by the most wicked of the wicked; sometimes by men fleeing from justice; sometimes by men looking for water, and when they saw Elijah in his plight—a man alone by the river without food,—their hearts were moved upon to bestow upon him necessary food from their scanty supply. I asked, Did birds take a part in this, and then she said, "They may have, but as the matter was presented to me he was supplied with food by passing bands of traders."

I waited to see if mother would incorporate this into her Old Testament history chapters and when I saw she made no reference to it, I concluded that it was one among many matters revealed to her, the details of which she did not think best to put into publication. <

I assure you, Brother Burgess, I was glad to hear from you. I have been sorry that I was away from home at the time of your visit to St. Helena. I am hoping that you are comfortably located and that I may meet you the next time I come to Southern California.

In a letter which I wrote last Friday, I gave some information about the employment of my five younger children. If I can find a copy of this, I will enclose it to you.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely your brother,

W. C. White

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