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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE APPOINTEE
BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Our Committee finds by examination of the General Conference constitution, that “The conference will be composed of delegates from the state conferences, of the officers of the conference, and of such ministers as shall have been in the employ of the General Conference during any part of the year.” Also that “such delegates may be elected by the (state) conference or appointed by its Executive Committee” and we find no provision in the constitution, for the reception of delegates not holding credentials. We would therefore report that it is the opinion of your committee that the conference cannot legally receive delegates not appointed as provided by the constitution.

And whereas persons properly chosen to represent conferences mission fields sometimes come to the conference without credential in regular form, we would therefore recommend, that a committee be appointed at the beginning of each conference, to whom all such case shall be referred. It shall be the duty of this committee to examine the claims of all such applicants, and recommend for seats in the conference all such as in its judgment are entitled to the same.

And we further recommend that this committee shall select from the delegates at large, persons to specially represent those fields that are not presented by delegates of their own election.

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J.T. Robinson

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By reference to the minutes of the last conference we find that six of the thirty resolutions and committee reports relate to foreign mission work. The particular subjects referred to in these were: --

1. The Missionary Ship
2. The Christmas Offerings to missions
3. The prosperity of our missions
4. Our approval of mission schools for canvassers
5. Approval of the establishment of the British Pub. House in London
6. Suggesting the First Day Offerings for missions

As the third, fourth, and fifth referred to steps already taken, we need not speak of them particularly; but cannot refrain from remarking that the prosperity of our mission for which we were so thankful one year ago, has increased and continued to the present time as is shown by the reports given by Elds. Haskell and Conradi and by the statistical report hereto appended:

The time of our most efficient missionaries during the last year has been largely given to the educating and training of younger laborers and to the preparation of books which are essential to the future prosperity of the work. True especially is this the case with the central European and the British missions and the experience of the year confirms us in the belief that it is necessary to give our first and best efforts to the training of laborers for all branches of the work and for all classes of society.

The three resolutions relating to future work have been carried out something as follows: --

While the committee was considering the matter of building a ship, Elder borrowed one and has gone on his way to the [page break]

Pacific Islands.

The Christmas donations amounted to the general sum of \$27,162 without this we do not know how our faithful missionaries could have been kept in the fields without actual suffering.

The recommendation of the Financial Committee that our people everywhere eternally carry out the advice of the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 16:2. "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store a God hath prospered him," as a weekly, free-will offering in behalf of the foreign work, has been quite generally undertaken by our people. Over 23,000 boxes prepared for the reception of these offerings, have been sent out to the several conferences and distributed. At the annual sessions of the state conferences, this plan of benevolence has been unanimously approved and we trust that as soon as the plan is fully in operation we shall see a more liberal support furnished to all our missionary enterprises.

The amount received from boxes the first quarter was \$1231.46; for the second quarter \$2960.00; the reports for the third quarter have not all come in. The if we may supposed that there were in use 1500 boxes in the second quarter the average amount of the quarter donations is less than \$2 apiece. We must believe that this average will be largely increased during the coming year.

Of the 47 recommendations made at a committee on the distribution of labor, there were ten relating to foreign fields and in con accordance with these recommendations: --

Eld. G.C. Tenney spent about four months at the P.P. Pub. House gathering information and experience in editorial and publishing work and then proceeded to Australia where he received a cordial welcome [page break]

and has been made president of their conference just organized.

Eld. J.N. Ericson has labored successfully in Stockholm, Sweden where we have a large and growing church.

Eld. H.P. Holser sent to Basel to act as treasurer of the Cen. Europe Mission and take the oversight of the book sales department in the Pub. House has also been chosen Pres. of the Cen. Europe Conference.

Eld. D.A. Robinson called away from the African field to assist Eld. Haskell in London, is now acting as one of the editors of Present Truth and is principal teacher in the London City Mission Training School.

(Read Letter)

Bro. Wm. Arnold has spent about two months in London selling thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation and has discovered that there is a demand for such works in England and that wise and energetic canvasser can succeed in that field. Our brethren in London petition that Bro. Arnold may return as early as March to continue this work and to teach others.

Bro. G.E. Langdon, who was recommended to go to the Assistance of Bro. Daniels in New Zealand was detained by business matters and Bro. Robert Hare of New Zealand who has spent two years studying and laboring in California was ordained and has returned to his native land, and is now laboring with Bro. Daniels in Napier.

Bro. R.A. Hart has labored faithfully as business manager in the Christiana Pub. House and our Scandinavian brethren wish him to return. [page break]

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Eld. I.J. Hankins, who took the place of Eld. Robinson in the So. African field, is laboring in Cape Town and vicinity and has the care of the book depository from which many publications are sold to persons becoming interested in the message and through three faithful book agents in the field. We believe that another minister or a business man to take charge of the book business ought to be sent to this field.

Bro. A. La Rue who was recommended to labor as ship missionary in the islands of the Pacific, after spending about two months in Honolulu proceeded to Hong Kong, China, where he is selling books and selling tracts and periodicals with the Assistance of a Bro. Olsen who was converted on the passage through Bro. La Rue's labors. I will here read a portion of his letter.

(Robinson's letter)

(Olsen's Letter)

(Statistical Report)

From the above tabulated report, we see that there are in our foreign mission field:

17 American and 9 Native Preachers, -----	Total, 26
1 " " 6 " Licentiates, -----	" 7
7 " " 5 " Editors and Office Man'grs. -----	" 12
10 " " 4 " Bible Workers -----	" 14
50 Male and 50 Female canvassers, -----	" 100
(only 4 of these are Americans)	
30 Male and 24 Female workers in printing offices -----	" <u>54</u>
This gives a Total of -----	213

Forty of these are Laborers who have been sent from America, and of the 172 native workers, 22 are Preachers, Editors, and Bible workers, 96 are canvassers, and 54 are employees of the printing houses.

as the question often arises, what will it probably cost to maintain our foreign missions on their present scale of work and as it seems very desirable to know before hand how much we need to raise during the year for this work, we have endeavored by examining the accounts of the year, and by comparison with the amounts paid our missionary in 1887, to secure an approximate estimate, of the next years expenses,

Australia,	5	Native, and	4	American Laborers	\$2,060.00	\$4,730.00
British,	9	"	"	9	"	" 1,175.00 6,861.00
Central European,	27	"	"	5	"	" 3,500.00 4,286.32
Scandinavian,	7	"	"	6	"	" 1,551.00 5,127.49
South Africa,	2	"	"	4	"	" 625.00 1,320.30
					<u>625.00</u>	<u>1,320.30</u>
					\$8,911.00	\$22,325.11

To this may be added:

Annual Loss on Present Truth, (16 page semi-monthly)	\$1,200.00
Rent on British Mission office, Sales Room, Mission School,	1,300.00
Loss on the French and German journals, (Published at Basel)	1,800.00
Loss on Scandinavian journals, (Pub, listed at Christiania)	800.00
Expense of maintaining the missionary ship, with a crew of five, And four competent laborers	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total	8,600.00

To this might added the probable expense of some of the most important enterprises which we ought to engage in at once.

A city Mission and canvassing school in Hamburg -----	2,000.00
For ship mission work -----	1,000.00
To send and maintain two laborers in Russia, -----	1,700.00
To issue Russian Publications, (Tracts, Pamphlets & Letters) -----	2,500.00
To issue tracts and leaflets in other tongues in which we now have nothing- <u>2,500.00</u>	
Grand Total - - - -	\$40,625.11 9,700.00
Revised of Expended in Mission Fields -	8,911.00

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Our brethren sometimes ask, will the cause in these mission fields ever be self-sustaining? In Switzerland it so already; in New Zealand it is the same; in Victoria it would be so if the brethren confined their labors to that colony; but Victoria is but one of the five Australian colonies, and shall we ask the three or four young churches of that colony to bear the burden of bending the truth to New South Wales, to South Australia, to Queensland, and to Western Australia? This example illustrates the whole question.

Our churches raised up in foreign lands are just as faithful as our American brethren in paying their tithes, and are as liberal according to their ability in sustaining missionary enterprises. Shall we then stand quickly by waiting for the cause in these countries to gain strength enough to carry the message to the great mission fields there? Or will the American brethren continue to use the experience and financial strength which God has granted them, in pushing forward the work in foreign lands? It seems to me there can be but one answer to this question. There is a most promising field now open in Holland. Shall we furnish the necessary means to issue the publications needed in this country? I believe our brethren will say, yes.

Another question which is sometimes raised is this, will our mission printing houses ever be self-sustaining? The answer is much the same as that about the mission. The larger books not being published pay their way, but there is not sufficient profit on these to bear the expense of translating and publishing new books. There [page break]

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is now a great demand for tracts in the Russian Language. The expense of translating and publishing these will be considerable; and the returns for the first year or two will be very slight. There is also a call for books in the Polish and Hungarian languages and also in Armenian, Finnish, Spanish, Portuguese, Greeks, Chinese, Indian, Hamarian, and the native tongues of the Pacific Islands. Shall we print them? Or shall we wait till our mission offices can save enough money from the sale of the few successful books which are now paying a small profit, to bear the expense of this new enterprise?

Every new book of considerable size requires one or two thousand dollars of capital to meet the expense of translations, and type setting, and to buy the stock upon which it is printed. The "History of the Sabbath" in German and French is now in process of publication. Each of these larger works published in these languages will require \$2,000 or \$3,000 of capital. Shall we go forward with their publication? Or shall we stop for lack of means? This illustrates the publishing problem as it presents itself in each of the mission field offices. I believe we should be profoundly thankful that the Lord has opened the way so that our books will sell in these mission fields.

But we see that new books will constantly be called for, in those countries where the work is now most successful, as well as for the new fields not yet entered, and as the publication of each new work requires capital, we shall need to set apart each year a liberal sum for this purpose.

The Australian work, can probably be carried with Australian capital, and it may be that the increase in the African stock can be provided for in the same way, but the Scandinavian House will no doubt require an increase of three or four thousand dollars added to their stock.

The advantages of printing in Scandinavian for Great Britain and the colonies, in London are such, that we believe that ten thousand dollars should be invested there, and as much more is needed in the work at Basel.

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The International Tract Society.

As we consider the wide range of usefulness, and the many lines of missionary effort provided for in the constitution of the International Tract Society, we are led to inquire, to what extent the operations of the society may be made to correspond with the provisions of the constitution.

As it is not, the foreign missionary society of the denomination, and is not doing the work most economically effected of a missionary society, namely, the employment and maintenance of missionaries in foreign lands, in this paper, for the sake of brevity, and to avoid the confounding of its work with that of the foreign missionary work of the denomination, we shall always speak of it as the International Tract Society; and we recommend this title for general use because it exactly represents the scope and objects of the society and because it would be a pleasant substitute for the unsightly and sometimes unmeaning abbreviation, "T. & M. Soc."

Art. 2. Sec. 3, gives as one of the objects of the society, "to secure an extensive and systematic distribution of our publications in foreign countries, and in those portions of our own land not included in state organizations."

Art. 4. Says; --"It is the duty of the executive board to carry out the decisions of the society; to furnish publications and employ agents as they may see fit; to audit all accounts; and to fill any vacancies that my occur in their number by death, resignation, or otherwise." [page break]

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By a careful examination of the resolutions and decisions made by the society at its last meeting, we see that eighteen of them related to the work of the state societies, and three wholly or in part to the great field outside of these organizations. Whatever has been done by the society in the execution of these suggestions, is due to the faithfulness of the secretary, for the executive board was so scattered that during the year it has been impossible for more than three of its members to assemble for consultation, and therefore it has not really performed the duties of an executive board.

We would respectfully suggest that while the society should have secretaries and business agents in every land, we believe that its executive board should be composed of persons, a majority of whom can assemble as often as once in three months, for executive council.

When we consider the immensity of the foreign mission field, and are reminded over and over again that there are scores of countries in which we are not at present prepared to locate missionaries, and when we consider the fact often demonstrated by experience that the most successful, and inexpensive way to introduce the gospel into these lands is by means of publications, we must conclude that the International Tract Society could do a most glorious work and be a most important auxiliary in the foreign missionary work operation of our people by the publication and circulation, by correspondents and by agents, of religious tracts and pamphlets in those languages, and to those peoples, not provided for a yet by any of the publishing houses of the denomination. [page break]

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There are at present urgent calls for publications, in Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, Chinese, Indian, Bohemian, Polish, Finnish, Hawaiian, and in the native tongues of the Pacific Islanders. In nearly all of the above tongues there are persons coming to the light who feel a deep interest for their countrymen, and are anxious to engage as soon as possible in the work of circulating the publications among them. In several cases their anxiety is so great that they have begun upon their own responsibility, the translation of some of our smaller books into their native languages. There is already quite a stir among some of our people, because we are so slow in the matter of printing in these tongues.

Why should not the International Tract Society enter immediately upon this important work. It ought not to interfere with the work of any of our publishing houses, nor should it assume burdens that they are willing to carry. But there is a great and important work outside and beyond the range of their operations, for which no one seems to be planning, and which is very important, and urgent, and who would be expected to feel the burden of this work, if not the officers of the International Tract Society.

There is another branch of the international work which promises so rich harvest, the placing of our publications within the reach of the tens of thousands of summer tourists from every nation, tongue, and people, who visit Switzerland, Southern Germany, and parts of France during the summer season. It is by far the surest and quickest way to get the truth before the people. The tourists are usually from the most influential classes of the nations that they represent. They are most inquiring, intelligent and wealthy, and they are just [page break]

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the ones to carry The Third Angel's Message to the ends of the earth.

This field is a wide one, and it is ripe for the harvest. The efforts of Eld W.M. Ings have demonstrated the fact that the best hotels entertaining tourists will gratefully accept files of our religious journals, in the English, German, French, Dutch, Swedish, and Danish Languages. Why should not the International Tract Society take hold of this great work!

Another line of work which is of the greatest importance might be set in operation on a much broader scale than at present by the holding of a three months school, or institute, for the training of foreign missionary correspondents, and secretaries for the foreign branches of the International Tract Society. Perhaps two or three such institutes might be held during the coming year under the leadership of the secretary of the society. While the class is in progress, as well as afterward, its members should labor by correspondence to secure the introduction of religious reading matter into all the colonies, and to all the nations, where as yet we have no living missionaries.

Each of these lines of work will require for its successful accomplishment the careful planning and active cooperation of a wise and energetic committee.

Should there not be at this meeting a definite apportionment of the surplus funds of the society to these most important enterprises, and the appointment of a committee to take charge of each appropriation, for example, ought we not to appropriate \$1,000 in cash to meet the expense of the distribution of such reading matter as shall be donated to the society by the printing houses of the denomination? [page break]

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we might depend upon the missions in whose territory the work was done to bear one half of the expense of this distribution. And in those fields where we have no mission, the International Society could bear the entire expense.

Also \$500 or \$1,000 to furnish publications, stationery, and postage for the use of the secretary, and her classes of missionary correspondents.

Also \$2,000 to begin the work of translation and publication of tracts into those languages whose people have not as yet heard The Third Angel's Message.

We believe that a liberal fund might be raised for this latter work, some of our brethren would give freely to it.

If it is thought that a three months course at the proposed institutes for the instruction of international correspondents and secretaries is sufficient, it would appear that there ought to be three such institutes held the coming year; one in Battle Creek, one in Chicago, and one in the Eastern States.

W. C. White

For Committee on Resolutions

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Our Savior has given to everyone his work. And no one of us can plead any excuse to God why we have not done the very work he has given us to do. He does not require of the man to whom he has entrusted two talents the use of five talents; but he expects us to do our very best according to the capability and the powers which he has given us. And while we seek to put to the use the talents he has given us, these talents will improve.

The plans which have been suggested by our brother we believe to be sound and if we will practice something in this line in the several churches we shall find that those churches which carry out a system of labor will be living churches; but the working church is a living church. But here comes in the difficulty that there needs to be ability to educate properly, to teach how the different members shall have their part in the work and every one who is set as a leader in the church, or a minister that has the charge in the churches should consider this a part of their work. Now how is it possible for them to neglect this part of the work and yet to be able to fulfill the direction that are given in the Bible by Paul, “to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.” Well now here is the very work that is devolving on the teacher. It is to try to educate, educate, educate, by precept and example; and if we can get a church in working order, and if we can teach them how to work in this very line you will find that these workers will have a special [page break]

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interest, why, yes, they will say, "I have acted a part in that work, I have done something in that, and I have an interest to do more." Just according to the several ability which shall be committed to them can they work intelligently, and work in Christ. Now here is the great and essential point, to be sure that these workers have the spirit of Jesus Christ. And if they are filled with the love of God which should be in the heart of every worker, and if they seek wisdom from above they will become more and more intelligent in regard to their work, and they will become more efficient in their work and will come up to be useful workers. Now the very first thing is to have our hearts and minds and ways and manners so that they will not offend. We want to be such excellent representatives of the missionary cause that it shall stand as high as possible. Our brother was speaking in regard to commencing on the bottom round of the ladder. I believe this is the best way. It is not best for those uneducated to grasp at the top round of the ladder and think that they can do the work; but if they will be humble they will begin to gain an experience and have an aptitude for the work.

I want to know why we should not as Christians who profess to believe the most solemn truths that God ever gave to mortals, why we should not have works to correspond to our faith. Christ has said, "Let your light so shine before men that they by seeing your good works may glorify your father which is in heaven." Well that is the work we are to do, and God will help us by letting his light [page break]

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shine through us. We want to be the very best and most intelligent workers that there are anywhere. We can see many of our sisters who know how to crochet fine articles for their house; now what if they would spend their time in earnest prayer to God and the study of his word that he would help them to have heavenly wisdom to know how to save the souls of those around them. It looks to me as though this kind of work is hay wood and stubble, of substances that are consumable and perishable; but the work that they might do in cleansing their own household and working for their neighbors would present lasting results of good. And if they were interested in this work they might be sowing the seeds of truth. We do not which shall prosper this or that we must sow beside all waters. But the first work is a personal consecration to God. I have seen ladies in England who would be riding in their carriages with their little dogs in their arms and the little blanket to put over them, and the houses that were built beautiful and expensive. You ask what those houses are for, and the answer is "for the hounds and dogs," but you can see the little children and women in the streets destitute of clothing and miserable and poor. Now what sense is there in that? Do you think that work will be as far reaching as eternity? But we do not want to misuse any of God's creatures but we want to give our first attention to those souls for whom Christ died, and we do not want to devote our means to flow such channels. We do not want our means to flow out for our own selfish interests but we want to use it in gaining that experience that will help us to advance the missionary work; and in doing this we are laying [page break]

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up a treasure in heaven. And every self-sacrificing work and effort that shall be made to educate and train ourselves for labor God himself will connect with those efforts and will put his seal and mould on it. It may look to us very feeble and we may never understand the results of our labor but God knows all about it, and if we must sow beside all waters not knowing which will prosper this or that. There are churches in different places which we may find that are ready to die. If they were ready to die in one sense it would not be so bad. If they were ready to die to self and sin if covetousness and the love of pleasure would die they would be led to bring all their powers into exercise for doing the work of the Master, why then it would be a good death. But it is a spiritual death that pervades our churches they are not those who feel the importance of teaching the members of the church and trying to get workers for the cause of God, to educate them that they may see the importance of putting to the stretch every power and talent that God has given them. Our sisters can do a good work for the Master. They can work for the mothers in their homes. Our brethren can reach the men. Those who have a little time, in the place of smoking the cigar and enjoying themselves at the salon they can not only save their money but their time and can do a good work for the Master. I remember when the converting power of God came upon me in my childhood I wanted everyone else to get the blessing that I had and I would not rest till I had told them of it. I began to visit with my young companions and went to their houses where they talk with them and tell them my experience, how precious
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the Savior was to me and how I wanted to serve Him, and how I wanted them to serve him also. So I would talk of the preciousness of Christ and I would say won't you kneel down and pray with me, and some would kneel and some would sit in their chairs but before we gave up every one would be on their knees and we would pray together for hours till the last one would say I believe that Jesus has forgiven me my sins. Sometimes the sun would begin to make its appearance in the heavens before I would give up the struggle. There is a great power in Jesus. Now when we go into a house we should not begin to talk of frivolous things but come right to the point and say I want you to love Jesus for He has first loved you. And as Bro. Starr has said take along the publications and ask them to read when they see that you are sincere they will not despise any of your efforts. There is a way to reach the hardest hearts. Approach in the simplicity and sincerity, and humility that will help us to reach the soul of them for whom Christ died. We do not want to be negligent in this work. The plan now under consideration I believe to be one that God will be pleased with. The churches that are now ready to die want some one to devise and plan for them has the power of setting things in operation. But who will do it? There are enough who want to be Christians and if we will let the leaven begin to work it will take one and then another just as the spirit of God will work with you and you will see that you can reach the people, not by your own smartness but by the spirit of God [page break]

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yet we want all the ability and power that God has given us to be brought into use. We do not want to be novices forever; we want to know how to conduct ourselves properly; we want Christian politeness and we want to carry it with us in all our work. We do not want any of the sharp corners which may be in our character to be made prominent but we want to work in humility so we will forget them, and better characteristics will come in. We want a cheerfulness in our work. A great deal depends on the way you meet those whom you go to visit. You can take hold of the hand in such a way at once to gain the confidence. If you take hold of it with a cold unimpressive manner as though you were an iceberg and did not want to be melted you will find no warmth in return.

When we were on our way to Europe on the boat I met a physician who said, "I want to give you a little advice, you will find a cold stiff necked people and if you will be as stiff you will never do them any good; but if you will go right to them and talk with them no matter how diffident they seem to be they will meet you all right talk to them just as you did to me. They will see that you have a heart and will love to talk with you. I love to talk with you about these things; do the same way in England." You don't want to hold yourself as though it were a condescension to come in contact with poor families. Talk as though they were as good piece of humanity as you were. They have little enough light and joy, and why not carry additional joy and light to shine in upon them and fill their hearts. What we want is the tender sympathy of Jesus Christ and then we can melt our way right into their hearts. We want [page break]

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to clothe ourselves, not with pomposity, but with plain simple dress so that they will feel that you are an equal with them and as though you considered that they worth saving and you can melt your way into their hearts.

Now brethren and sisters we want the iron taken out of our souls, and we want it taken out of our manner of work. We can educate workers in every church. Don't let the ministers feel that they must do all the talking and all the laboring but call on others to lead the meetings occasionally. In doing this they are being educated. Let them take turns in giving Bible readings around. This is calling into use the talent which God has given them. I read of a man who had a corps of workmen over whom he placed an overseer he had charge of twelve men and they were to dig a trench and the man came along one day where they were at work and there was the overseer down in the trench and the sweat was rolling off from his brow but the twelve men were looking down into the trench watching him in his labor. The overseer was called up and asked what he was doing down there. I ordered you to keep twelve men at work, why have you not done it? Here are your wages. Now God has made us teachers of the flock, and he wants us to educate them in every branch of the work, that we may bring in all the talents. Our ministers do the labor instead of educating others to take the responsibility of the cause. His work should be the work of a teacher. Bro. Starr might set twenty to work in less time that it [page break]

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would take him to do the work himself. Let them blunder and make mistakes and then kindly show them how they can do it better and then you can be educating, educating, educating until you have men and women who have experience in the things of God and can carry responsibility, and that is what we have been suffering for. We need men who can bear responsibility, and the best way to gain the experience they need is to engage in this work. Then if we work others we will not lack for something to talk about when we assemble together. We will not have to talk about our brethren and think of our self sufficiency, for we will be working out of those things and getting to be workers for Jesus Christ. And now if this branch of the work could be taken up in every conference and church I believe we should see in the year to come an elevation, a healthfulness, a different atmosphere in the church. There would not be so many tattlers and gossipers. There would not be so much time for idle tales, and we would see many souls converted to Christ. Why should we not feel an interest for those around us when Christ has given us such and evidence of his love. Why brethren, God will not leave us. He will let his converting power be upon us. These things will enlarge as the waves from a pebble thrown in the water. The first are small but they grow larger and large till they reach the bank.

Brethren, we want to do some thing to get things in operation for God. We want to do something that will save some souls that at last we may enter into the joy of our Lord, that we may give [page break]

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praises to our Lord that we have been the means of saving some through him, that some soul may say, it is through your instrumentality, it is you that saved me through Jesus Christ. That is the way that we shall enter into the joy of our Lord. This is the way we want to work. We cannot know here what the effect of our work has been, but we shall see in eternity what we have done for the master. And shall we plan and devise to carry out these plans to the letter? Then the blessing of the Lord will attend all our labors.

For:

J.N.A. & S.M.

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Now brethren, I have felt one of the most solemn burdens ever since I have returned from Europe, I have felt one of the most solemn burdens resting upon me. And I have been unable to rest nights and have been trying to labor for this one and that one and the other and do what I could for the souls of others, and I tell you as I told my friends in Oakland I feel horribly afraid to come into our conference. The Lord has revealed to me the position our people should take in regard to speculations in lands and so forth but they do not heed it. It was the same with our institutions; the temptations have been hard for our brethren have drawn their money from these places of usefulness and invested them in lands and in mines; and there have been individuals who have drifted out there to engage in these worldly prospects. The devil has a snare laid for their feet. Well I have labored there this summer some. I tried to labor in Fresno but could not stay there on account of malaria, so we went to Borrough Valley and tried from there to help the Fresno brethren. Time after time we would go to Fresno, but could not ride in the daytime on account of heat and dust so we had to ride by moonlight. Night after night we traveled over those sandy deserts by the light of the moon and would get there in the early morning and no place to stay. All full of men to get property. Even the hotels were full. Now God is not in that at all, but this is one of Satan's [page break]

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snare. Another way is to break up the union that is existing among our people. There are those who profess to stand by our side, we work right together and all seems to be in harmony. Now, said I, if you're professing to stand by my side and then get into the snare of the enemy in your investment, and I bear my testimony and you go right on as though it had no application. You believe the testimony; you believe, but when it comes to you then you go to someone who has not been affected and open your soul to them and say you better look out for such a person, he is going just like Canright did. Now there is no comfort in it; no consolation in it. There are those here who will do the very same thing. If anything comes that does not strike their ideas they go to someone who knows nothing of the affair and pour out their soul to them and say now such a thing was said and such a thing. Those things will not bear repeating and it is strange why they tell them. They try to swell the differences and cover points of agreement as much as possible. I don't care if you have been ministers for years, I don't care who it is this the work of the devil. When you find men covering these truths it is your duty to go to that person and try to fasten his mind on God. Now cannot you be sensible? Can you not be men of God? We want knowledge and we every soul to be in union and that every power of our being to be brought to the altar of God. Don't tell any hearsay. If I should take for granted what I heard I should have taken it that Bro. Lane had given up the truth. But I knew better but I did wish that he would write [page break]

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and let us know how he was getting along. Another letter comes from Battle Creek saying that such and such a thing has taken place and so and so has not done right. I have not seen the parties to talk with them. No they had not seen the parties but they could converse with me clear across the Rocky Mountains which took some eight days. Now I would like to know why we cannot be Christians when we have the Bible and the testimony which God has given us why we cannot act upon it. It is discouraging to the very life and soul; and the very time when I should have been writing letters to Europe and persons in different places I have been so oppressed and burdened that I could not write a word even to my own friends. I would use all my strength so that I could not write, I could only think of them and pray for them, and they have not had a line.

Bro. Geymet, the bro. from Italy and Bro. Conradi should both have received letters from me, but I have not written to them. I thought surely I would write, but I did not have the time, and my whole time was taken up this side of the Atlantic. No time for missionary work. Is this doing as God would have us do? Should we not guard the interests of one another and live out the truth. And when you see someone doing wrong in the place of going to others and thus strengthening him in the wrong way why not go right to him in the meekness of Christ and tell him what it is to be a Christian. Now we are to labor as those who have to give an account. I do not measure a man by his work in the desk, but by his work in his home among his brethren, in his daily life, that he may present every [page break]

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man perfect in Christ Jesus. May God help us, brethren and sisters, to seek him at this meeting. Is Heaven closed that we cannot have access to God, that the power of His grace cannot be bestowed upon us? Why he wants us to be filled with all the fullness of His loved why every face here should shine with the glory of God. It ought to reflect the divine rays of light on the countenance of everyone here. It is to be talking of heaven and heavenly things and of the redemption through Christ. Why is it possible that we believe that we are to leave these earthly senses of sin and sorrow then why not reveal it to the world? Why not show to the world that the power of the truth is with you and then be as a shining light to the world. I want to know if there are not those who will rise up in the Judgment you who profess the truth, because you have not represented the truth as it is in Jesus, and thus help to pave the way to Heaven. I have been awake night after night with a sense of agony for the people of God that the sweat would roll off from me. Some things fearfully impressive were presented to me. I was in an assembly when there was a man of noble majestic stature came in and took his position on the platform and unrolled which looked like several long leaves fastened together. And as he turned the pages his hand ran down the page and his eyes swept over the congregation. As he turned them from right to left I could see what was on them. I saw there different names and characters and sins that were written down. There were sins of every description, selfishness, envy, pride, jealousy, evil, surmising, hypocrisy, and licentiousness, hatred and murder in the heart, because of this envy and jealousy. These sins were right among the ministers and people. [page break]

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Page after page was turned. Well, how was this? And a voice said the time had come when the work in heaven is all activity for the inhabitants of this world. The time had come when the temple and its worshippers had to be measured. These were worshippers that were consecrated. Then there were other names that were to be blotted out of the Book of Life. They had had light, and knowledge and precept upon precept, and appeal upon appeal, but they had never had the transforming grace of Christ in their hearts; they had never had had a living connection with Jesus Christ, therefore the light that would come to them through his word they did not bring into their lives and character. This is what I saw, and I woke up and found myself sitting up in bed with great drops of perspiration on my brow. I felt paralyzed after this something happened which caused me great sadness and it was there I sunk under the burden. I do not care for myself I would as live lay down my life now as at any future time, but I believe that God will spare me just as long as he has a work for me to do. The worst things the most grievous is the want of love and the want of compassion one for another. That is what God presented in such a light before me and I wanted to say it to you that if ever there was a time when we should humble ourselves before God it is now. I have not as much strength now as I have had in the past. God helps lives and reigns and you can seek him individually. What souls are there here who will have their sins unforgiven and their names blotted out of the Book of Life. We do not know what we [page break]

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are doing. Is it so that we are being fitted for the society of angels, is it so that we are to come in the presence of a holy God? Do we sense it? Do we sense that we are to make characters every day that God is watching the development of character and weighing moral worth? And that our lives are daguerretyped on the books of heaven as your face is stamped on the polished plate of the artist? I cannot see how you can be so lazy and so indolent and so easy and contented. I went to a meeting in Oakland and told them I could only stay a little while and I must say what I had to and then go home. There was a brother there who wanted to confess to his brethren that he had become mixed up in worldly affairs and now he could see his wrong. But the burden rolled on me and I stayed till three o'clock in the morning, but we agonized with God in prayer till we got the victory. We do not half know to pray. We do not know how to get the victory. If we only come to him and knew how to pray our hearts would be melted and we would see the blessing of God and our hearts would become softened by the love of Christ. And when the love of Christ is there why then you can do anything. But it has been Satan's studied work to keep the love of Christ out of our hearts. But the trouble is there is a great lot of ceremony and form. What we want is the love of Christ, to love God supremely and our neighbors as ourselves. When we have this there will be a breaking down as with the walls of Jericho before the Children of Israel. But there is such an amount of selfishness and desire of supremacy in our ranks. Why it is most painful. We see it everywhere. [page break]

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I want to say to my brethren, shall we humble our hearts before God and be converted? Shall we put off all of the self-sufficiency and the lifting up of ourselves and come down at the foot of the cross. The lower we lie at the foot of the cross the more clear will be our view of Christ. For just as soon as they begin to lift ourselves up and to think that we something, the views of Christ grows dimmer and dimmer and Satan steps in so that we cannot see him at all. But what we want is to come and dwell in view of the cross. Is there no power that can take hold of our sensibilities and show us that we are near the verge of the eternal world? Can we not get our minds on the other side? What can be done to arouse our people? Why these light afflictions, how we talk about them. Hear what Paul says about “for these light afflictions which are but for a moment are working out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory while we look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are unseen.” &c. Would you consider that to be beaten with rods, to be a night and a day in the deep, suffer with hunger, cold, nakedness and all these things and worst of all from false brethren, were light afflictions but he says these light afflictions. Now brethren, I am thoroughly disgusted and indignant for my Saviour, that those who profess to be Christians are babies. They are indignant if anyone does anything that does not suit them. And if anyone crosses their path, they are discouraged and want to give up. Well, let them give up if they cannot do what is right. They must be hewed and fitted for the heavenly building. Now there is too much self. We want self to die and be hid in Christ Jesus. Then we will not talk of [page break]

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discouragement and difficulties and all these small things, but we will talk of the great plan of redemption and the matchless power of Jesus Christ to come to our world and take upon him human nature that we through him might be elevated, and have a seat at his right hand. What could be more pleasant than that? If this is not enough what more could heaven do for the fallen race than has been done? "What more," says Christ, "could I do for my sheep than that I have done?" What more? Will he have to let us go? He will unless you change your attitude before God for he has done all he could to save us. According to the light that we have received, so is our accountability before God. Walk in the light as he is in the light. There is no darkness in him at all. Well suppose you are walking in the light, what then? Why your testimonies will be light, you will talk light and all this evil surmising and evil speaking will be put away. You will talk light and will not be thinking of ourselves and what others are doing, but what God and others, Jesus are doing. Well, what are they doing? – They are cleansing the sanctuary. Well we should be with him in this work and be cleansing the sanctuary of our souls of all unrighteousness, that our names may be writing in the Lambs Book of Life that our sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. It is the most solemn work that was ever given to mortals. You have no time to be exalting self but lift Jesus up. Oh lift him up. How can we do this? How can we, seeking all the time to be saved and exalting ourselves? May the God of heaven let his power come upon your hearts that we may have right [page break]

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characters and pure hearts and know how to labor for the sick suffering. Say the shepherd of the flock, “___”. Who does he mean? – Ministers? No. Everyone who has named the name of Christ, that has and knows that the Lord is good. Go to work for those who are around you with brokenness of spirit, with hearts all melted by the love of Christ. Christ can work with you but he will never work without the cooperation of man. Get in the right place and God will put his power on you, and combine his divine with our human efforts and we can work out our salvation with fear and trembling. That is a power that Satan cannot resist or overthrow. It is when you have a right hold from above that Satan cannot tempt you. We want you to be reconverted and the grace of Christ in the heart.

It is high time that we were awake out of sleep. That we seek the Lord with all the heart and I know he will be found of us I know that all heaven is at our command. Just as soon as we love God with all our hearts and our neighbor as ourselves God will work through us. How shall we stand in the time of the Latter Rain? Who expects to have a part on the First Resurrection? You who have been cherishing sin and iniquity on the heart? You will fail in that day.

Well now, there is a class who will come off conquerors. Is it those who cherishing sin and iniquity in the heart? – No, these cannot stand in that day. There are many temptations coming from Satan and if we are not deceived it will be because we have a knowledge [page break]

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of the truth. If they do not fall under the miracles of Satan, if they are not led astray by Satan's miracles they will fall by the wrath of God. Do not be discouraged and think that he will never pardon, because he says that though your sins are as scarlet he will make them as snow. The God of heaven offers every inducement for you to come and submit to the refining process. Shall we not come? If the love of Christ in the heart will do more to convert sinners than all the sermons you can preach. What we need it to get the love of Christ that we may study the Bible and know what sayeth the scriptures. The word will be unfolded through the ceaseless ages of eternity. Now brethren we might as well tear away the rubbish from the doors of our hearts now, just now, and let us be getting ready for the judgment for we have no time to waste.

For lack of time, your committee was not able to make as many changes in the matter and form of the report referred back to it for further consideration, as it otherwise might have done. At a large meeting consisting of Tract Society and Conference presidents, the various plans proposed in our report were freely discussed and it was unanimously voted to approve of the measures suggested in these propositions. We therefore take courage to submit again our former report with the following changes: --

1st. That the letter of suggestions be preceded by the following paragraph: --

Your committee appointed to suggest plans and frame resolutions for the International Tract Society submit the following: --

2nd. That the four last lines of the sixth paragraph of the second column of page three of the bulletin, number 6, be added to the first paragraph of the first column of page four.

3rd. That the word "school" in Resolution 4 be changed to "institute"; and that all following that resolution be changed to read as follows: --

(5.) Whereas, our spiritual growth depends upon our laboring for others, therefore,

Resolved, that we urge upon all Seventh-day Adventists the duty of becoming members and workers in the Tract and Missionary Society.

Whereas, our interest in the work depends largely upon the time and thought we devote to it, therefore,

Resolved, that we recommend the holding of weekly meetings, even [page break]

by small churches and companies, and further,

Resolved, that we endorse the plan of uniting the missionary meeting and the prayer meeting, where it is not thought practicable to devote an entire evening to each.

(7.) Whereas, the efficiency of the Tract Society depends upon the activities of its entire individual membership, and the working of all its branches, therefore,

Resolved, that the introducing of new and efficient methods of labor such as canvassing and Bible work does not lessen the importance of other branches of our work, such as personal labor by visiting, and the loading of books and tracts, also the mailing of tracts and periodicals, and missionary letters; and it is our conviction that souls may be brought to the knowledge of the truth in these ways, that would be reached in no other.

(8.) Resolved that a committee of seven be appointed by the chair to examine the new works issued during the year by our several publishing houses, in this and other countries, and to make suggestions as to the field of usefulness of each.

(9.) Whereas, the Pacific Press has just issued a valuable work entitled, "Prophetic Lights" intended as a companion volume to the "Signs of the Times," therefore,

Resolved, that we recommend to our workers throughout the country an active canvass to increase the circulation of the Signs by securing subscribers for it accompanied by prophetic lights.

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(10.) Resolved, that we recommend that the names of canvassers, Bible workers, and all who are employed by the conference and tract societies be transferred from the register of the local societies and districts and placed upon a state list; and that they be recommended to obtain their supplies from the State Society and make their contribution to the same.

(11.) Resolved, that the international officers, with competent assistants be requested to furnish in a complete series of lessons, thorough instruction in various branches of the missionary work.

(12.) Resolved, that we encourage an interchange of correspondence between local Tract Societies, through the State officers; and that the officers of State Societies correspond freely with each other.

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Portions of “Great Controversy” which might be omitted in European editions:-

Chap. 19, including, pp. 343-354	=	12pp.
“ 27 “ pp. 461-478	=	18pp.

I would suggest that Chap. 28 on the investigative judgment follow Chap. 24, entitled “In the Holy of Holies”, as being the most natural order, and therefore the best connection.

There might then be omitted: --

Chap. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, the latter as a portion highly prejudicial to many Europeans.

These chapters include pp. 492-581	=	<u>90pp.</u>
		Out – 120 pp.

Chap. 36 seems to connect well with Chap. 26, on “A Work of Reform”, full better than any other point. The rest of the matter is a continuous and well-connected prophetic narrative to the close of the book.

J.O. Corliss

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Battle Creek, Mich.

Nov. 20, 1888

T.A. Kilgore

43 Bond St., New York City, N.Y.

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My dear Brother, -- The conference is over and our committee work is nearly done, so I have now a few moments each day in which I can write.

Brn. Jones and Waggoner, with 38 or 40 others left here for California about a week ago, and I expect they are now basking in Oakland sunshine. A.T. Jones is here and is still undecided as to his winter's work. Mother and I will probably stay here till January. I may stay longer, and if I do, I hope to visit you before returning to Oakland. I was very much interested in what Bro. Jones told me about our New York Office and the opening up of the work there.

I suppose you have noticed that you are chosen one of a committee of five to look after the railroad and steamer transportation of the denomination. It might be well for you to write to Bro. Henry, chairman of the committee who has had the work in hand for several years, asking him for such instruction about the work as will be useful.

At the conference we tried to interest our people to give foreign missions and foreign missions work more study than they have in the past. Among other things we introduced, we suggested that the ministers subscribe for some one of the best missionary journals. I asked how many of the ministers would like to receive sample copies of the different journals so that they might decide what to subscribe for. Nearly every minister held up his hand. I then obtained 13 subscriptions for the "Gospel in all Lands" published [page break]

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by the Methodists. You will find them on the accompanying sheet.

I see that I am a little late in sending them in. The list was taken in October, and according to the offer made on the cover of the journal I took the subscriptions at one dollar and twenty-five cts/ each, and promised them the October number. The offer referred to said that if a person subscribed then, they would get the remainder of this year free, and I think it promised one copy free for a club of 12, and if so, please take that copy yourself, and be sure to secure the October number even if you have to pay something extra. Then you can tell the publishers that if they will furnish me 50 or 100 copies of back numbers, that I will send them to as many ministers, and thus secure as many subscribers as I can.

There is another published by Funk & Wagnallis. I think it is the Missionary Review of the World, or some such name. Please visit them and obtain as many sample copies as they will cheerfully furnish you, and ascertain their best rates. I think I can get up a good club for them also.

Please keep your eye open for anything good in the missionary line whether old or new, and send me circulars or sample copies if they are not very expensive. You might mention to these publishers that I wish to make up a library of the best books for three or four of our schools, and ask them to suggest a list of the best books for such a purpose.

Please open an account with me and I will settle all charges by an order on the Oakland Office.

Hoping to hear from you soon, with best regards to yourself and Sr. Kilgore,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

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Publishers, "Gospel in all Lands"

Please send "Gospel in all Lands" to the following addresses for 1889: --

- 1.) P.L. Hoen, Ames, Iowa
- 2.) D.W. Bartholomew, Bridgewater, D.T.
- 3.) Prof. C.C. Lewis, 3109 Clinton Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 4.) Eld. G.C. Tenney, Pacific Press, Oakland Cal.
- 5.) Eld. D.T. Bordeau, 274 Champion St., Battle Creek, Mich.
- 6.) Eld. R.M. Kilgore,
26 & 28 College Place, Chicago, Ill.
- 7.) Eld. George B. Starr,
- 8.) Eld. S.H. Lane, Rome, New York. Care, J.V. Wilson.
- 9.) C.W. Flaiz, Box 1058, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 10.) J.E. Graham, Fish Creek, Wisc.
- 11.) Eld. R.A. Underwood, Mesopotamia, Ohio.
- 12.) Eld. A.T. Robinson, So. Lancaster, Mass.
- 13.) Eld. J.F. Hansen, Care, C. Rasmussen, 24 Nausengade,
2nd Sal. Copenhagen, Denmark, Europe.

In accordance with your liberal offer on the cover of the September or October number of your Journal we send these names and ask that you send the remaining numbers of this year, for it was but the first of October when I took the subscriptions.

If you wish to send me from 50 to 100 copies either of your present issue or of back numbers, I will place them in the hands of as many ministers with the view to obtaining as many subscriptions as possible.

Yours truly,

W.C. White

Per F.

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Battle Creek, Mich.
Nov. 20, 1888
M.G. Kellogg, M.D.
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Brother, -- The conference is over and we are detained here for several weeks. We desire to return in January; but I may remain here till spring.

We are intensely interested to hear from you and to know how you get along. Have you begun work at the Retreat yet? And if so, how are things moving there?

We are rooming at the new hospital building, and boarding at the Sanitarium. I tell you, John has things organized in fine style. We enjoy our stay here very much.

I am anxious to know if Bro. Biter has connected with the Restaurant yet, and if he has, how is he getting along?

Please tell us how things look from your standpoint, and oblige,

Yours truly,

W.C. White

Per F.

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St. Helena, Cal.
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My dear Brother, --

The conference is over and we, instead of being able to return home, are held here several weeks. We are boarding at the Sanitarium and rooming at the new hospital building. O, how I wish that you and the other members of our board could spend a few weeks here and see what had been done, and what can be done by wise management and by the cooperation of intelligent helpers and wise physicians.

Mother is hard at work getting out Testimony number 33, and I am grinding at the mill,-- not exactly a grist mill, nor an old-fashioned hand mill, but that sort of a mill that grinds out plans. Some call it a committee; but I call it a mill, and it has nearly ground the life out of some of us already.

They have made me chairman till Eld. Olsen comes from Norway and although I dislike it very much, they seem inexorable.

I should be very glad to hear how matters are moving at the Retreat. What progress is being made to initiate Bro. Biter into the work and how does he get along? While I was Minneapolis I received a letter from him and was glad that he expressed his willingness to work at the Retreat and his intention to go there within two or three weeks. But I was somewhat disappointed at receiving a letter from Eld. Fulton, who expresses his intention of advising him to delay coming.

It seems to me that this case is a critical one. Bro. and Sr. Biter are people of refinement; they are high spirited and know their own ability. Perhaps they do not appreciate the difficulties
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of the work they are about to enter. None of us did when we began; and most likely they will not appreciate our perplexity about knowing how to set them to work. I think we ought to give enough attention to the matter to make it just as easy for them as possible. We ought to get them at work as soon as possibly in some place that will give a fair test of their ability.

My plan has been that he should stand at Bro. Fulton's side as a business man and bookkeeper, and a collector. I found that after proposing that Bro. Biter should come to the Retreat, that he had received a medical education, and that he had acted as superintendent and dispenser of medicines in a county hospital in Nevada.

You may know something of how much they are attached to their home in San Francisco, and how the missionary work they have been able to do there has lead them to feel very loath to leave the place. I greatly fear that any coldness or indifference on our part will lead them to decide against coming to the Retreat, and we may lose those whom I trust God has raised up to be very useful in the work.

I have thought that Bro. Biter might be an efficient man to manage the advertising. It seems to me we ought to make a special effort to advertise the Retreat and keep it full all winter and I believe we can do this as well as not. Why not issue a holiday number of the Journal early in December, and fill it with a description of California climate, and the advantages of Napa Valley and Howell Mountain as a winter resort? Advertise also that we have several cottages for rent, and fill it full of just such matters as we wish to bring before eastern people who contemplate coming west, and then have a big edition printed. Send out some to the Tract Societies to be handed to persons with weak lungs and such as will be benefited by a change of climate. A large [page break]

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number could be used in Kansas City Union Depot where our people are now planning to station an man. Others might be used to advantage by agents which we might select in San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Sacramento.

I believe that during November and December is the time to strike, and what if the expense of advertising uses up nearly all the profits gained from the additional patronage this year? All who come and are cured will advertise the institution and bring more.

We are now in so much debt that we cannot turn back and we cannot settled down with so small a patronage. We must have a large patronage and we must have sufficient managers and helpers so that their patronage will be put to account and the debts of the institution paid. It is tenfold better to pay these debts the profits of the institution than from donations by the brethren, and I believe it can be done easier that way.

Please tell me how you are getting along with the water business, and how things are going generally.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

Per F.

Unreadable Postscript

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Battle Creek, Michigan
Nov. 20, 1888
Eld. J. N. Loughborough
Oakland, CA
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My Dear Brother, -- The Conference is over and instead of my being ready to come home to California, I am tied here for several weeks, if not for several months.

You have no doubt formed quite an idea of how our conference went off from the bulletin and the Review. Some thing you would read between the lines that were quite as interesting if not in all respects as encouraging as what was printed. The delegates went home from the conference with a great variety of sentiments. Some felt that it had been the greatest blessing of their lives; others, that it marked the beginning of a period of darkness, and that the evil effects of what had been done at the conference could never be effaced. As for myself I am content to take the scripture statement, "For we know that all things work together for good to those who love God."

Just as we were ready to close the Conference we received the most emphatic resignation from Eld. Butler as a member of the committee. This was laid on the table, and the conference adjourned to Battle Creek. At a meeting held here Eld. Butler consented to accept a position on the college, and office boards, with the expectation of resigning in the spring when he intended to go to Dakota and make an earnest effort to regain his health; but he could not by any means be prevailed upon to remain a member of the Conference Committee, so Eld. Underwood was placed back on the committee.

All the auditing was left to be done here, and it took us more than a week. There were 120 accounts calling for about \$21,000, and giving altogether an expense of over \$60,000. When the auditing was done, and our planning for the future was well [page break]

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begun, Eld. Smith became disgusted. He declared he was not qualified for that work either by nature or by grace, and insisted that it was his duty to attend to his editing, and leave others to do the planning, so he resigned and Bro. Dan. T. Jones was chosen to fill his place. The other members of the committee were all in great haste to return to their fields of labor, so one morning when I was absent they chose me chairman of the committee, and requested me to act as president of the committee till Eld. Olsen's return to this country. This was quite a shock to me and almost made me sick. I shall make one more effort to go out of this position and if this effort fails, I suppose I shall stay here and do the best I can till I can leave with a clear conscience. I cannot wear Eld. Butler's shoes, and shall not try. I should be in verse fix than David with Saul's armor. My plan here will be to see, as it has always been in California, to get some good men to help me, and then to shift the work on them as fast as I can. If my experience in the cause for fifteen years can be of any benefit to them, I will impart the valuable part, as fast as possible, and then hurry me away to my family and my work in California. In the meantime I must ask you to take a special interest in the work which I am forced to neglect, - indeed I take much satisfaction in asking you to do this, because I know that you can do it so much better than I could if I were there. Bro. Ings and the secretaries need counsel. Please help and encourage them all you can. I should be intensely glad to hear how the Sentinel distribution was managed, and what, if any, were the visible results. Bro. Ings wrote me quite a letter about the distributors. As soon as I get time to answer it I will send you a copy of the letter. As you might expect, he feels loath to take down the distributors [page break]

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and thus curtail the work; but I am satisfied that we must bring our work into proportions that will harmonize with our financial ability.

We must not go increasing our debt. It is death to the society in the end. We do not want to turn any short corners that will discourage our people, but I think it is our duty to curtail until our expenses are brought down to the proportion of our receipts.

I should be very glad to learn from you how matters are moving at the retreat. What progress are you making in the matter of getting Bro. Biter initiated into the work? And how does he do? I was very glad at Minneapolis to receive a letter in which he expresses his willingness to work at the retreat, and his intention to go there within two or three weeks from the time the letter was written. I was somewhat disappointed at receiving a letter from Eld. Fulton in which he expresses his intention of advising Bro. Biter to delay coming. It seems to me that this ease is not only a very important one, but it is a critical one as well. Br. and Sister Biter are people of refinement; they are high spirited and know their own ability. Perhaps they do not appreciate the difficulties of the work they are about to enter. None of us did when we began. And most likely that will not appreciate our perplexity in knowing how to set them at work. I think you ought to give enough attention in the matter to make it just as easy for them as possible. And we ought to get them any work as soon as possible in some place that will give them a fair test of their ability.

My plan has been that he should stand at Bro. Fulton's side [page break]

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as a business man, a bookkeeper, and a collector. I have hoped that by next spring he would be able to take a place on the board, for it seems to me that the time must come when our steward, treasurer, and perhaps one or two other officers shall be members of the board, and thus have the institution run more and more as this one is, -- by those who understand and appreciate its work.

I suppose you have taken pains to become more and more acquainted with Bro. Biter, his experience and ability, since the camp-meeting. After proposing that he ought to come to the retreat I learned that he had received medical education and that he has acted as superintendent and dispenser of medicine in a country hospital in Nevada.

You probably know how much attached they are to their home in San Francisco, and how the missionary work they have been able to do there has lead them to feel very lost to leave the place. I greatly fear that any coldness or any indifference on our part will lead them to decide against coming to the Retreat, and this we may lose those whom I trust God has raised up to be very useful in the work.

I am sorry to see that Bro. Fulton is still uneasy, and that he desires to be assigned to another field of labor. I hope he will wholly change his mind on this subject and settle down contented to stay with us; for it seems to me that he and Bro. Biter could manage the business of the Retreat to that you could give your whole time to the conference. There is plenty of care and responsibility for two men, and I have thought that these two would work together very nicely. But if it will happen that Bro. Fulton will continue to be uneasy an will insist on a change, it is still more important that a man of ability be brought in as soon [page break]

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as possible to share the responsibility of the work. I should very much like to hear from you what has been done in this matter, and what the prospects are.

I have thought that Bro. Biter might be an efficient to manage the advertising. It seems to me we ought to make a special effort to advertise the retreat and keep it full all winter. I believe this can be done as well as not. Why not get out a holiday number of the Journal, issue it early in December, and fill it with a description of California climate and the advantages of Napa County and Howell Mountain as a winter resort? Advertise the fact that we have several cottages for rent. In fact, fill it chuck full of just such matter as you wish to bring before Eastern people contemplating coming west, and then have a big edition printed. Send out some to the tract societies to be placed in the hands of persons having weak lungs, or other diseases which might be benefited by a change of climate. A large number could be used in Kansas City Union Depot where our people are now planning to station a man. Others might be used to advantage by agents which we might select in Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Sacramento. If the expense of circulating 3,000 or 4,000 of these seems too great, you might print only 1,000 or 2,000 in this form, and then taking about 16 pages of the best matter without a cover, work up a supplement, of which you could afford to print about 100,000 copies to be used in such place as I have named above.

I believe that now is the time to strike, during November and December. And what if the expense of advertising uses up nearly all the profits on the additional patronage gained this winter? All who come and are cured will advertise the institution and bring more. We are now so much in debt that we cannot turn back [page break]

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and we cannot settle down with such a small patronage. We must have a large patronage, and we must have sufficient managers and helpers so that the fair patronage will be put to account and the debts of the institution paid.

It is ten fold better to pay our large debts from the profits of the institution than from donations from our brethren, and I believe it will be more easily done.

Please tell me how you are getting along with the water business; and how do things seem to go at the opening of the college. If Granger is in a critical condition as is reported to us, he ought to be taken entirely away from his work and be taken to the retreat, and give his lungs the best chance in the world until they recover their healthy action. I beg of you to take right hold of this matter and use all the authority you have and mine too. If the doctors say he ought to go to the retreat, pick him up bodily and take him there. We cannot afford to have his life endangered and his lung's life impaired. The expense of treatment is nothing compared to the importance of this matter.

Praying that the Lord may guide and bless you, and hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W. C. White

Per F.

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Mr. H.L. Adams
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Dear Sir: --

I have your letter of Oct. 19 accompanied by one from Mr. Glenn. I am pleased with your efforts to negotiate a settlement with Mrs. Scott, and your success is about what I anticipated. Of course I am sorry she takes so unreasonable a position; but I saw before leaving Oakland that she had her head set that way. I think, however, that she will change her mind before many weeks, and I wish you would write to her renewing your propositions; or if you can invent any way to open up the suit and fix the title without her cooperation, I wish you would do so.

She is a woman of many good impulses and has been very liberal to some worthy educational and missionary enterprises. We cherish no hard feelings toward her for her unreasonableness, for we attribute it to a weakness of mind, caused in part if not wholly by care and anxiety, and from suffering in former years.

We shall try to treat her with the greatest of kindness, whatever attitude she takes, and we trust you will do the same. I am sure it would be a great relief to her if the matter could be settled, notwithstanding her vigorous efforts to oppose a settlement. I think she makes herself fully believe that she is the object of persecution; and I cannot believe that she fully understands her own motive in this move which looks much like a speculation and a little like blackmail.
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I will repeat what I have stated above: if you can devise any plan by which you can proceed to fully settle this matter, we wish you would do so. Mr. Jones will tell you that I intended to go home in about four or five weeks. But I have been quite unfortunate since he left. The former president of our General Conference being sick, we elected this year Eld. Olsen, who is now in charge of the work in Scandinavia, and cannot return before April or May. The committee has chosen me temporary chairman, and requests me to remain here till Eld. Olsen returns. As matters now appear, I shall not be able to return before the first of April.

With best wishes for your prosperity,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

Per F.

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Battle Creek, Mich.
Nov. 21, 1888
W.N. Glenn
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Brother, --

With this I send you a copy of my letter to Mr. Adams. I hope he will say or do nothing that will tend to irritate Mrs. Scott; but on the other hand that he will do all in his power to arrange our business matters so that she will be perfectly satisfied.

Well, how did you get along with the circulation of the Sentinel? From all parts of the field there comes up a cry for more. Most of those I heard from say they only had a taste. New England has asked for 10,000 more, and I think I will write around so as to get if possible an order for 50,000 or 60,000; so keep all your old place for a time of need.

Brn. Jones and Waggoner will tell you all the news; so all I need to add is that I am very busy and always glad to hear from my old friends at the Pacific Press.

Yours in Haste,

W.C. White

Per F.

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Annie L. Ingles
Oakland, California
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Dear Sister, --

Before this reaches you, you will have learned from the Brn. all about the Conference and how matters are moving here. A day or two after they left I was chosen chairman of the board, and asked to remain here till Eld. Olsen returns from Scandinavia. This interferes quite seriously with my plans, and I am sorely perplexed to know what to do. Think I shall be obliged to stay here till about the first of April. Perhaps I can come a little sooner.

I should like to hear from you how the Tract Society work is moving. How did you get along with the distribution of the special Sentinel? And how is the Society prospering generally? How much was received toward the Sentinel enterprise?

I hope you will do all in your power to encourage every body to take a hearty interest in the week of prayer and the Christmas contribution. Our missions are sadly in need of all we can possibly raise.

Please tell me how much has been done toward curtailing the expense of our ship and distributor work. I have quite an interesting letter from Bro. Ings, which I must answer soon. Perhaps I will send you a copy.

Please ask Marian to forgive me for forgetting to write to Eld. Loughborough about the financial matter she spoke of. If she will consent to wait till next fall, I will do my best to see the information is given by the auditing committee. [page break]

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I beg of you both to be of good cheer and do your best. I do not mean by that, that I want you to work unusually hard; but I want you to do whatever you engage in with courage and hope. And why should we not be of good cheer? The Lord knows our motives, and he appreciates our efforts, however much they may be ever-looked by some of those with whom we are associated.

Hoping to hear from you often, I am,

Your brother,

W. C. White

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My Dear Brother: --

We are anxious to hear how you are getting along. Did you reach home? And did you have a pleasant journey? How is your health?

We have been plodding along as usual since you left, and I suppose our committee work will close today. Mother has engaged Eld. Corliss to work for her one year, and she is now on the point of employing Mary Stewart for the same time. Thus you see there will be little chance of getting Eld. Corliss to work in New England this winter, -- in fact, I think it would be disastrous to his health to do so.

We are still in sore perplexity about Indiana. I do not know what we shall do, unless we send F.D. Starr of Mirl.

Yesterday afternoon the Review and Herald office board considered fully the question of establishing an office in London. Several times I thought they were ready to go into it; but when they came to look over the work they had already promised to do, in the establishing of offices in Chicago, Ontario, and Atlanta, they were fearful that they could not do justice to the London Enterprise. Then the question came as to the type, machine, printer, all based in London. They asked me if I thought they might buy some things and I called Testin. Originally they disliked ____ the question came up as to whom they could send as their agent, and after it had been discussed quite fully I did not obtain that if Pacific Press was as well off financially. I thought we could find a man or men to manage the work. [page break]

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I told them about Gibson, and showed them why P.P. we might, be willing to trust him, whereas they would not, he being a stranger to them and they to him.

I told them I thought it would please you better to have the Press undertake the work, and gave them the reason why I thought we could manage it more satisfactorily than they. Then they canvassed the subject about an hour longer and finally passed the following resolution:

Whereas, The Review and Herald office was requested by vote of the General Conference to take immediate steps to establish a branch office in London if in our judgment it seemed advisable, and--

Whereas, It is our opinion that the Pacific Press could establish a branch office there to better advantage in some respects than ourselves; therefore,--

Resolved, That it is our preference that Pacific Press establish and conduct such office if the trustees of the Press are willing and see their way clear to do so; and we will waive our decision in the matter till we learn whether they will undertake that enterprise or not.—
accepted.

As you are one of the Board of Managers of Pacific Press Pub. Co., I hope you will give this matter some thought, and will correspond with Bro. C.H. Jones about it. I tried to take a fair and impartial position, showing as well as I could all that there was for and against the different propositions that came up.

I told them that P.P. would no doubt feel fearful, if the R&H entered that field, that their Australian trade would be interfered with; but aside from this and one other point, -- that was, that we felt confident, on account of our longer intimate business connection with you, that we could manage more to your mind than they could,--aside from these two points, I thought we had no desire to assume the responsibility of the London work. I expressed the opinion that this work might be made to pay its way in two years. Bro. Henry thought it would take three; and as we agree so nearly we did not argue the matter. [page break]

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Last Saturday evening, Bro. A.T. Jones spoke in the Tabernacle to a large audience on the Blair amendment,--its influence and our duty. Sunday evening he spoke on the American constitution,--shall it be preserved as it is. He is now in Chicago attending the Sabbath convention.

I suppose we hold our last committee meeting this forenoon. I may send you some of our decisions arrived at since you left.

You are aware, I suppose, that we are in a hard straight financially, and shall be till after the Christmas offerings come in. Will you please tell me how you are fixed in London or are you going to need money soon? And how is it about the wages of Robinson, Spicer, and the girls? Do they need it now? Or do you have funds in London from which to draw till the middle of January? We ask all the laborers to leave as much of their reward in the treasury till the last of January as possible. Please tell me plainly just what you want, and we will send it right along if you wish. I think we shall have to borrow about \$15,000 of R&H, and I am very anxious if possible to so manage matters that we will not have to ask for more than this.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

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Mr. J. B. Wright, Sup't of Div. S. P. Co.

Sacramento, California

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Dear sir:

It is rather late in the day to address you about a satchel we left in your train at St. Helena several months ago; but it was some time before I could learn who received lost property from that division.

On August 29, my wife, Mrs. Mary K. White, now residing at Crystal Springs, coming up from Oakland on the evening train, left in the passenger coach a small hand satchel containing a watch, and several dollars in money. Soon after the train had gone I discovered the loss and telegraphed to the conductor at Calistoga, asking him to hand it to the station agent at St. Helena. We never received any response.

In driving from St. Helena to Healdsburg I enquired at Calistoga, but could learn nothing about the satchel. Some weeks later in San Francisco I was given your address.

I shall be greatly obliged to you for any assistance you can render in recovering the property. If it is now in your hands please send it by express to Mary K. White, St. Helena, care R.H.R. If it is not in your hands it must have been taken care of by the train men, and I will pay any reasonable expense for tracing the matter up and finding it. [page break]

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The watch was a peculiar one. It was of Swiss manufacture, and is what is called a calendar watch, giving the days of the month as well as the hour and minute. My wife, whose address I have given, will answer any questions you may wish to ask on the matter further. I should have written you sooner, but expected to return soon to California and be able to call on you there.

After looking the watch up please let me hear from you here.

Yours truly,

W. C. White

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Nov. 25, 1888
J.E. White

Dear Brother: - It is some time since I heard from you and I am anxious to know how you are getting along. I met John Morton a few days ago and told him you were very anxious to see him. He said he intended to leave here in about ten days, but when I told him you had important propositions to lay before him he promised to stay till you should come.

C.L. Palmer has come to me with many questions about your book business; he says persons are sending for circulars and for this, that and the other which he has not, and does not know how to obtain. I have refused to consider any of his questions because I am too busy, and because you have promised to come soon.

I think we have an opportunity to trade your old place; house, shop, and all for a pretty good farm in southeastern Kansas. If this trade should go we would want to clear the shop and if it does not we want to clear the shop, so I hope you will come as soon as convenient. I should think from the few words I had with Morton that he is in a good state of mind to receive your proposition. I think you will gain nothing by delay as far as he is concerned.

Mother is now in Potterville. She will return tomorrow. I think it is now decided that Eld. Jones will teach one of the Bible classes in the college. I may have told you that they have made me temporary chairman of the committee and requested me to stay here until spring. Mother is getting out Testimony 33. We are having beautiful weather and the moral atmosphere is clearing up a little.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am your brother,

W.C. White

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Dear Brother: - I have your welcome and very interesting letter of Oct. 12. We were glad to hear of your good meetings in Petaluma and at Healdsburg. I hope your newly elected officers in both places will be very successful. Am glad the Healdsburgers are getting a place to keep their books. I hope you will be truly successful in getting them to pay off the old debt.

I hardly see the advantage in increasing the Signs list at the expense of the Sentinel. Just now the National Reform Movement and the enforcement of Sunday Laws are the live questions the country over and I should think that 500 Sentinels per month was a very small number for such a society. 200 Signs each week makes 800 a month which is quite a goodly number if well used. Of course what I say is only suggestive; but I see clearly that many of our brethren do not appreciate the eminent peril we are in from the rapid and successful movements of the National Reform Party. For a few months now we are in a most perilous position and ought to put forth superhuman efforts to arouse our people to action and to expose to all the world the trickery of the National Reform managers.

Now about the distributors. I think we should follow the course indicated by the resolution passed at the committee meeting immediately following the conference; taking down first those distributors which are in hotels, restaurants, factories, employment offices, and similar places, and leaving those that are in railroad depots and on board ships. As you say, some can be replaced by the holders, and it may be best not to take them down in the most important places until the holders are ready. It pains me to think of taking down one or of curtailing our work in any department but we must bring our expenditures down to the [page break]

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proportion of our income. I do not think that we gain the confidence of our people or increase their liberalities by increasing the debt of the work will stop; and this, I think, instead of causing discouragement will bring about in the end a spirit of healthy confidence, and will prompt to energetic action.

In those distributers which we do continue to supply I think we should use the less expensive matter, except in cases where individuals or societies bear the expense and they of course can use what they please. But for the ships and the railroad depots, we cannot afford to sue the health journal, nor to put in as many signs as the people will carry away. I really believe that for this ship work we ought to issue a monthly journal which can be published in large editions at small expense and which is edited especially for that work. This could be made up almost wholly from matter used in the signs, and could be issued at very little expense.

I have given much thought to what you say about our people in California being blessed because they are liberal. This is true. And it is my great anxiety that this liberality shall continue. but in order that this may be, they must have confidence in us that we will not create large debts. I greatly fear that the impression has gone out to some extent that it matters not how much they, that we who handle the funds will devise some plan that will exceed their liberality and keep the cause continually in debt. This ought not to be. It must not be for it is far better to suspend a good work for a short time than to have the people feel that we are running ahead of them in the expenditure of means. [page break]

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Well, I suppose you would like to know how matters are going here. It is more than three weeks since the Conference closed but we have been steadily engaged in committee work until last night. Bro. D.T. Jones of Missouri is secretary of the conference and a member of the committee and he will look after much of the correspondence and the business until Bro. Olsen comes. They appointed me temporary chairman and wish me to stay here till Bro. Olsen's arrival so I shall probably remain until March. It is now expected that Eld. A.T. Jones will teach in the Biblical department of the College; a think which looked rather improbable two or three weeks ago.

Mother is getting out Testimony Number 33. She has engaged Bro. Corliss and Sr. Mary Stewart to work for her one year. I suppose Mother and her party will leave here for Oakland between Christmas and New Year's, and she will tell you much about the conference which I have not time to write.

I am intensely anxious about the Christmas contribution to the missions this year. There is a great work to be done and promising fields to be opened, in fact, there was never so much to encourage us about the work in foreign lands as now and I most earnestly hope that you and all the California ministers will put forth your very best efforts to encourage our people to make an unusually large contribution this year. There are important advanced moves to be made during the coming year, but we cannot increase our debt. We cannot and shall not try to push the work any faster than our brethren and sisters sanction by their contributions. As I do not know where you are I will send this to Oakland. I will send it to Anna and ask her to forward it to you. Please let Bro. Loughborough read it when you have a chance.

Yours in haste and love,

W.C. White

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Battle Creek, Mich.
Nov. 28, 1888
Constantine Antoshevski

Dear Brother:

By advice of Bro. J. E. Swift, I send you a small draft, that you may go to Milwaukee, Wis. so as to attend the canvasser's class, and Ministerial Institute to begin there Dec, 11 under the management of Eld. Conradi.

If it is convenient for you to stop at this place for a day, on your way to Milwaukee, I will be glad to see you.

With best wishes for your prosperity, I am,

Your brother in Christ,

W.C. White

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Battle Creek, Mich.
Nov. 28, 1888
Mrs. Mary L. Preist,

Dear Sister:

I have your letter of Nov. 26, and am much interested in the matter that you speak of, but as I am almost totally ignorant of both the field, and the men of which you speak, I have taken the liberty to forward your letter to Eld. R.S. Underwood, who has been appointed by the Com. to act as advisor to the brethren in the eastern states and Virginia.

With best wishes for yourself, and many other old friends of the cause in So. Lancaster,

I am, yours truly,

W.C. White

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C.H. Jones
Oakland, Cal.
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Dear Brother: --

I have just written a short letter to Bro. Saunders, enclosing a copy of a long one to Bro. Loughborough. I intended to ask Bro. Saunders to let you read it but neglected to do so. Please ask him for it.

I cannot refrain from being somewhat worried over the matter of Bro. Biter's connecting with the Retreat. They are so slow at the Retreat, so conservative, and so little inclined to consider the doubts, fears, and perplexities of others that I fear Bro. Biter will become discouraged and that we shall lose him from this work.

Please take particular notice of my suggestion about advertising and if you think they are good talk to Bro. Loughborough when you have a chance and encourage the undertaking of something of this sort.

You will see by last week's Review that I have been chosen temporary chairman of the Gen. Conf. Com. and have been requested to stay here till Eld. Olsen comes. I hardly think it will be necessary for me to stay later than the close of March. Think we shall have all the spring committee meetings in March so that I can attend the April meetings in California.

Matters here are swinging round more rapidly than we had reason to expect. You will see by the Review that it is arranged [page break]

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for A.T. Jones to teach in the college. He is giving a course of lectures at the Tabernacle which are being reported and very widely circulated. He and Mother attended the minister's meeting at Potterville. A.T. spoke three times and Mother five or six. I should judge from what they say there is quite a revolution in feeling and sentiment of the brethren attending that meeting.

R.&H. are running three presses on Vol. Four and are about 3/5 way through. All the readings for the week of prayer will be mailed this week. We are getting another brass embossing stamp for Vol. Four, the back title and the black work for the side are the same except that Lucifer's face is a little clearer. In the gold title we are correcting the word which was wrong and are trying to make a little improvement in the angel. If it pleases me when done, I will order a duplicate of the gold stamp for you.

Mother is getting out Testimony No. 33. the copy will go into the hands of the printer tomorrow. She has hired Eld. Corliss and Mary Stewart for a year. We are making preparations so that we can revise her Life of Christ for publication in English and for translation into other languages as soon as she gets home. I should be much pleased if we could get out Vol. One and Life of Christ both before another summer.

You will be somewhat surprised at the turn R.&H. has taken with reference to the London office. The board met over a week ago and discussed the matter fully and ably, canvassing all the advantages and disadvantages, the probable expense and the probable income and at several points in the meeting I surely thought they [page break]

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would vote to establish the office. Bro. Henry was opposed to it from beginning to end, and Bro. Eldridge was as thoroughly in favor of it. Bro. Kellogg was in favor of it, but said little. Belden favored it provided they were not asked to buy out the present plant and stock on hand. Just what Bro. Butler thought I do not know. They asked me if I thought they ought to buy the plant and stock. I told them yes.

Then they discussed the probability of having a smoother time with Uncle Stephen and I told them just what I thought about it. And I told them also my opinion as to whether the enterprise would pay or not. A.R. Henry thought it would take three years to pay expenses; I thought two. I told them that if P.P. had the capital that they had, that I thought they would be willing to establish an office there provided they could have the moral support of our people and the good feeling of the R.&H. I told them that Eld. Haskell was one of the directors of P.P. and that on account of what he had done for us in the past we would no doubt be willing to conform to his plans and more ready to gratify his whims than they would. Then they passed the resolution which I enclose on a separate sheet referring the matter to P.P. and expressing their preference that the London office be established by P.P. if the board was willing, and saying that if they refused to do so, the R.&H. would consider it again.

Now my brother, what do you think? Shall we undertake the responsibility? I told them plainly that P.P. would feel bad to have them go in there and interfere with its colonial trade and that if the press did establish an office there, there would be an [page break]

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advantages in keeping the Colonial trade together. I have notified Eld. Haskell of this action and asked him to correspond with you. He went home feeling quite poorly; but he has written me twice asking that John Gibson shall be sent to London without delay. Whittier seems to be managing things in an independent, pig-headed way and they are anxious to have another manager.

If Gibson was simply going as book-keeper I should think he might go pretty soon; but if the Board decides favorably to the establishment of a branch office in London, then I should suppose he would want to be put in special training for its management. And when he does come East, I should want him to spend a few weeks here getting acquainted with R.&H. managers and with Dr. Kellogg, the Good Health Pub. Co., and all the parties with whom he would have to deal in conducting the London business. It seems to me that if the Press undertakes this enterprise it would be best to buy out the present plant and stock of books, paying for them in installments. Then it might be well to purchase a cylinder press and a gas engine, and do the press work on Present Truth and tracts and pamphlets. The mission could publish Present Truth, and bear the loss on it, and we could assume the financial responsibility on the rest. We should take charge of the office on Paternoster Row, the mission sharing the loss until such time as it can pay for itself, or till we can make a change to some less expensive quarters.

This may look like a quite heavy financial responsibility, but if I understand the matter right the time will come when there is profit in the book business centered in London and the principle [page break]

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object in asking R.&H. or P. P. to assume the responsibility, and thus gain control of the future advantages of the business, is that they may take from the mission this heavy expense which it is now bearing, and which it is not prepared to maintain.

I think you would do well to lay this matter out quite fully before Brn. Church, Bucher, Leininger, Ruel Stickney, and George Martin, as far as you can get their attention. Unless these men of financial reputation favor the enterprise, we better go slow. I hope that the decision will be to go ahead for while it will be a burden at first, I believe it will not only be a successful, but a profitable branch in the end.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W. C. White

P.S. I have just received your very welcome letter telling me about your arrival, about the good meetings, and also about the board meeting in which a wish was expressed that P.P. might have a chance to establish the London office. Well, you see the door is wide open; will you walk in? Or will you run away and say, "It was not I that knocked"?

Mother has gone to Des Moines to attend the Iowa state meeting. We expect her back next Wednesday.

The week of prayer and Christmas readings for Cal. were sent several days ago; but as R.&H. are behind hand in printing the envelopes, I had Bro. Corliss write to Annie Ingles to get you to print them. We also sent her samples of the petitions we are printing, and four page tract to go with it. I will send you electrotype shells of the petition and the tract in a day or two, so that you can print for Cal. We ask you to print at cost, and shall recommend the tract society to bear the financial burden of the enterprise.

Hoping to hear from you soon. I am yours,

WCW

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Review & Herald: -

Pay to the order of Prof. W. W. Prescott, One Hundred (100.00) Dollars (for tuition of Slade) and charge the same to the E. G. White Mission Fund.

W.C. White

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Dear Brother, --

I have your kind letters of Nov. 7 and 30. I have had two or three conversations with Bro. McPhearson about the loan but could get no decision from him. Whenever I pressed him hard he said he couldn't do it; but finally promised to write to you. I really wish he would let you have the money, but he is not satisfied with so low an interest which when the taxes are deducted from, leaves him only about 4%.

The Indiana meeting has been hard to settle, but I guess it is arranged now for Rochester. I really hope that you will be able to attend it. It is quite an important meeting for them, and Frank will be able to do a great deal more if he has a good introduction.

With this I send you Bro. Purdham's letter to D.T. Jones. Although addressed to Jones I thought we ought to read it. Please write to Purdham or to Jones what you think about it and forward this letter on to Jones.

We are disappointed by the prices given by the Inter Ocean. We think they are too high and that we are hardly prepared to invest \$650 or \$700 just now on this enterprise. Will it not be better for A.T. to come down to Chicago after he has been to Washington and give two or three lectures? Condensed reports of these we can get into the Inter Ocean and other papers without cost, and then perhaps we can arrange so that one special number to be sent to Editors will do us. [page break]

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I am told that the editor of "America" has offered Jones abundance of space in his paper. And when the Inter Ocean finds that this is a live question and that other papers are publishing matter about it, they may be willing to come down from their high prices.

With this I send you a copy of a petition in its improved form as we are now sending it out to the Tract Societies. What do you think of the propriety of getting a supplement to the Review on this subject? If you approve of the move, please write something immediately as the supplement should be out with the next Review.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

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Topeka, Kan.
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Dear Brother, --

I have your kind letters of Nov. 6 and 14 which would have been answered long ago but my mind has been occupied with important committee business so that your letter with others of equal importance remain unanswered until today. I must now say to you as did Chief Butler to Pharaoh, "I do remember my faults this day," and will now try to tell you what the committee decided about the Kansas matters.

When the matter was presented to them (the Gen. Conf. Com.) as I wrote to you it would be, they voted unanimously "that the Gen. Conf. shall give the Kansas conference a new tent 45 or 50 foot in diameter as they may choose, provided that conference will send a man with it to open up the work in New Mexico."

I shall write to the Kansas conference today advising them of this action and suggesting that they go forward with the matter as contemplated in my letter to you. You ask what I meant by the term "under the auspices of the Kansas Conference." I meant that you should carry credentials as a minister of that conference and should receive council from the conference committee. As to the exact relation between yourself and the committee and the degree of the responsibility which they shall assume we leave that for you and the committee to arrange as seems best.

The financial question you can arrange with them as seems best to you both.

My individual opinion with reference to that field based on a casual observation in passing through and information gained from [page break]

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the reports of Bro. Harper who has canvassed there considerable, leads me to believe that it is a good canvassing field.

Bro. Belden, who has worked there some, bears the same testimony and I think it very likely that much could be done to prepare the way for other labor. It would assist the work financially in that field to put forth an energetic effort to secure good agents and canvass the best portions of the territory with some of our bestselling books.

According to a late agreement as to territory, that field has been assigned to the Pacific Press, and if it seems best to you or the one whom you may encourage to act as State agent to deal directly with Pacific Press, I will say a good word in your favor. If for any reason it seems advisable for you to draw your books from the Kansas depository I will ask Pacific Press to turn over that territory to the Kansas Tract Society.

When you come to a conclusion as to what will be best, please write to me if you think I can do anything to assist you in the work.

Praying that the Lord may guide you in your decisions and again apologizing for the delay which must seem to you inexcusable,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

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Dr. Kellogg, -

Mr. Kimball has handed me your letter to him to read and I thought it perhaps would not be out of place to say a few things in regard to this Eld. Haskell's affair. I do not wish to be prejudiced and I claim I have some of my Father's characteristic traits as far as being always willing to see everyone righted, and you have expressed your willingness to do anything you could in assisting to set this matter right.

I do not know that I am capable of placing more complaints in a way that you will see our reasons for the feelings we have or not. But if I can and you can give us a satisfactory reason of his honesty, we will willingly accept it.

Why, according to the doctrine of the Advents, did he not come to the Sanitarium while I was there and prove to me that he cared for my father as a brother, as he would have done by any other brother that was called a minister. Would he have remained away two weeks and left a brother to suffer as my father did, and no one to minister to his sufferings as he needed till I came. I have the card he wrote to me two weeks before he died, saying, "Come and take care of me."

Eld. Haskell was a faithful attendant to my father until he got him to say and do just what he thought must be done to keep us from having any share of his money. After then his (Haskell's) [page break]

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wish was accomplished. He had no more care, duty, or business with my father. The friendship, duty, sympathy was no interest to him and what would my father have done if I had not come to him and giving him what every human being needs in their dying hours, the presence and assistance of those whom they have loved and placed confidence in, but that was nothing to Eld. Haskell; and Dr. Kellogg, Eld. Haskell is the cause of my father's sickness and terrible suffering and unless I can be convinced to the contrary, he is to my mind worse than a murderer, for he is at the bottom of 15 years great trial to my father and trouble to me I never would have had, and very bitter feelings among all our relations, and knowing all this, he has never shown himself man enough or Christian enough to right himself, because he can't do it. We have too much evidence in his own writing and in what my father said though he wrote to a party to be discreet and have everything done and to destroy all the letters.

We have the two lawyers evidence here, that transacted the business and copied letters, for they believed something was crooked. When the lawyers undertook to ask questions of my father he was headed off by this substitute who, by the way, has always made a tool of my father in different ways, but they read Eld. H.'s letter and copied it and can produce it as the truth. [page break]

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that Eld. H. did represent to my father that he would have shares in some association, to make it appear that there was something to show for his money, at the same time he says it was good for nothing. I could write a volume of what these lawyers say and can swear to, but if there was nothing from them, I know how my father has been influenced and lived as a pauper because Eld. H. was always using duty as a weapon over my father, and having the confidence he did in him, he was completely under his power and control, and Eld. H. carried it out regardless of my father and needs of his daughter.

I was left a widow with a son 7 years old and between \$300 and \$500 in debt and to answer a question which might be asked how I became so involved, I would say, my husband was under the doctor's care for five years and for 18 months was not able to earn a day's wages and if anyone wishes to question our integrity and standing, let them enquire of anyone in Leavenworth, Kans. So that the plea, "that we were injudicious was the reason my father would not help us" will not work. For my father told me and even some of the Adventists that he would buy a home for me but Eld. H. advised him not to. Some of the Adventists told me this, beside my father and I even had a place picked out. My brothers and sisters advised him to buy, but when he wrote to Eld. H. about it he persuaded him not to do [page break]

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it, I was left to put my boy out and to work out and do the best I could and my father had to live where he could and worked hard and dressed like a pauper and perhaps you can remember his coming to the Sanitarium to sell popcorn, by which means he bought his underclothes, because he said Eld. H. said he did not want him to draw any more money than he could help. At that time I was keeping house for my father, because he thought the Advents would give me a situation and because they could not, we broke up housekeeping, I went nursing and sent my boy into the country and Father went into an Advent family and worked for his board again, doing washing, hanging out clothes, chopping wood, making fires, milking and everything that was out of reason for such an old man to do and more than I ever allowed him to do, but people will impose when there is a chance. Religion never governs very many. At this time my father was suffering with the disease that finally ended his life and ought to have gone to the Sanitarium, and I tried to have him, but he said it would cost too much, and Eld. Haskell didn't want him to use much money – like a child he was denied because Eld. H. saw fit to keep him from getting his money, letting my father live the best he could; never once inquiring into his needs and taking advantage of my father's meek and uncomplaining disposition, never to look after him. What my [page break]

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father has endured through that man is more than any of us can be reconciled to and I think he ought to be hanged. In his letters to my father he was always urging him through the Lord to go among the mutes and spread the truth and my father exposed himself in every way to save some. He walked 20 miles to see a mute and came near being killed by the cars. He had his arm broke by the wheel of the engine, it came that near killing him. When we asked him why he walked, he said, "to save fare". Everything was to save his money because Haskell wanted him to. He came to Battle Creek 7 years ago, and for three weeks he told me he had not bought a cents worth of food, but lived on dried scraps from the Sanitarium and if you did not know it then, you can now for the one who had the management of the food can tell you the same. And even after we went to housekeeping over Mr. Putnam's barn, my father went regularly for scraps from the table and I had nothing, could earn nothing there and so was obliged to eat the same. I sold some fancy work I made and bought some few things myself. Is it possible the Advent Church will uphold any such doings and call it Christian? Never, if it was their own case. After I came to Chicago, my father wrote me that he wanted to come and live with me, that he could not sleep nights as he was so cold and suffering with his kidneys. I told him to come. I was earning \$6 a week and I paid his board for three weeks because he had no money. I was getting my board and room for \$3 per [page break]

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week by getting breakfast and supper for five and doing what work I could from 5 to 8 A.M. and from 6 to 9 P.M. in order to live within my wages. I tried to have him rent a place to his own notion. I cared not how cheap so I could have a home. But those demon letters of Eld. Haskell were ever on the way to keep us in misery. I finally told him I was not able to pay his board and that he must tell Eld. Haskell that he must have the money, but he had a deaf man living in Kansas two miles from any neighbors, a bachelor, who offered if my father would come out there and live with him he was welcome to do so without costing him anything. So he concluded to go. We all tried to prevent his going, for it seemed dangerous for two deaf men to be living along like that, besides my father was not used to doing housework altogether. When we found we could not persuade him out of it. I wrote to Eld. Haskell and Mrs. White and told them the circumstances asking them not to allow him to go. And the loving kindness they showed was by not saying anything or doing anything about it or answering my letter.

Haskell has tried very hard to get himself mixed up and tried very hard to make it appear that it was my father's own doings, but he never would have done as he did but for the constant influence he held over my father, and on his dying bed his regret was that he had not gone to the Sanitarium when I wanted him to. When I told him I did not think he would have suffered so much if [page break]

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he had. He said he didn't know any better. No, poor man, he didn't, he needed someone to look after him like a child, for he was not capable of taking care of himself and his advice to me was to be sure to take care of myself so I would not suffer as he did. When I told him I had no money to take care of myself as I knew I ought to, he said that Eld. Haskell would give it to me. Oh! The villain! How quick he skipped to Europe and he knew how bitter we felt against him. Why didn't he try to right himself if he could? He has acted like a rascal all through, for as a Christian duty, when he heard of our indignation, why didn't he offer some explanation to try and prove himself a man? But no, he has steered to keep clear of us. But if there is any law or justice we will try and have it.

He called on my father before I came, and tore up his letters but left the envelopes in the waste basket – showing he did not want me to see any of his letters – but he missed two and they showed his influence, for in one he advises my father to make everything secure so he would have no trouble after his death. Can you for one moment think you would like to have someone step in and take control of your father's funeral expenses, telling the herald men to give us the privilege of selecting the coffin and grave? I suppose they thought it was a favor. Even if he was honest, there is no one that could look at it as business. [page break]

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I have the card in which my father told me to come to him and he would pay my expenses. I would of course have had to go to Eld. Haskell and have had it dealt but to me as you would for your bill, but yet he says he hasn't got his money. Perhaps not, but traveling and having a good time as my father never had, and on my father's money too, has used it up. Of course he had to represent it for a mission. If Mr. Haskell had stayed at home and attended to the thousand missions needed here I think he would be just as near heaven as he is now. But he represented to my father the great importance of going to Europe to spread the truth, and it couldn't be done unless my father gave him the money, which he did through his influence. At the same time my father thought he ought to provide for me, but the answer was, in giving to the cause he was laying up treasures in heaven's bank and by giving to me it was in the bank of the world.

You wrote you thought if Mr. Kimball would write to Haskell he would make an explanation satisfactorily. Why hasn't he done it himself? He has been notified how we fell and has never tried as a Christian ought to have done, leaving business outside.

I have written more than I intended, but not anywhere near what I could write that is too true to let go by.

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Dec. 6, 1888
Florence Westphall
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sister, -- Your letter of Nov. 22 has been in my hands for several days, but I have not known what to write. I know but little of the wants of the work in Washington, so that I cannot give you a proper answer until I have heard from them. I shall take the liberty to send your letter to Bro. Saxby, asking him to answer as fully as he can the queries raised in it.

I would not feel free to advise you to go to Washington unless I thought there was a reasonable hope that you could do them much good and at the same time regain your health. It may then be best for you to continue your work where you are until we have more perfect information from Washington.

Trusting that the Lord may guide in the decisions that shall be made in this matter, I am,

Your brother in Christ,

W.C. White

Per F.

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Eld. Wm. Ings

Oakland, Cal.

Dear Brother, -- With this I send you a letter which Bro. Robinson has forwarded to me. I have written to Bro. Robins, advising him to go to Eld. Loughborough and yourself and to tell you frankly about his experience in New York, how he was led into sin which resulted in his separation from the mission. I will say no more about the matter, believing that it will be better for him to tell you than for me.

Please give him a good opportunity, and if necessary encourage him to tell you his experience in New York.

Praying that the Lord may give you wisdom to deal wisely in this case, I am,

Yours truly,

W.C. White

Per F.

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Dec. 6, 1888
C.R. Robins
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Brother, -- I was somewhat surprised to learn that you were on the Pacific Coast, and that you have entered upon the mission work in San Francisco.

I was very much pained a few weeks ago to hear of your wrong course while connected with the work in New York City. I cannot tell you how sorry I felt about this, for I have always held you in high esteem, and have believed that you were striving earnestly to overcome all sin and temptation and to prepare for a place in the kingdom of God. I am glad to learn from Bro. Robinson of New York that you have repented of the sins committed there and that you are striving to do what is right; and I would most earnestly advise you to go to Elds. Ings and Loughborough and tell them frankly how the matter stands. What errors you committed in New York and how that this resulted in your separation for the work; and then bear manfully whatever is the result of this frankness on your part. I believe this is a course that God will approve of and his approval is of vastly more consequence than the good will of men.

Praying that the Lord may guide you and that he will purify and fit you for a place in his kingdom,

I am your brother,

W.C. White

Per F.

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Battle Creek, Mich.
Dec. 6, 1888
Eld. J.E. Robinson
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Brother, --

I have just received your letter of November 28, and hasten to reply. We shall be pleased to have the New England Conference take charge of the Brooklyn Mission at an early date, the sooner the better. I received the impression that they would not wish to keep the house you now occupy. If this is so, it would be well for you to see the party of whom you rent and get a release if possible. Of course, we would not take advantage of the fact that there are no legal papers, but he may let you off without expense; and if not for nothing, he might release you for a small sum compared with three month's rent. Of course the Gen. Conf. will have to meet the expense of carrying out the contracts made while the mission was theirs. I really hope you can get a release without much expense so as to give up the house sometime this month.

Please send us an inventory of the furniture with such a description as will enable the Chicago people to decide if they want it in their mission. You know they are just moving into their new house and I have thought it would be much better to ship this furniture to them than to sell it at considerable loss. Please ascertain about what it would cost to send it to Chicago by freight or such part of it as you think worth shipping.

Perhaps you can sell some pieces to Pacific Press for their New York establishment. See Bro. Kilgore about this.

We approve of your effort to dispose of the old books. Take a complete inventory of whatever you cannot sell and store them with P.P. unless you see a better way. Send me an inventory if you can of what there is on hand. I know but little of Robin's movements in New York. I shall send his letter to Bro. Ings, and shall write to him to tell them all. I did not know that he had gone west.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

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My Dear Brother, --

I will now try to answer your very welcome letters of Nov. 23 and 28. How I wish I could be with you to enjoy the good meetings in Oakland. We rejoice with you and pray most earnestly that the Lord's blessing may abide with you all and that you will not allow the spirit of self-exaltation to come into your midst, which usually is the cause of fanaticism. There are some letters coming over here which lead to some questioning about the work. Some who were known here to be good, conscientious girls are writing lengthy confessions which they wish to have read publicly. This does not seem to be wise. At least our people here are prepared to appreciate it. I presume you are acquainted with many facts relative to the experience of First Day Adventist ministers. Bro. Lunt can give you the names of many of them through whom the Lord worked in a most marvelous manner, healing diseases, speaking with tongues, and exhibiting miraculous manifestations of the spirit who allowed themselves after a time to become exalted. Instead of giving God the glory, they became lifted up with self-esteem; and when the Lord withdrew from them the remarkable manifestations of his spirit, they supplied the lack with devices of their own, and went into the most remarkable fanaticism. These things must be a lesson to us [page break]

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that when the Lord bestows his spirit in an unusual manner on us, it calls for a double portion of humility that God may receive the glory and not the weak instrument.

I was very glad to hear that your wife will visit Mary. I shall be much interested to hear from you how she finds her.

Bro. Watkins came here Friday noon, spent the Sabbath with me, and went on to New York evening after the Sabbath. I wanted him to stay longer, but he felt that he must go.

Yesterday I happened into the committee room while R.&H. Board were discussing the matter of the Instructor and the Sabbath School lessons. They object to making the Instructor simply a child's paper. They are willing, however, to make it a youth's paper, taking out the senior lessons and some of the reading which has been more appropriate for adults and putting in the children's lesson and enlarging the Children's Department. They also consent to publish the senior lessons in the Review if they do not cost too much. I told them I thought the Signs and the Review ought not to pay more than one dollar a lesson. They were already to make the change in the Instructor in January, but the telegram lately received from yourself and Dr. Waggoner shows this to be impossible. I very much regret the delay which to me seems unnecessary. I will enquire about the lessons on Heb. and do what I can to help Belden about the year book. I fear he is much behind now with his work on it.

I am much interested in what you say about the establishing of branch offices in London, Los Angeles, Oakland, and Sydney. I am decidedly [page break]

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opposed to the Oakland office – not because I think it impossible to make it pay, but because the time and attention necessary to make it a success is needed elsewhere. I think the Sydney office will sometime be a necessity, but not yet. If I can judge anything by the bills which have been coming in here, the Melbourne people must have nearly enough books to supply that field for a year. They now owe the Gen. Conf. Asso. about 10,000 and we shall shut down on them soon unless they begin to send some money. I think you ought to send some book-man over there to teach agents and straighten out the New Zealand tangle. I shall write you more fully about this later. I think the Los Angeles office will be a good thing, provided you can unite with it a canvassing school or a canvassing mission. You will remember I spoke of this once before you left. The London branch ought to be started immediately, that is, we ought to have an immediate decision with reference to its establishment and then prepare our plans and our men so that they may go early in the spring to take charge of matters there.

Haskell is in a great hurry to have Gibson come immediately and Robinson feels the same. Whitney is taking an unsatisfactory course, and they are anxious to have Gibson come as soon as possible.

I hardly know what to say about the new cuts called for for Vol. Four. I am thoroughly tired of the child's work that has been done on the subject that "a little child shall lead them." You know we have tried three times and failed and I have now no hope of success. If you can find an artist that you have confidence in we will bear [page break]

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half the expense of another experiment. You may go ahead with the "Earthquake" and the "Desolation of the Earth" same basis; and if any of them prove to be a real success we will pay the entire bill. I suppose Reaser might do well on these but he is so far away it may not be best to wait.

I certainly think you will have to print a trade edition from the new plates. I think it should be on smaller and cheaper paper, and without illustrations. I do not think that many will be wanted, just enough to stop the mouths of those agents who think that by continual clamber they can get lower prices on books that cost us nearly as much money as the present edition.

We will try to give some time to the tent meeting lesson after New Year's. We shall have no time before. I will enquire about the manuscripts for the S.S. Manual.

The R.&H. Board organized yesterday. Butler, Pres.; Eldridge, V. Pres.; Belden, Sect'y.; Henry, Treas.; Kellogg, Auditor. I am highly gratified with this arrangement. Think we shall see improvement in this institution during the coming year.

The readings for the week of prayer and the Christmas programs have all been sent out. The readings were stitched together so they cannot say this year that they received part of the readings but those for two or three days did not come. We are now sending out the petitions against the Blair Bill with circulars about how to get signers. We also send out with it a four page tract, a copy of which I will send you. In a few days we shall have a special edition [page break]

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of the Battle Creek Journal containing a report of three of Alonzo's sermons. There is about as much reading in this one paper as we usually get in a ten cent pamphlet and we shall be able to furnish them to the tract societies for \$10 per 1000 copies. We hope to get this into the hands of our people at once so that they may begin to study up how to approach their friends and neighbors and how to argue the question while circulating the petitions.

We are very anxious that there shall be a week of earnest work preceding the week of prayer and as soon as they get out and begin to circulate the petitions, they will not want a little four page tract which we have sent them, but very large quantities of the Sentinel tracts. I find that there are none of these on hand at the R. and that many of the tract societies in this part of the country are out. I asked R. and H. why they had not printed them, suppose of course that you had sent on the plates at their request several months ago but I tell you frankly Bro. Jones, I never was so chagrined and ashamed for Pacific Press as when I found that the plates had not been sent, nor did we have any idea as to when they could be obtained. There may be some reasonable explanation, but it looks as though Pacific Press wanted to keep all this work to themselves, and were following a policy of delay. It looks at this end of the line just as many things have looked at that end which we have condemned unsparingly in R. and H. I tell you it made me feel bad and I cannot get it off my mind. On my own responsibility I telegraphed for the plates and then I went to Sr. House for a package to examine so as to be already [page break]

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to reset what you could not send; and I was at once struck with the idea that they are not gotten up on the right plan for the present campaign. You see, if our people take hold of this matter they ought to use hundreds of thousands of some of these and while it may be well to take some of this same matter and put it in a pamphlet to be sold, there are thousands upon thousands that ought to be given away. Money is very scarce in these parts and we must plan to put everything connected with this campaign in the most economical way possible. So I introduced the matter to our brethren who were in council and they agree with me that these should all be reset in larger page and smaller type and they should be printed on thinner paper so that the whole set need not cost those who use them more than five cents.

I believe that the correct principle to be followed in our publishing books and tracts is this; that on all publications which are sold, they should be issued in such a style and at such prices as will give a fair profit to publisher and salesman; but that all tracts and periodicals which are intended almost entirely to be given away should be issued in the most economical form, and furnished by the publishing houses at the actual cost of production. Especially is this the case with those tracts and journals which are to be circulated by the hundreds and thousands in connection with securing signatures to these petitions. Therefore we shall take the liberty to go forward in this matter without waiting to hear from you. We would not do this if the case were not an urgent one. [page break]

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We hope to get the printers to work on these tracts in a day or two and have the presses running on large editions very soon. If this runs against any of your plans, I pray you to forgive us. It is the Kings business and it demandeth haste.

Bro. Kellogg has just shown me your telegram stating that you can furnish the plates, but I suppose they have been reset on the same general plan and for this present move tracts printed from the plates would be altogether too expensive. I shall try to have a good add of the Sentinel on all or nearly all of them; but I don't believe it is necessary to devote the whole of last page to advertisements in every case.

Bro. Kellogg tells me that the printing on Vol. 4 is done and that they are being sewed. He thinks there will be some bound by the 10th but perhaps not all of the 2000 promised. Testimony 33 is moving along with a fair degree of prosperity.

There is much more I would like to say to you, but as the Sabbath is here I will write you the first of the week.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

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Dec. 7, 1888
Eld. R. A. Underwood

Dear Brother:

With this I send you a letter from Sr. Priest pleading that a laborer shall visit certain places in Virginia. I have told her that I would send the letter to you that you might advise those working in that field. I also send you a letter from Eld. Raymond which I will request you to answer, also one from Bro. Saxby which I have answered, but which I thought you would like to see.

Bro. Gilbert Wilson who was recommended to go to West Virginia expressed to the brethren at the Mich. meeting a great desire to attend school here this winter. Those I counseled with thought he ought to have the privileges, and as I could find no one who knew whether there was any need of his hurrying to the field or not I encouraged him to attend the school. Now I learn that Eld. Stone has written a letter asking him to come immediately to attend their general meeting and to labor through the winter which he says is the most favorable time. Wilson will be sadly disappointed if he is obliged to give up the school. He is now at his home sending his furniture here. Can you not think of some other good man who could take his place? Do you know the young man Raymond spoken of? Would he be of any service in West Virginia?

Please give this matter attention at your earliest convenience. The work is moving on slowly here. We shall try to get out a review supplement next week.

Yours Truly,

W.C. White

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Sisters Davis and Bolton:

There are but a few minutes before sundown, but I will improve all the time I have, in writing to you, about Mother's latest plans. She finds that there are many reasons why it would be advantageous to her, to spend the remainder of the winter here, and get out some of her books here. We are very nicely located here at the San. and there are a number of persons here who can help about the books. Besides this, she feels as though she ought to spend some time in labor here, and so she has thought to send for you to come here, and bring all the unfinished work, and all the scrap-books, and manuscripts that you would be liable to want.

Fannie could stop a week in Chicago, and Marion could take a week to visit, and then we would begin the work:

1. The publication of the Temperance book.
2. The printing of G.C. Vol. I.
3. The preparation of the life of Christ, for publication and for revision of the translations.
4. Sanctification and some other small works.
5. Preparation of copy for several books made up of classified selections from the Testimonies.

We will write you more about this next week. If there is any time to spare we might, let Fannie help come in the work of furnishing short articles on National reform to secular papers all over the country; and it may be that she could also get time to attend Prof. McKeers special class on this March. If you are willing to come please start as soon as possible.

Yours in Christ,

W. C. White

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Oakland, Cal.

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Dear Brother, --

I sent you quite a lengthy letter only a few days but as there are other matters of importance which I wish to lay before you, I will write again.

In a telegram which I sent you last week, I asked you to tell Marion and Fannie Bolton to prepare to come here bringing Mother's manuscripts; and now I must tell you something about what we hope to do. Mother finds that she can occasionally attend a general meeting and accomplish much good. Her labors are greatly needed in this eastern country. We are nicely located at the Sanitarium where we have none of the cares and perplexities that would attending setting up house-keeping. The Sanitarium people want us to stay all winter and we are favorable to this if their prices are reasonable. We shall soon have a report on this. I am inclined to think that Mother can get on with her writing much better here than in Cal. where she has so many home cares as well as perplexities in connection with the retreat and college.

1. You know there has been considerable talk about Mother's getting out a health book; but up to the present time we have been able to do nothing about it. This can be done here better than anywhere else and ought to be taken hold of immediately.

2. Testimony No. 33 which is already begun will take considerable time yet. [page break]

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There are several other smaller works for which we shall try to prepare the matter for this winter, but we can form no opinion yet as to where it will be best to have the type work done. I hope we shall be free to return to Oakland in the spring or early summer and that we can bring much of this work with us.

Whoever does the type work and plate making on Vol. One and "Life of Christ" it will make no difference with our plans as to their publication; and as there is little profit in type work, I trust you will not be much disappointed by our change of plans. I think you can see that there are marked advantages in this and I believe it will be the means of getting more works upon the market than otherwise would be possible.

Please write me freely what you think of these matters and give me such suggestions and criticisms as may be of value.

Please talk with Marian as to the amount of matter in Vol. One and write me your opinion as to the size of page and type that should be used. I have thought that it ought to be set in long primer, leaded. If in small pica it will make too large a book. Would it not be well to make the page one or two ems wider and a line or two longer than Vol. Four. I want to get it out in such a style that the price need not exceed that of Vol. Four.

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Joseph Hutchins
Burrough Valley, Cal.
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Dear Brother, -- W.C. has asked me to write you a few lines of inquiry concerning the valley. We have thought some that if the temperature were dry and moderate, and the climate favorable it might be well for us to encourage Mary to spend a time there. Please write to W.C. telling him how things are going there. What amount of rain are you having? What condition is Mother's house in? Has it been fixed up yet, and how much? How about the fencing, has it been attended to? What house could Mary occupy if Mother's were not large enough or in proper condition? We would like very much to know how things are getting along in the valley. Please write fully anything you think of that would help in deciding whether to encourage Mary to go to the Valley or not and we will be very thankful.

We are at the Sanitarium. Will probably be in Battle Creek till spring or early summer. Sr. White has been doing lots of writing. She enjoys real good health and is sustained in her work. Testimony No. 33, which she has been getting out is in the hands of the printer; while several other books are in course of preparation for the publisher. The weather has been exceedingly mild and pleasant. Have but a little snow.

A.T. Jones is in Washington getting acquainted with representatives and senators in the interests of the move we are making against the passage of the Blair Sunday Bill. He has spoken three times here. All are favorably impressed with him, as well as [page break]

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stirred by the truths which he is presenting. We have made reports to a city paper which have been reprinted in one number which I will send you.

He is to teach the advanced Bible class this winter in the college.

You will see by the Review Extra that you will soon receive that efforts are being made to get signers to a petition to the two houses not to pass the Blair Bill. You will soon receive some of these I hope. Get everyone in the valley to sign but the Indians.

We should all like to return to the Coast; but the fact that W.C. has been made Pres. of the Gen. Conf. in the absence of Bro. Olsen and the great need there is of the services of his mother here in the East will not permit it.

Hoping that you will write to Mary and at the same time wishing to hear from you in this part of the country, I remain,

Yours truly,

J.W. Fulton
for
W.C. White

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Dec. 12, 1888
Eld. A.O. Burrell
So. Monterey, Mich.

Dear Brother, -- You may look for Mother on the 4:40 train Friday afternoon.

If I can shape my work so as to leave, I will come with her; but I find many matters of pressing importance which demand almost my entire time here. I expect there will be three of us.

Hoping to be able to so arrange matters as to be with you,

I remain yours truly,

W.C. White

Per F.

Battle Creek, Mich.
Dec. 12, 1888
C.H. Jones, Oakland, Cal.

Dear Brother, -- Please send me by mail five sets of the revised Sentinel Tracts. The Review Extra is off, as also is the Special Journal, of which we print 20,000 at first run. The petitions will soon be sent out as you will see by the extra. Mother goes to Monterey, Mich. tomorrow. Will write you more news soon.

Your brother,

W.C. White

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The Sentinel Tracts

8 Pages Religious Liberty.	Cachets	Enlarge
8-1 Religious Legislation	J.H.W	Add to; on Set Frame
16-1 N.R. Movement Amenity	A.T.J.	Make 8½
12-1½ Salem Witchcraft	J.H.W.	“ 8-1
16-1½ N.R. & Rights of Can.	A.T.J.	“ 8½
8-1¼ Republic of Israel	**	“ 4
8-1 What Think ye of Christ	E.J.W.	“ 4¼
16-1½ American Papacy	A.T.J.	“ 8½
8-1 Purity of Nat. Religion	J.H.W.	4 full on 8-1½
16-1½ Bold & Base Abnormal	**	“ 8 full
16-1 N.R. in Church & State	A.T.J.	Add for 12 on 8 full
24-1½ N.R. Constitution	A.T.J.	“ 16-1½
32-1 N.R. Presbyterianism	**	“ 16 fine

B.C.
Dec. 13, 1888
Sr. Palmer

I have seen a tract printed at the Academy Press having Sister Burchett's spreading of some other matters.

Please send me five copies here, also send five to A.T. Jones c/o Saply Washington.

R. and H. are resetting the Sentinel Israel. Name on the 4th page: "Our ____." Some are furnished the set from 10 pgs. Do you want a set of Electors Plates so as to run for M.G. ____?

W.C. White

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Mr. Fred M. Rossiter

Hillsdale, Mich.

Dear Brother, -- Sr. White has referred to me your letter asking for advice relative to attending Battle Creek College. She has a deep interest in the education for the work of our young but as she has no means of knowing what your circumstances are, and as she is already over-burdened with cares resulting from her many duties, we would refer you to M.B. Miller, director for this district; or R.A. Underwood, Pres. of the Ohio Conference. For advice or any desired information relative to the College, address W.W. Prescott, Battle Creek, Mich.

Your Brother,

Jno. N. Fulton

for

Mrs. E.G. White

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Dec. 13, 1888
Mr. A.G. Davis
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Sir; --

In answer to your letter of Dec. 1, notifying me of the expiration of policy on dwellings, would say that your previous letter was received but I referred it to C.H. Jones, Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal. who is our agent. We would refer any matters of business to him. Please see him about it.

Yours very truly,

Jno. N. Fulton
for
W.C. White

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M.A. Davis

Oakland, Cal.

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Dear Sister; -- When I wrote you a week ago today I thought I would send you another letter in a day or two; but time flies. We are becoming more and more settled that we ought to spend the winter here, and are now prepared to ask you and Fannie to draw money from the Signs Office for your expenses, and to come here as soon as you can.

Please bring with you all the manuscripts we are likely to want and this I suppose will cover all there are.

Be sure to bring the scrap-books containing Mother's articles. Also all the books we will be likely to wish to refer to in the work on Vol. 1, "Life of Christ", "Life of Paul", "Sanctification", "Health and Temperance", &c., &c.

Probably our first effort will be the publication of Vol. 1 and the issuing of the Health Book.

I think there are two copies of "How to Live" somewhere about the place. Please bring them.

Of course, there will be many things that you cannot bring in your trunks, and these should be shipped by freight with other books from Pacific Press. You will appreciate the necessity of starting these on their journey as soon as possible.

We wish the Caligraph which is at Healdsburg and also the one at Oakland. [page break]

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M.A. Davis

Oakland, Cal.

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I cannot you how long the family will stay here. I expect to return to Oakland by the first of April but Mother and the rest of the family may decide to remain here through the summer.

I hope you will be ready to start by the 26th or 27th of December. Get in with a good party if you can, even though it costs a little more money. And if necessary to start a few days earlier or later in order to secure good company, do so.

We do not want to deprive you of the privileges of the week of prayer, but would like to have you come as soon as possible after it is over.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

per F.

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Miss Rheba Kelsey
Healdsburg, Cal.
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My dear Niece, --

I received your very welcome letter many days ago and have often promised myself that I would answer it; but have been so busy that it has seemed impossible. We are having very stirring times here this winter, and everyone has all the work that he can do.

I thought I would go out and see Frank sometime, and have been hoping I could go after Christmas. I hear that one can go out on the new railroad if they will walk over to the paper mill and go on the construction train early in the morning. I want to see Frank very much.

Well, I suppose you have heard that I must spend the winter here. Of course this is a great disappointment to me. I do not like to be so long a time away from home, and especially while Mary is not strong; but as it seems to be duty for me to stay I am ever so thankful that she has lots of good friends that know how to take the best of care of her.

I am very anxious that you shall make good progress with your school work this winter and I hope you will be able to take good care of our little Ella. Do not leave her to run with the other girls unless you know what they are doing and talking about. Try to manage matters so that she will like to be with you. Take an [page break]

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Healdsburg, Cal.
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interest in what she is studying and in what interests here, and help her all you can to be a good girl. If you see that she is getting too much self-esteem and is too forward I would much rather she would lose the benefits of the school than to be spoiled.

For four evenings we have had a meeting attended by about 150 persons for the purpose of studying the nation reform movement and our duty with reference to it. Eld. Corliss has given a lesson each evening and I have assisted him in the meetings.

Last evening I was very much surprised to see your father in the meeting but I had no chance to talk with him till tonight. He says that Frank is doing real well so far as matters of this world are concerned. He is well respected in the community and is likely to be appointed to some work about the rail-road station.

Your father says that your grandparents were very kind to him and that they expressed a great desire that you should come back to Michigan. I shall go out to see them after Christmas if I can.

Hoping to hear from you again,

I am your uncle,

W.C. White

per F.

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Dec. 17, 1888
Gospel in all Lands

Dear Publishers, --

We acknowledge the receipt of, and send our thanks for, the 50 copies of "Gospel in all Lands" lately sent us. They have been sent out to as many ministers and are accompanied by as many letters calling attention to those features which especially interests us and asking them to subscribe.

If you can send copies of the October number, they will be treated in the same manner.

Yours very truly,

W.C. White

Per F.

Pub. "Gospel in all Lands"

Gentlemen, -- Please change address of W.C. White so that he shall get his journal at Battle Creek, Mich. in care of R.&H., instead of Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal. and you will oblige.

Yours truly,

W.C. White

Per F.

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Eld. S.N. Haskell
So. Lancaster, Mass.
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My dear Brother, --

I received your letter accompanied by those for Australia and New Zealand several days ago and as soon as I get a little more time, I will write on the subjects treated. I wish now to speak of our present work and to ask what advice you have or what directions you have with reference to the national reform canvass.

I have been magnifying my office as vice president of the International Tract Society in a wonderful way; but as you are such an ardent advocate of our being prepared to do something when there is a crisis and of our acting promptly in every emergency, I anticipate no words of censure from you. We have tried to council together here as much as we could but most of the time we have worked like men at a fire, all seeming to agree that something should be done at once, and feeling little disposition to stop and talk. Of course, we have made some mistakes. Have been able to discover a few ourselves, and expect you will point out others. But by the blessing of God, we see the work go forward, and we believe that a great and good work will be accomplished unless our people too readily accept the story which the devil will too willing set going, -- that this is all a scare, that this is the past and the danger is now over. [page break]

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So. Lancaster, Mass.
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We have discovered that our first lot of petitions have been printed on too cheap paper. You will see by the Review that we are resetting the Sentinel tracts so as to get them out in large quantities and enable us to charge the Society only 5cts. per package net.

I regret that some of our brethren are gathering names without any effort to do thorough missionary work. It seems to me that the chief advantage to this whole thing is that the petition gives us an introduction and opens the way in the best possible shape for our people to do a thorough work in introducing the truth.

The students in the college are thoroughly aroused. They would like to use much more reading matter than they are able to pay for, and we have taken the liberty to furnish them \$25 or \$30 worth at the expense of the International Society. Do you approve of this?

We expected to see Bro. A.T. Jones here tonight. His work in the college is to commence tomorrow and we need his help in the meetings. Mother has been unable to engage in the meetings thus far. She caught a bad cold and was threatened with some of those bad gatherings in her head such as she had just before the Oakland camp-meeting.

Bro. Robinson urges her to attend your So. Lancaster meeting, and she seems quite anxious to do so. I think she will attend if her health permits. I will come also if it is possible but I am way behind with my work. This national reform campaign has taken a large share of my time. There has been no one to help me much but Eld. Corliss. [page break]

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Dr. Kellogg is willing to go ahead with the preparation of the "Plain Facts". He has made me a most favorable proposition which I am to submit to the Pacific Press relative to the publication of his works in London for Great Britain and the colonies. I shall write about this to C.H. Jones in a few days and will send you a copy of the letter.

I will ask Sr. Huntley to keep you informed with reference to our plans, and especially with reference to all proposed appropriations from the funds of the International Society and we shall receive with pleasure any advice or instruction which you may have for us.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

per F.

P.S. Eld. Butler started for Florida yesterday morning.

W.

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Dec. 18, 1888
James P. Leavitt
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Friend and Brother, --

I have your letter of Nov. 30 and although very busy will try to write a few lines. I rejoice greatly with you in the goodness and mercy of the Lord and especially that he has visited his people in Oakland. I am thankful for the blessing that you are all enjoying and wish I could be there to share them with you.

My experience during the last year has been one to show me how frail we are and how merciful and longsuffering is the Lord, our God. I am not surprised that you should have criticized me in time past; nor should I be surprised if you should do so in time present for I know that I am not, nor ever have I been, fitted for the work in which I have engaged. I have not sought the offices in which I have been placed, but having been forced into responsibility have often tried to do in my own strength what I and everyone else knew I could not do. But I have realized in the past year as never before that God is our refuge and our strength a very present help in every time of trouble; and I am trying day by day to learn the lessons of patience and trust which I know are necessary to any semblance of success in my work.

Please accept fully and freely forgiveness for any injury you may have done me. I shall hold nothing in my heart against you and my prayer is that you may become a help to the younger ones, ever using your influence to keep them from the mistakes which you now regret.

Praying that the blessing of the Lord may be upon you more and more,

I am your friend and brother,

W.C. White

per F.

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Eld. Samuel Fulton
St. Johns, Ore.
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Dear Brother, -- I have your kind letter of Nov. 25. Am sorry it has waited so long for an answer.

You know very well that we do not believe in lottery business and we have no word of palliation for the wrong which this brother has committed because the venture happened to be profitable; but we cannot see how he will better the matter by handing over the \$7,500 to the other sinner who was his partner. If I understand the matter rightly the deal between them was fair and square, and it was only the avarice of the man who sold him the half interest in the ticket, which leads him to think of contesting the matter.

I cannot see any grounds for the charge made by the brethren that the man knew beforehand the value of the ticket, for my understanding of the lottery business is that the whole scheme is based upon chance, and that there are no means of knowing what are the lucky tickets. If there were any means by which it could be known, those manipulating the scheme would either take all the money themselves or place it where it would do them the most service as an advertisement. But the fact is, the prizes often fall where it is the least expected. Unless these brethren can prove what they say, they better keep silence and let the man settle the matter with the Lord. There is altogether too much meddling with other people's business among our people. [page break]

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I certainly think it would be very appropriate for him to make a trespass offering.

I pray the Lord to guide you and him and that our good brethren will let their consciences be ever so active in matters of their own, and leave their brethren more free to seek the Lord and receive light each one for himself.

I write this without consulting others. It is my individual opinion and I want no one else to be held responsible for it.

I hope you will be greatly prospered during the week of prayer. These are stirring times. I expect our brethren in your conference will catch the spirit of the times and make a vigorous canvass of the whole country using petitions as an introduction and following up with a thorough distribution of reading matter and an earnest effort to bring souls into a knowledge of the truth, the interest thus created.

I should like to hear how your school is prospering, what Bro. Wyman is doing, what arrangements you made with Bro. Burden, and what sort of a report your delegates brought from the Gen. Conf. How shrewdly the enemy has managed first to put our people to sleep and then get them at disagreement just at the time when they should all have the armor on, ready to enter the battle for truth and liberty as never before in our lives. But I must believe that there is victory for us; “for we know that all things work together for good to them that love God” and even this sad experience at the conference may be turned to some good account. [page break]

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Eld. Samuel Fulton
St. Johns, Ore.
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You will see by a note in the Review this week that I ask each church to report their meetings to the conference president. From these reports and letters and your personal knowledge for what is going on, I think you ought to make up two interesting articles, one reporting the week of prayer and stating the present status of matters in your conference, and another reporting the Christmas offerings and the amount that each church has contributed.

I hope you will see that these articles are furnished for they are of real value to our people.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

per F.

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L.R. Conradi

Milwaukee, Wisc.

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Dear Brother; -- I have your welcome letter of Dec. 11 and although I am very busy will try to write you about some of the matters mentioned. Am glad your class starts off so encouragingly. I have not yet received the program which you promised me.

I suppose Bro. Valentiner is with you and has told you how matters are going here. Bro. Van Der Schuur is still detained by the sickness of his child. I hope he will be able to go next week.

If Bro. Valentiner takes hold to do as much teaching as you indicate, I certainly think that the General Conference ought to pay him for his time. I hope your English class will be a very successful one.

Bro. Amadon tells me that there is a German Jew in Milwaukee who worked some time in our bindery here. He is a Christian Sabbath-keeper and has a good understanding of the Hebrew. Bro. Valentiner knows him and is interested in him. I hope you will look him up and if possible, get him connected with your work. If he can teach Hebrew, and I suppose he can, from what Bro. Amadon says about the man, I think it would be well for you to organize a Hebrew class.

I am not surprised at what you say about the discouraging outlook [page break]

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for the work in Germany and Holland, and will again call your attention to my proposition that it would be more profitable to send Stureman to a Holland school than to have him going around getting discouraged and discouraging everybody else. It seems to me that a man who has been in this country as long as he has should have some schooling before he is prepared to work to good advantage in Holland. I think it would be well for you to propose this plan to the other members of the committee. I will see that an appropriation is made from Mother's royalty fund in Basel to meet the expense of this schooling. Any amount between \$50 and \$75 expended in this way can be used with the assurance that Mother will allow the money to be drawn from this fund. I really think it is folly to let him fuss around there alone.

And now about the cutting down of the Herald. I think we shall make a great mistake to continue the Herald as a 16 pager. I think that an eight page paper could be made to serve the purpose, and when more reading matter is required it would be better to start another eight page semi-monthly so that it would work in with this one and make a weekly. Then if you wish, one could be devoted more especially to our people, an one could be made suitable for distribution. Why not encourage our people to get along with the eight page semi-monthly this year and then start the second paper next year if it is needed? This will give Valentiner a chance to get into the field of which I think will be a great advantage to him, and which will also be a great advantage to the book business. [page break]

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If this is not satisfactory why not start the other paper now so as to give the people eight pages once a week, and this, as I stated before, will enable you to make one of these papers a pioneer document, while the other is suited especially for the church. Hoping to hear from you soon,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

per F.

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Battle Creek, Mich.
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August Kunz
Basel, Switz.
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My dear Brother, --

For a long time I have been planning to write to you and will delay no longer. I was pleased to receive your letter of Nov. 6 and have often thought of its contents; but have not been prepared to make any definite suggestions about those matters till now. I read with interest the criticisms on "The Life of Christ" which you had translated from the German paper. I have given this to the committee who is examining the "Life of Christ" and compiling all the criticisms made by the representatives of the different nationalities that they may have them to refer to; for Mother proposes this winter to prepare a revised edition, leaving out as far as is consistent those things that are particularly objectionable to the new reader, who is not acquainted with her authority.

I am much rejoiced by the reference which you make to "Spiritual Experience" for in it there is an intimation that the manuscript has been found. The last I heard of this matter was that the manuscript had been lost and although you do not say that it is found, I think it must be or you would not have referred to it in this manner.

I am heartily in favor of having this work well criticized and improved, and then published as soon as convenient. Please send us in English a list of contents with reference to the pages in the English books where the original is to be found from which the translation was made. Please accompany this with your criticisms and such suggestions as you think will make the book more suitable for the field there and here.

I have thought that we could probably improve this book by substituting some things that have been lately written in place of the articles used in the Danish book. What would you think of adding to this work and making it a little larger? I will write more fully about this to the publishing committee when I have time. I will also write them about Vol. Four. It seems to me the time has come when we can go forward with this.

I have often thought I ought to write to you about the clothing which I attempted to bring over here for you and explain how it came to be so mixed up with mine; and also to ask if my heavy over-coat which was packed in the same box, but which I have never seen since was not returned to you by mistake.

When your letter came to me at Basel, asking that I should bring your over-coat, underclothing, &c. I was packaging my goods for America, and having a little room in one of my chests I selected those things which I thought you would need the most and carefully packed them in the top of the chest. If I had anticipated the misfortunes which would accompany that chest, I should have put your goods in a bundle, carefully marked. But I supposed the [page break]

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John Vuilleurmire
Basel, Switz.
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My dear Brother, --

I have often planned to answer your kind letter of Aug. 5 and will now delay no longer. I was very glad to hear from you and am always pleased to learn how matters are going in Basel.

I had a very pleasant visit with Edward in Minneapolis, although it was a very brief one. I saw him every day, but we had no chance to visit till the close of the meeting. I wish I could make you a short visit and see how all is going in the office. It is truly encouraging to us all to see the books going forth on their mission. They will certainly tell for the truth.

Just before I left Cal. to come to the Gen. Conf. I met Bro. Marchisio. I wanted to have some conversation with him, but there was no opportunity. He simply told me that the Italian work was given up for the present, and that he thought he might as well come back.

We have been greatly pained to hear of Bro. Prudent's death. It is sad indeed for he was a most intelligent and amiable young man.

I thank you for Mr. Gilley's notice of "Life of Christ". Bro. Holser write me that its sale continues although some of the papers are giving adverse criticisms.

Last night I had a little visit with Arnold and Paul. They are sorely perplexed over Oscar's misfortunes and I most earnestly hope that some way will be opened for his so that he can avoid a complete financial breakdown. Arnold is doing well in the office and Paul is making fine progress in school. Mary seems to be gradually gaining in health and strength. I think they will all want to return in about 18 months.

Perhaps you would like to hear where I am and what I am doing. I left Mary and the family in Healdsburg, expecting to return to them before Christmas, but after the Conference the committee decreed that I should spend the balance of the winter here. Bro. Butler has just gone to Florida on account of failing health, and Bro. D.T. Jones and myself are appointed to look after the correspondence which he has usually conducted.

Mother and Sara are also here and Sr. Davis is expected soon. We hope to issue the new edition of Vol. One and to revise the Life of Christ this winter.

We are boarding at the Sanitarium. Mother did not used to like it because the dining room was such a public place, but now we have a table in a quiet corner with Sr. Whitney, Eld. Corliss, A.T. Jones, Bro. John Fulton, who is my scribe, and Sisters Cecelia and Christene Dahl for table companions. These latter two have [page break]

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been sick with the typhoid fever and are now just about strong enough to walk into the dining room. They both promise themselves most vehemently that when they get real well they will return to Norway before they catch any more American fevers.

We are working up quite a campaign now against national reform. I will send you a paper containing a report of some of Eld. Jones lectures.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

per F.

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C.E. Jones

Oakland, Cal.

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Dear Brother, -- I have our kind letters of Dec. 4 and 12. We are sorry that the S.S. lessons could not Sr. Waggoner asking for criticisms and suggestions on the lessons could not begin at the first of the year, but shall not complain. I have received a letter from Sr. Waggoner asking for criticisms and suggestions on the lessons. I shall try to write her in a few days. Her own explanation to the teacher is that the lessons are intended for very little children, -- those who have never been to Sabbath school before. The first one or two are extremely infantile and leave the reader to suppose that they were intended for use in the middle of the summer. It is true that some portions of the lessons seem to bring the fruits of all the seasons, but the first half is decidedly a summer lesson. While these lessons would be a very suitable introduction to a book, it seems to me they would be greatly improved for the instructor if they could be adapted to the season and the circumstances. By the circumstances I refer to the fact that there are very few beginners in our schools at the season of the year when these lessons will be used. Why not then let the lessons be written in the beginning as though they were for scholars who have been in the school for a year? The larger class of those who will use these lessons will be of that class.

We are greatly cheered by your reports of the meetings. We hear some wonderful things about the healing of the sick and the casting out of devils. I should be glad to receive a sober and [page break]

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accurate description of some of these experiences. Our meetings here move slowly but I think there is a little progress.

I am surprised at your decision to send bound copies of the Prophetic Light to Australia. My supposition was that a pamphlet edition was wanted.

I hope your change of foremen will work well. I should think that Bro. Robinson might do well in San Francisco, and I am sure you needed the help of Bro. Saunders in the office management.

I am glad to know that you take an interest in matters of the Retreat. It is certainly encouraging to hear that they are so full that they dare not advertise more. It is hard for me to believe that they are so near full as they think. I most earnestly hope that Bro. Biter will connect with them. I think he will make a serious mistake if he insists on having a position given to his wife before our people become acquainted with her and can form their own opinion of her capabilities. If he can content himself to go up there and take hold in a quiet modest way it will work around in time so that they both can have all the responsibility they can carry; but it will not work well to try to hurry matters.

Bro. A.T. Jones is just back from Washington. He had an interesting time there and has accomplished much good, although he was treated very unfairly by Senator Blair. A.H. Lewis of the Seventh day Baptists was treated much more respectfully because as it appears, the national reformers had taken him under their wing and he acknowledged that they were right in principle, but that Seventh day observers should enjoy exemption. A Mr. Wolf who represented
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an infidel league was also given a fair chance to speak; but when A.T. began, Blair opened up a systematic course of interruptions and question and arguments so that in no part of the speech was he allowed five minutes without being broken into. He hopes that there are enough enemies to the bill to prevent its passage this winter, notwithstanding its fourteen millions of petitioners.

A.T. began his work in the college today. I think he has a class of 60. Now we find that he greatly needs a stenographer. We have been looking all around and cannot find a suitable one, and the question arises with us, would you be willing to release Phippeny, provided he is thought to be the right person to work with A.T. and should be found willing to do so? Please take particular notice of this point and telegraph us your decision. He is now visiting his relatives in the north and expects to start for Oakland between Christmas and New Year's.

I think Willie Sample would make you a good office man, quite as reliable as Phippeny, although not as quick and ready for all lines of work. I would not suggest this change if I could see any other way out of our extremity, and I will not ask it now unless it looks reasonable to you. I thought perhaps some good worker had come to your hand of late who could fill up there and save shipping them across the plains. Do not fail to telegraph if you wish him to come right along; for if you are silent I shall interpret it according to our wishes and shall talk to him about staying.

You express some regret at the prospects of our taking some of our work away from the Press and doing it here. I am sorry [page break]

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for this myself, but do not see how it can be helped. I do not suppose, however, that this will affect our arrangement about publishing. I am somewhat fearful about the plates we shall get. Am not at all satisfied with the work P.P. did on the last edition of Vol. Four and I am told that our prospects are for getting still poorer work done here although Bro. Kellogg assures me that they can and will turn us out plates that are far superior to those made by P.P. from which we are running Vol. Four. They have had lots of trouble with those shells. I saw several of them in which there were as many as one hundred pin holes to the page. They declare that the fine type used in the appendix and biographical notices was very bad, and that we ought not to attempt to run from those plates again. What do you think about having them reset? Will you do it or shall I have it done here? I am sorry that we used the rule under the running title. What would you think of leaving it off for Vol. One? Do not fail to give me your advice about the style of Vol. One. Shall we set it in long primer, leaded, one or two ems wider, and one or two lines longer so as to bring the reading matter into 650 pages if possible? There is much more reading in the manuscript than in Vol. Four. It may run up to 700 pages, even with the change of type and page.

The London Work. –

I have your letter stating that you have written to the leading brethren in Cal. asking their advice about the London enterprise. I think this is a good plan. And now I must tell you of some very important propositions which Dr. Kellogg makes to the P.P. and which if accepted, will prove to be a great help to the [page break]

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enterprise in many directions. First, it will give us an increase of work so that we can afford to employ competent men to manage the business. Second, it gives us a large line of business which will be profitable. Third, united with other plans which are being worked up here, it will enable us to send agents into many mission fields that we could not enter in any other manner. It was more than a week ago that I called on him and enquired if he was preparing a new edition of Plain Facts at Eld. Haskell's request for the London market. Our talk lead from one point to another and by 3 o'clock the next morning we had come to an understanding, which if accepted and agreed to by yourself, will give the P.P. the publication of any or all of the Doctor's books, and the control of their sale for Great Britain and all the British colonies except those in North America.

It seems that Mr. Condit has been pressing him hard for control of the territory in the Pacific Islands. He would go himself to Australia and New Zealand and work the territory thoroughly. He would probably sell more books than we could in this territory. He would also pay the Dr. about twice as much on each book as we would pay him according to the arrangement proposed; but the Dr. wishes to make his works a help in our missionary operations, and is willing to have them handled by us at a less profit.

After several hours talk he agreed to give us control of Australia, New Zealand, and the neighboring islands on condition that not less than one good man is constantly employed in working up and starting agents in that field. He is very strenuous on this point and will insist on a faithful fulfillment of this part [page break]

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of the contract; and I told him I thought you would agree to this because our denominational work was so that we had contemplated sending an agent to look after it, and that if we had his work in addition it would better enable us to send a competent man.

From this, we passed over to Great Britain and discussed the pros and cons of the work there, and after several propositions, he settled down on this, first, if P.P. establishes a branch office in London and appoints competent men for its management if they will put one man in the field as a general canvassing agent, hunting up and setting at work with other agents, he will give us the publication of all his works for a royalty of 5% on the retail price. In all cases where the retail price is less than the American price, we are to figure on the price at which the book is sold, but in cases where the retail price is raised above the American price on account of import duties, we may figure the royalty on the American prices. P.P. shall make or purchase from him the electrotype plates for all the smaller works, such as are sold through the trade.

For the large subscription books he will furnish the plates for the first 5000 edition. After that is sold, P.P. shall pay for the plates. He is to furnish the plates to P.P. without profit to himself.

As I stated before this is less than half what Segner & Condit pay him. Beside this he is willing to arrange it with us so that P.P. can publish in London or Oakland as they may choose, editions of his book for sale in the territory which they control on the coast; and I am inclined to think that he would give us a [page break]

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good slice of eastern territory if we were prepared to work it from the New York office.

The Dr. thinks that the men who are to be employed as General Agents in England and Australia ought to spend some weeks here with him, receiving special instruction about the books, and I believe he is right in this. He says that Eld. D.A. Robinson is sufficiently posted to be of great value in the way of counsel and encouragement to the general agent's work in Great Britain, and he wants us to be sure to choose a good man for that field.

His choice of a man for Australia would be Bro. E.M. Morrison. I told him that you would not consent to send Bro. Morrison there to spend his entire time exclusively to Health Books, but that P.P. might be able to make this arrangement: first, instruct Morrison to devote one half of his time to the Health Books and employ some Australian to go from Colony to Colony, giving two-thirds of his time to Health Books and one-third to denominational. Or you might put two men into the field beside Morrison each of whom might give one-third of his time to the Health works. Although this was not exactly what he wanted, I think you can see that in such a field as Australia where there are great distances and large expenses for traveling, that it may be well for each one of the men employed in the general agent business to carry on one or two lines of work.

In Great Britain, of course, it will be different. There the cities are close together and everything is favorable to a man's giving his whole time to one line of work. I have been trying to think of a man who would be suitable for this kind of work, and [page break]

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have thought that perhaps Bro. Lake might be the one. If you talk this over with Bro. Morrison, he may name some men in the East who can be picked up and worked into it. I wish he could get an Englishman for the British work.

The training school for nurses has grown to be a very important factor in our work, and many persons of the very highest talent are now at work in the classes. Dr.'s great ambition is to prepare some of the most faithful ones to become teachers so that he can send them out to each one of the foreign missions and one to each of the city missions, that they may instruct the mission girls both in the theory and practice of taking care of themselves, and that by their work in connection with the Bible workers they may open doors which otherwise would be closed against the truth.

Some of the most talented members of the class are now signing a covenant that they will devote five years to the health missionary work under the auspices and direction of the Sanitarium. I think that about 20 have already signed the covenant. I think the time will come when we shall choose pioneers to enter the foreign mission fields about half and half from this class of trained nurses, and from our trained canvassers. These can go into mission fields and work their own way, paying their own expenses, getting the truth before hundreds of the most intelligent families, selling thousands of dollars' worth of our health works, and thus preparing the way for and being ready to work with the ministers and Bible readers who shall follow them. You can see that the sale of the health works will be an important feature of this scheme, and that the time will come when the publication of these [page break]

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works in London will be one of the largest publishing enterprises of the denomination.

I wish I could see you and talk these matters over. There is much connected with this that I have not the time to write. I think if you could place the whole matter before our brethren as it is there would be no hesitancy as to the property of establishing a branch printing house in London, provided, of course, we can command the necessary capital.

You ask me about the London stock and plant. I will here copy a few items from a financial statement lately received from there.

Book Depository, Inventory,		\$3060.40
Health Books,	“	301.47
“ Goods,	“	497.36
Present Truth,	“	166.32
Good Health,	“	722.55
Machinery,	“	542.80
Type and Electros,	“	671.75
Office Fixtures,	“	<u>380.57</u>
		\$6343.22

It would be well for you to ask Bro. Robinson to send a copy of the inventory with a statement as to the condition of the stock and the material.

I learned incidentally that the doctor is in quite a stress for means and that he seems perplexed because P.P. is so unwilling to pay him and Good Health Publishing Co. what they owe. All his money is loaned to good Heath Pub. Co. and so the way the matter now stands it is equivalent to P.P. owing him for the \$5000 and he is now in sore need of this. I think it would be well for you to make quite a large payment before the close of the first week in Jan. Otherwise he will be obliged to draw on you for several thousand. [page break]

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Will Kellogg feels that the bookkeepers at P.P. have treated their request for payment rather coolly, and were rather too sharp in avoiding the payment of the draft of \$1000 of which they had due notice. I told them how P.P. was situated on account of your absence and Bro. Church's heavy draft, and they are perfectly willing to forgive if they only get some money. They say that they lose about six cents on every copy of Sunbeams they send to P.P. and as the larger part of the indebtedness comes from the sale of Sunbeams, they do not feel that it is treating them fairly to ask them to wait a long time and thus lose interest on the money.

If there are any points about this business that I have not made plain, please write all the inquiries you wish to and I will answer to the best of my ability.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

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The Nat'n'l Book Exchange

Indianapolis, Ind.

Gentlemen, In reference to your enclosed note of inquiry relative to Testimonies in three vols., we would refer you to Indiana Tract Soc. of which J.W. Moore, 175 Central Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. is secretary. They are our agents and any matters of business referred to them we assure you will receive prompt attention.

Truly yours,

Jno. W. Fulton
for E.G. White

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L.E. Borle
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Brother, -- I received your postal card a few days ago and will now endeavor to write you a few lines telling you how we are getting along here . You have no heard that I am obliged to spend the winter here. I hope to be able to leave in March so as to attend the April meetings in Cal.

I have just mailed you several copies of Le Signes and Herald, which I have no time to read. They come regularly to my address and Bro. Winslow has been sending them on to me here .I wish you would tell him that I would prefer to have them left with you; and you may keep them till my return. I should like to hear from you how you are getting along with your work, what you are doing how much you are earning, and how you enjoy yourself in Oakland.

As regards the monument, I asked Bro. S.H. Lane to take charge of the matter. Some pledges were made and a small amount paid in. It now lies at the Review Office. I shall endeavor to look after it as soon as I have time.

I have just received sample copies of “Ministration of Angels” in German and French; “The Truth Found” in French; and “Scripture References” in German. They are nice, wholesome looking books. Wish I could read them. Think I shall ask some of the French or German readers to examine them publish a notice in the Review.

Hoping to hear from you occasionally,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

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F.S. Hafford
Milton, Ore.

My dear Brother, -- I was very glad to receive your letter of Oct. 2 in which you speak of the prosperity of the Milton school. As regards the question you ask about teaching children to pray, we say most emphatically "Teach them while they are young." When they are properly taught by their mothers and sufficient time is spent to make all things plain to them, it may be well even from the beginning for them to compose their own prayers; but if this cannot be, it is much better for them to be taught a prayer than to not have them pray at all. I asked Mother what she thought of this and she said it was much better to be taught a prayer than to not pray at all.

Quite an interest is being shown through the country here by the stir that is being made over the National Reform campaign. We have sent out many thousands of petitions and from all quarters we hear encouraging reports. Hope the people in your conference are having equal success.

I shall be glad to hear from you occasionally about the prosperity of your school.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

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J.W. Raymond

Wheeler, N.Y.

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My Dear Brother, -- I have your letter of Dec. 2, also one of more recent date and will now endeavor to answer them both. As regards the work of Bro. J.P. Raymond, I have referred your letter to members of the committee who are acquainted with him and probably know the Southern field. I have received no response from you.

As regards Bro. Oberholtzer and the German laborer for the Penn. field, I will say that Bro. O. does not see his way clear to go to Penn. and the committee has released him for the present, at least. We do however recommend him to attend the Institute in Milwaukee so as to be better prepared to labor for the Germans in Indiana. I have thought that our brethren assembled in Milwaukee might select a suitable laborer for the Penn. field. Will you please correspond with them about it, and when you and they have agreed upon something please submit your plans to the Gen. Conf. Com. for approval. We are very anxious that you should have a good laborer, and I really hope that the right man may be found.

These are stirring times with us here. The campaign against the national reform movement is going on well. I think the circulation of the petitions is the introduction to one of the most successful and extensive missionary enterprises that our people have ever engaged in. I hope you will give this matter sufficient thought and attention so that the most good possible can be [page break]

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accomplished by this campaign. It is a great opportunity lost if those who circulate the petitions do it too hastily or carelessly, and do not use reading matter with it so as to make it a general proclamation of the third angel's message.

In the last Review we inserted a short notice in which it was proposed that an institute be held in connection with the college here for a special benefit of those ministers who feel the need of a thorough study before entering upon this campaign. Are there not some active men in your conference who are fitted for this line of work who would be benefited by two or three months study here at Battle Creek?

It seems to me that every conference ought to have one or two men here this winter to become especially qualified to proclaim the message and warn the people against this national reform move from town to town and from city to city What do you think of this?

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

per F.

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Eld. Lewis Johnson
Minneapolis, Minn.
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My Dear Brother, -- I have your letters of Dec. 11 and 16. In the latter you say that you have heard from Eld. Olsen and the substance of his requests are that you shall come at once and that you bring your family with you. From what I have known of the situation there and of Eld. Olsen's plans, I was morally certain that he would insist upon this, and therefore I have as you very well know encouraged you to prepare for such a move in case it was necessary. I have no doubt but what you are greatly needed there, and the sooner you go, the easier it will be for yourself and Bro. Olsen and the better for the brethren in the churches there.

Usually January is a much better month to sail in than Feb. or March. Jan. is a very uncertain month, -- sometimes it is as smooth as a lake, and they have the most delightful passage; but sometimes they have the most severe storms. Feb. and Mar. are more certain, -- in either of these months you can depend on a rough sea and storms beside.

I should like to have you spend considerable time here in Battle Creek; but such are the circumstances that I do not think it would pay. We are too busy to take the time to show you about the printing work as we would like to; and your time is too precious to be wasted here waiting around for us so when everything is considered it seems to me that you would do well to follow Bro. Olsen's advice to come at once. [page break]

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The question about your family going is a more perplexing one to answer. If they should go it would be the duty of the Gen. Conf. to pay the traveling expenses from Minneapolis to Christiania. This we will do. There are many reasons why it would be better for you if your family was with you. First, and perhaps most important of all, would be the influence it would have on the people there. They are not accustomed to change as the Americans are in the habit of making them, and if you should go there without your family there are some who would feel that you were only there temporarily and that they could not place very much dependence upon you because of the likelihood that you would leave them in a year or two. Second, the moral influence of having your family with you would add greatly to your success I am sure. Third, you would no doubt feel much easier and have less occasion to worry about them than if you were nearly 5000 miles away, and it required five weeks to receive an answer from your letters. Fifth, your wife could assist you in your work in the Christiania church. Sixth, I suppose you could live much more economically to have your family with you than to be separated from them. Perhaps this would compensate for the additional expense of schooling them in Christiania.

As regard the propriety of taking with you some Bible workers. I am somewhat perplexed to know how to explain my objections to this. Perhaps the best way is to tell you Bro. Olsen's experience. When it was propose that he should go he wanted to take quite a number of workers with him; but I objected on the grounds that the [page break]

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ground that the field was not ready for them, that the brethren would not appreciate the necessity for their coming, and that it would be much better for him to visit the field and then send for such as he needed. After he had been in Norway a few months, he told me that he was very glad he did not take Bible readers with him, because he found that there was an abundance of good material there to make workers of. There is a feeling on the part of the brethren in all the mission fields that the work and the offices ought as far as possible to be given to the natives. In Australia there is a feeling that the Americans come in so much that they do not have a fair chance. In Switzerland the feeling is the same. In Great Britain and Scandinavia the same idea prevails to some extent.

I am quite sure that if you go to Scandinavia taking with you your intimate friends, you will not make friends with the natives as rapidly as though you went alone expecting to find friends there. I have never seen this principal worked out even here in America. When we began work in Cal. we were shocked at the high prices which the brethren demanded for their labors; and when the office in Oakland was to be built we brought out some brethren from Michigan who would labor for low wages. This appeared to be a very nice and economical move, but I am satisfied that it cost us in the end twice as much as we gained. A feeling of opposition and prejudice against Eastern brethren coming in to manage and monopolize the California business was started then which has taken years to overcome.

I should not be surprised if Bro. Olsen told you some day that [page break]

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there is no one move that he has made that has cost him so much in the matter of influence as his bringing Mary Heilsen there to work in the office. I do not discourage you from taking good help there if you need it, but if it is not necessary I think you will be much better pleased at the end of a year if you plan to get along without it. While there are some treacherous elements in Christiania, I am sure there are some earnest, honest, reliable persons there who will become your staunch friends and if you go early you will be there long enough with Bro. Olsen to find out who these are and get acquainted with them.

Bro. Shull is here hard at work. I think he will get a valuable experience during the next few months, and I trust he will make you a good hand.

If there is any marked advantage to be gained by your spending a week or two in Chicago, I will not say that you must not stop there. But unless there is some considerable advantage to be gained, I think it would be better for you to bring your family with you here to Battle Creek with the view to spending a week, and then push on to your new field of labor.

You may draw from the Minnesota treasurer such funds as you need to start with, if they have it to spare. Otherwise tell us how much you need and we will send it.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

Per F.

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Dear Sister,

Your letter of inquiry relative to the danger of appearing to put off the coming of Christ by opposing the forming of an image to the beast has been referred to me. It came to Bro. White's hands as you directed, but he is so nearly overwhelmed with cares, that he has asked me to write you.

The query is one that has appeared in the mind of many, and it will be answered at an early date through the columns of the Review in full. I think, however, that a few thoughts will be sufficient to clear your mind of all difficulty and enable you to go with the work of circulating the petitions with the full assurance that you are doing God service.

First, you ask, where are we told in the Bible to warn against the making of the image? We have no direct command in the Bible for this, of course, but we think that in the command to warn against the worship, there is that which commissions us to warn the people against the making also. Otherwise, the truths of the message which we are preaching are not due to the world, and will not be till the image is fully set up. And if we have a command in the word of God to warn the people against the worship of a thing, do you not think that God is pleased to have us warn the people against the making of that thing? If we are to warn them against that which will exalt itself above God oppose God, are not those warning notes as much due while the thing is exalting itself above God and to that position where it can oppose God as after it has attained to that place?

All must be warned against the beast. Those who are [page break]

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warned against the making of the image, it will not be necessary to warn against the worship when it is made. Therefore we can hasten if anything the Saviour's appearing by the very work which all are able at this time engage in. And more than that, the work which we do now we can do in prosperity while if we delay till the work of making the image has been accomplished, we will have it to do in adversity.

Second, you ask, are we not to understand that the image must be made according to prophecy? I certainly think we are so to understand it. The prophecy must and will be fulfilled. But you ask, third, would it not be putting off the coming of Christ to prevent something which must come to pass before he comes? I think that in these two questions we will find a solution of the whole difficulty. The prophecy must be fulfilled; but in preventing something which must come to pass before Christ comes, viz, the making of the image, are we not accomplishing a great work for Christ which also must be done before he comes, viz, preaching the everlasting Gospel (Rev. 14:6) to them that dwell upon the earth. And how can this work better be done than by the circulation of petitions begging of our fellow men not to make that which shall, when it is made, be worshipped instead of God? And if this work must be done and this is a good means of accomplishing that work, and Christ will come when it is done (Matt. 24:14) are we not instead of putting off that event, rather hastening it?

Third, you say it seems like fighting against God. The work of the image is to fight against God (2 Thess. 2:3,4) and if we are warning the people against making that which to oppose God, and if in that we are giving God's message for our time [page break]

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are we fighting against God? Are we not rather fighting that which is the greatest enemy to God and his cause and people? Oh, we are fighting for God, and the warfare is a certain one; but victory is also sure, for John saw (Rev. 15:2) as it were a sea of glass and them that had gotten the victory over the beast and his image stand on the sea of glass having the harps of God.

The image is as much the enemy of God in the making as when it is made and is receiving the worship of men. Then, are we not preaching the message in warning against the making, as in warning against the worship when it is made?

Please notice in the Review Extra of Dec. 11 under article The Approaching Crisis by Sr. White, top of last column, the expression, We do not believe that the time has fully come when our liberties should be restricted. She says farther down, We are to cry to God for the angels to hold the four winds till the missionaries shall do their work, etc. Now, she says, is the time when the angels are holding the four winds that we may have a little time in which to do the work which if we do not do will have to be done under the oppression of the beast. This is the reason we are working against the making of the image; this, we believe, is the time when we should assert the true principles which Christ has laid down for religious liberty, that all the world may see that on those principles we stand for God and his truth at this time. Please read the last paragraph of the article referred to.

You remember that God gave Jonah a special warning to the inhabitants of Nineveh, which when the people had received, caused them to repent in sackcloth, and God saw their works, and [page break]

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repented of the evil that he said he would do unto them. God in his mercy spare the city even after he had sent his servant to prophesy of the coming doom to that great city; but the prophecy was fulfilled a few years later, and it was destroyed. Yet he gave the people a period in which to repent of their sins and thus evade his judgment. so as Sr. White says, we are to cry to God that the angels may hold the four winds and thus give us a little time in which to do the great work of preparing ourselves and warning others of the last great impending judgment that is to come upon the ungodly.

Oh, let us labor with faith in the confidence that the God of infinite mercy who spared Nineveh for a few years will in his love and goodness to us defer the awful trials under which we shall have to work if we are not faithful to duty; and may that labor be performed with such zeal that he who will come may come quickly and that we may be among those who having fought for God and truth shall stand on that sea of glass and sing from the song of the redeemed, "Great and marvelous are they ways, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints."

Your brother,

Jno. W. Fulton
for
W.C. White

P.S. Should be glad to hear from you and know if this... *letter cuts off*

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H. S. Reynolds

Willis, Mon.

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Dear Brother,

At the request of Bro. and Sr. Steward I will now endeavor to write to you. I heard through some of the Brn. at the General Conference of your interest in the truths of the third angel's message, and of Sr. Reynold's experience as a newspaper correspondent. Since the conference I have learned from Bro. and Sr. Steward more particulars about your experience and of your desire to engage in the work of making known to others the truths that are so precious to you. I thank the Lord for the light that has shown of our pathway, and for the blessings that you are enjoying as the result of this experience.

I had though of writing to you suggesting various ways of working and calling special attention to some lines of work that would be successful in that field. From the very first I have thought that if you are so situated that you could leave your home and come to Battle Creek, or go to Healdsburg, for a few months, so as to share the benefits of the classes in Bible study, and to become more fully acquainted with the various plans of our religious work; and that it would be of great service to you both as a matter of qualification for the work, and in helping you to decide in what branch it was best for you to begin to labor. But I knew that a move of this kind would involve a great deal of expense, and I felt that we ought not to give advice hastily.

Yesterday I had the privilege of reading your letter to Bro. Steward, of Dec. 8, in which you speak quite fully of your circumstances, [page break]

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and also of your desires with reference to the work, and I now feel that I should hesitate no longer in laying before you what I consider as being some of the chief advantages to be gained by your spending a few months here. In addition to the regular classes in the theological department of the college, there is, this winter a class conducted by Eld. Jones which will treat quite thoroughly some portions of church history, especially that relating to the growth of the papacy and its work in molding civil government and making Sunday laws. In addition to this we shall have a ministerial institute continuing from Jan. 14 to the close of March, intended especially to qualify men to go into the field to oppose this church and state movement. I am sure that you would be deeply interested in this matters and that the spending of a few months here would be very valuable as a preparation for future work.

I see that there is much good sense in your suggestion that Montana may be the best field for you to labor in. I regard it as one of the most promising fields, because people are not so bound by customs and creeds as in more thickly settled and older countries, and if you get the truth fairly before the people in these new fields a great good can be gained.

I see by your letter that you will have to make quite a sacrifice in a financial way if you should come here, and I am not prepared to urge you to do this at the risk of great loss to your property there; but if you can so arrange matters that you can leave your stock and ranch in safe hands, and if you feel that the good to be gained by spending the rest of the winter here will be worth what it costs you I would most heartily recommend you to [page break]

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come, and that without delay.

I have thought that Sr. Reynolds might be able to use her experience as a newspaper correspondent in the matter of getting this national reform movement and the reasons why we oppose it, before the editors, and through the columns of such papers as will admit of her correspondence, to the readers of that great north-western country. If your circumstances are such that she can come with you, we shall be very glad to see you both; and I have no doubt, -- yes, I will promise, --that we can furnish her sufficient employment in this line of work, or in the work of the international society to meet her expenses while here.

You may be aware that we have appointed a press committee whose duty it is to correspond with our brethren in various localities and to encourage them in securing the publication through the various journals they may have access to, of articles on this national reform movement. The only men within our reach who have sufficient experience to engage in this work, are largely occupied with other business; and I have supposed that if the way opened for Sr. R. to come here we could find a large field for her especial work in connection with this committee.

I might multiply words on this matter, but I think your correspondence with Bro. and Sr. Steward has made you so fully acquainted with our work here that I need say no more. I pray most earnestly that the Lord may guide you in your decisions, and that his providence will open the way and prosper you both in your efforts to prepare yourselves for earnest work in his cause.

Yours in haste,

W. C. White

Per F.

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Eld. R. A. Underwood
Dec. 25, 1888

My Dear Brother,

I have your letter of Dec. 21, stating that you have written to Eld. Reese recommending him to act in harmony with the suggestions of my letter.

You also advise me to attend the stockholder's meeting Jan. 8 and 9. I have just promised to be at So. Lancaster Jan. 11. If I can find someone going east about the 9th so that Mother will have good company, I think I could leave here the 6th so as to spend about the 7th, 8th, and 9th with you, and still reach Lancaster by the morning of the 11th. If all works favorable I will do this. If not, I will have to go direct to Lancaster from here.

Bro. D. T. Jones has returned from Missouri and takes hold earnestly to straighten out the work which has almost overwhelmed me. He has a severe cold but is taking some treatment to break it.

The meetings here during the week of prayer have been excellent. Eld. A. T. Jones has given several discourses that take a deep hold upon the people, and an earnest effort is being made to break away from the formality which seeds to have grown up here.

Last week I put in the Review a note suggesting that there should be a ministerial institute held here about the middle of Jan. and continuing to the last of March. What do you think of this? Have you one or two good men in Ohio who ought to attend this? If so, will you send them?

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W. C. White

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Received of Pacific Press per W.C. White, Seventy (\$70.00) Dollars which I am to pay in installments from the first wages received from said Pacific Press.

L.A. Phippeny

Dec. 26, 1888

D.A. Robinson

So. Lancaster, Mass.

My Dear Brother, -- I have your letter of Dec. 20 accompanied by appointments which I have handed to the Editors of the Review. We are heartily glad that your meeting has been postponed, because we desired to attend it, but did not wish to leave Battle Creek till the work here was carried a little further.

Your present plan suits us exactly and we will try to be on hand. I may decide to go by way of Mount Vernon, Ohio so as to attend the stock holders meeting of their health institute. In that case Mother and Sr. McEnterfer will probably come when Bro. Jones does.

Wishing you the best of success in your undertakings,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

per F.

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Eld. A.D. Olsen
Minneapolis, Minn.
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My Dear Brother, -- I was glad to receive your short letter of Dec. 21. I received your telegram a few days before and handed it to Sr. Huntley who says that the order was filled immediately.

We are having a great time here in Michigan over these petitions. Nearly a score of good men, young and old, not previously employed by the conference have offered themselves to engage in this work; and during the vacation many of our oldest scholars are out working the state from Detroit, Jackson, and Lansing, all the way down to the country school houses. We are trying to do a thorough work so that the people will know something about this movement.

I am a little perplexed to know how to answer what you have to say about the Scandinavian girls going with Bro. Johnson. I have written to him quite fully about this, and I hope he will read it to you. I know he must feel that it would be quite an advantage to take someone with him that he can depend on, but there are some reasons why it would be much better for him to wait until he has become better acquainted with the field before taking workers from this country.

What do you think about our proposition to have a ministerial institute here from the middle of January to the first of April? [page break]

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This is especially intended to fit men to go forth with the proclamation of the third angel's message. If two or three good men from each state could come in here and study this winter, and when they enter the field let one or two others come in and study, thus keeping up continually the spirit of improvement, it would be the proper thing. Who have you in your state that you can encourage to attend this institute.

I should like to hear how your work in Minnesota goes since the conference. I see you are selling lots of books, but that is about all I know of your work.

How has the week of prayer affected you? I hope you noticed the little item in the Review about having a full report from each conference this year. I certainly think that this will be very interesting and profitable, and I hope you will not feel to make out a report of how matters have gone in your state.

Wishing you the best of success in your labor and hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

per F.

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Mrs. H. M. Parnin
Sanitarium, B.C.
Detroit, Michigan
Dec. 27, 1888

Dear Madam,

I shall once more ask you to send me an order of books C.O.D., as I am for the time some distance from the P.O., and find it inconvenient to obtain a draft or postal note. Shall endeavor in the future to send drafts.

I find my time more nearly taken up every week, so that I am almost forced to stop handling your textbook. Could we make an arrangement by which books could be sent direct from your office to the purchaser without passing through my hands and necessitating the re-mailing and extra handling, I furnishing the orders to you? I could send remittance whenever the money pass through my hands; otherwise, when the amount came from the individual, at my order and solicitation, the commission might be credited to an account which we could open?

If you wish to make any such terms it will be an inducement to do more than I am at present.

The above order should be make to call for 5 copies I see I failed to state.

Yours with respect,

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Dr. M.G. Kellogg
St. Helena, Cal.

My Dear Brother, -- A few days ago I sent you a telegram advising you to come here at once and bring the young lady whom Eld. Fulton recommended to the nurse's training school. I have just written a long letter addressed to Eld. Loughborough, Fulton, and yourself in which I answer most of the points mentioned in your letters.

I hope that you may be now on your way; but if you have been detained so as to receive this, I should be glad to have you enquire at the P.P. for some things which they may want to send through to Mother.

I have a number One Caligraph at Healdsburg which I very much need here. If you will ask them to send it down to Oakland and bring it to me here, I will be much obliged.

As regards Bro. Biter's work, I always talked to him about coming into the Retreat to assist Eld. Fulton. You say yourself that there must be more managing ability there and I have been sincerely anxious to get Bro. Biter there so as to become well fitted for that line of responsibility. I believe our work will succeed as well as when Drs. Burke and Maxon were there when we put the same life into it, when we have lived down the bad reputation which the Retreat has gained through mismanagement, and when we prove to the world that we are reliable men, free from the quackery practiced by many others.

Hoping to see you soon,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

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I have received several very interesting and instructive letters from you which I desired to answer at once; but could not take time until today, and as they treat largely of the same matters I think, to economize time by answering all at once.

I was never so deeply impressed with the importance of the health work as now. Our Sanitariums are not all there is if it but they are the centers round which all the minor enterprises are grouped. They are the places where the workers, if properly educated at all must receive their schooling; and as I have enjoyed the advantages and studied the workings and organization of this institution, my ideas have rapidly grown as to what may be done and what could be done at these institutions if we realized our advantage and take hold to utilize the talent that is within our reach, which with a little encouragement would become efficient in this line of work.

You may have noticed an advance move that was made at the last General Conference, in sending canvassers into the south to open up that great missionary field by the introduction of our books. This line of work is self-supporting and we can employ just as many ministers and Bible workers, as though these faithful workers were not in the field. I believe the time will come when we will open many of our foreign missionary fields by sending book canvassers ahead, and especially will this be true in the English speaking [page break]

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colonies. I hope by next fall that we shall be able to send out not less than a score of faithful workers of this sort in foreign mission fields. There is another class of workers who ought to go right with them and that is health missionaries, persons who are trained nurses and could canvass also. These on account of their skill as nurses could work their way among the aristocracy and better classes in any country. They can make friends with those whose influence can eventually be used both in favor of their work and that of the other canvassers. They can give part of their time to the nursing and part to the canvassing for health books. While canvassing for the health books they can find patients; while treating patients they will find friends that will help them on in their missionary enterprise.

Dr. Kellogg sees the advantage of this line of work, and has selected from his class of nurses about 15 or 18 who have signed a covenant to devote five years as health missionaries. These will be given special advantages and will be taught more thoroughly than the other nurses. Some will be educated as teachers; some fitted to connect with our city missions, --and why should there not be in very city mission one good health missionary giving her whole time to nursing, or canvassing for health works and teaching the other girls who are engaged with us, not only to take care of themselves, but now to impart elementary instruction to those they are holding Bible readings with. We find that in many respects other denominations are way ahead of us in the management of their city missions. In Chicago the Methodists have a training school for city, home and foreign missionaries in which they make visiting the sick and nursing [page break]

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a prominent part of the instruction. Are we as a people who have had such a flood of light through the testimonies on the health question to allow ourselves to fall behind other denominations? Ought we not to be training medical missionaries to go into other lands the same as other denominations? It seems to me that we have never half comprehended the importance of the work, of the value of the light given us on the health question not of our sanitariums as points where we shall instruct and train workers to go every where teaching and caring for the sick.

I am greatly rejoiced that the board of directors of the Rural Health Retreat are planning to make an advance move in this direction, and I am intensely anxious that we shall have wisdom to move wisely and cautiously, but promptly, as that not another year of precious time shall be lost.

It is the absolute necessity of greatly enlarging the cares, responsibilities and perplexities of the managers of the Retreat that has made me so intensely anxious that additional managing ability should be connected with the institution and this is why I have felt so impatient over the seeming indifference and unnecessary delay and possible failure in the matter of getting Bro. Biter connected with the Retreat. How I wish that the members of your board could each and every one have the opportunity that I have had here in the last two months, to study the workings of this institution and to see how essential it is if you will carry on this educational work to have a large number of efficient workers associated together that they may plan, counsel, work in harmony and they control the numerous helpers and students. It distresses me to [page break]

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see the apparent fear there is that there will be so many workers that one will get in another's way. I am not well pleased on the part of Bro. Biter to see the apparent disposition to wait until large position is given him and his wife; but when you study his circumstances and experience, his present financial embarrassment and the fact that he has been accustomed to stand in the lead and to plan, the fact that his managing ability has been demonstrated, --these things offer many excuses which we should take into account. And if the enemy is working by lying reports and by working on selfish motives to defeat our plans and to place Bro. Biter in a place where he will not want to connect with us I believe we shall be justified in taking a course which you seem so have adopted of making a special effort to overcome these difficulties and to get him to connect with the Retreat long enough at least for you to give matter a thorough trial and demonstrate whether or not it is his greatest field of usefulness.

Sr. Biter, I have been told was a real missionary, and can engage quite successfully in the work of holding Bible readings and similar work. Would it not be well to encourage her to work in this line? I fear her health is not sufficient to take any heavy line of work and it may not be advisable to place her in a position of great responsibility at the very first but I should think you could give her charge of some lines of light work which would take only a part of her time and then let her give a large part of it to visiting the patients and being a real friend and missionary among them. I suppose one of the most perplexing things for you to settle is the matter of wages. Bro. Biter is accustomed [page break]

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to receiving large pay for his work and while he may be required to sacrifice something when he connects with the Retreat. I certainly think we would be justified in paying him more than we would other persons of less general experience for doing the same kind of work.

I am very glad that Bro. Kellogg takes hold with such good heart and courage in the work. I believe his being connected with the Retreat is a move in the right direction and one which God will bless if he will keep in that place where the Lord can continually work for and through him.

I infer from Bro. Kellogg's letter that you are planning to establish a class for nurses at once. I wish I knew more of your plans as to when and how you intent to begin. Bro. Kellogg seems to feel the need of a better preparation before he shall enter upon his part of the work and I think he is right in requesting a few months experience here; but now I learn that Dr. Gibbs intends to take a vacation during the summer months so that the Retreat would be left again with only one physician, Dr. Coldwell. I also see that when the school for nurses is established that you need the efforts of both Dr. Kellogg and Dr. Coldwell to make it what it ought to be. I see also that if the Retreat is to be left at any one time with but one physician that it would better be the winter than the summer. Therefore I am prepared to say that I think M.G. Kellogg's plan proposed in a recent letter is much better than the one I made: His plan is to come here immediately, spending three or four months at the Sanitarium studying its workings and carrying forward a special line of study under [page break]

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the direction of and with the assistance of his brother. This would liable him to return to our April meetings, or shortly there after much better prepared to engage in the class work; and he could then remain with the Retreat during the summer months. Dr. J.H. Kellogg says that the present is the much more favorable time for him to come than in the summer and he advised me to telegraph for his brother and for the young lady for whom Bro. Fulton spoke.

Every week now is very precious. There are not near so many patients here now as there will be later and it is a more favorable time to become acquainted with the organization and management of the institution and with the management of the nurses' training school.

I really wish that Bro. Biter could come also. For if we undertake to carry on such a line of work at St. Helena as is necessary for the best interests of the cause we should have several competent men connected with the Retreat there who are thoroughly acquainted with the management and workings of the institution, and who will have a clear and a definite ideas not only of what our institution ought to be and what it ought to accomplish; but also a clear conception of the best and most economical methods of accomplishing that which is desired.

For Bro. Kellogg to come here and spend three months is important and will be of great value to us; and if Bro. Biter could be induced to come also it would not only double but I think it would triple the advantage. After spending a few months here with Dr. M.G. Kellogg he would on his return know how and where to take [page break]

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hold of the work and it would not necessitate that long and vague apprenticeship which he would other wise have to pass through.

I tell you my Brethren there are wonderful possibilities before us but we never shall be able to reach them until we have several of our managers who are not only wide awake but who are thoroughly trained and experienced in the work we desire to accomplish. I believe we have committed a wrong by letting year after year pass around without sending Eld. Loughborough to attend the General Conference as delegate so that he could have visit these institutions here and seen the increased influence and efficiency which it has been gained and the opportunity of studying the methods by which its advancement has been accomplished. If he had I believe he would have introduced these methods into our work at St. Helena and we should not now be so far behind in our work but would be for ahead of what we are. I hope you will think of these matters seriously and if you can possibly devise any means by which Bro. Biter can be induced to come with Dr. Kellogg I hope you will do so.

I am glad to hear of your plans for advertising. I hope this will prove a means of great success. I am delighted to hear of your report of the water business and to know that the Hudson place will be of value as a place to raise fruits and garden stuffs. I hope you will not delay to set out some fruit trees and small fruits such as the land if fitted to sustain.

Notwithstanding our large debts I feel hopeful about the financial standing. We must push ahead and keep our house full of patients. I fear you are too readily alarmed when the house begins to fill up. I read a little while ago that you hardly dared [page break]

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to do much advertising because the house was so nearly full. It would do no harm if the house was crowded. I fear we are too apt to conclude that the patients who are with us are going to stay. It seems to me that the whole question of paying our debt or not lies between having the house two-thirds full and having it chuck full.

I am sorry you cannot get control of the cottages so as to advertise them. I believe we ought to look out for this and whenever you can make favorable terms for the rental of some of these cottages let us contract for them for a year or two and then be able to advertise that we have such cottages.

I will confess that I do not see a perfect harmony in the reports that have been made to me. In times past when I have proposed the renting of the cottages I have been told that the anxiety of the managers was to get the main house full; then when we proposed a liberal scheme of advertising it is told that will not do because the house is so nearly full. I believe we shall make a serious mistake if we do have the retreat full to overflow so that we shall have to press some of the patients into the houses of the neighbors. Notwithstanding the large buildings here the managers have been obliged during the last season to rent more than a dozen houses most of them larger than the cottages on the hill, --and this is how they make money.

As you get warned up to this I think you will want one of the managers to give much time and attention to the study of the most economical methods of advertising. You would be surprised to step into the sanitarium printing house and see how [page break]

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constantly they are employed and how many new and varied plans they have for reaching different classes of minds. I hope the time will come when you feel the need of a small printing outfit there on the hill. It seems to me it could be introduced without great expense and prove quite an economical enterprise at least, while Bro. Delmar Loughborough is connected with you. With a job press and a small assortment of type, you could set up all your small notices, circular letters, bill heads, envelopes, cards, and other small jobs and run them off. This work you need without delay, but if you had these things to use just when you want them you could use much more printed matter and it would bring in more patronage.

Eld. Loughborough tells me that Edson has offered the Retreat a small printing outfit. I have not investigated its value and cannot speak intelligently with reference to his offer, but I do believe that you ought to have a small printing outfit and that if it is managed wisely it can be the means of saving rather than spending money. As regards the rubber stamp business, I know there is lots of money in it, and if you had someone at the Retreat who could manufacture these stamps, there would be found many patients partially recovered who would be glad to take an agency on their return home. These same persons could do much in the sale of Health books. The one enterprise would help the other and both would bring business to the Retreat, which would result in it getting you many patients. It is estimated that one half of the patronage of the Sanitarium is brought here by the sale of Dr. J.H. Kellogg's books; and if the putting in of a printing and rubber stamp outfit would be a step toward the employment of suitable [page break]

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person to work up agents for our health books at the same time, it would be a grand move in the right direction.

We are glad to hear the good news from Oakland. We are having good meetings here. Matters move somewhat slow in this big church, but a good work is being accomplished. The Christmas offering was something more than 3,400 including 1,000 given by S.A. Pearson to the British Mission.

Mother is working very hard but the Lord sustains her remarkably. Sr. Davis came on the 26th. She reports a pleasant journey. We are making some progress in book-making, but hope to accomplish much more after New Year's.

I am always glad to hear how you are getting along at the Retreat. Please give my regards to Dr. Gibbs, and believe me,

Yours truly,

W. C. White

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Eld. Wm. Saunders
Oakland, Cal.
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Dear Brother, -- I was glad to receive your kind letter of Dec. 7. I think your ideas about the Retreat management, and the place that Bro. Biter may fill there, are right. I am much rejoiced to learn that Eld. Fulton is settling down to the idea of remaining permanently with us. I hardly think he can find a field of greater usefulness, and I am sure he is greatly needed there.

I have just written a long letter to Brn. Loughborough, Fulton, and Kellogg, a carbon copy of which I will send to you asking that you let Bro. C.H. Jones read it.

We are greatly rejoiced to hear of your good meetings. Have often wished we could be with you. We are having very good meetings here. Eld. A.T. Jones has been preaching some very stirring discourses and they are highly appreciated. The meeting here will continue for two or three weeks yet and we hope to have a general revival.

We are glad to hear that your office work still prospers notwithstanding the boycott. I am glad you have secured the stereotyped work from Palmer and Ray.

I am also rejoiced that you are pushing the campaign against the National Reformers. This is stirring up a wonderful extensive missionary work here in the east. Our brethren here are trying to do thorough work and make the petition open the way to [page break]

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the most extensive missionary enterprise ever engaged in by Seventh-day Adventists.

While it was a great disappointment to us that we could not return, but must spend the winter here, we are much rejoiced to see the work move along as encouragingly as it has. It looks as though our being detained here was providential for we are able to encourage and assist in a number of important enterprises, which will be of advantage to the general cause.

Eld. Jones has begun work in the college. He has a fine intelligent class of 60.

Mother is making some progress with her books. We expect to get on more rapidly now that Sr. Davis has come. Sr. Bolton is with her friends in Chicago. I guess the visiting will be over and the work well begun by this time next week.

I am glad to learn that the managers of P.P. are so much in favor of establishing a branch office in London. It is certainly a big enterprise and one which ought not to be begun with due consideration; but I believe it is a move in the right direction and one which the Lord will direct and prosper.

The Gen. Conference Committee is now in considerable perplexity to find a suitable man to send to Australia to take charge of the printing business. Can you think of any one suited for this work? I have often thought that you would be a good man for this enterprise if you could be spared from P.P. but as our work there is assuming such proportions, I do not suppose we ought to think your laboring elsewhere.

Hoping to hear from you soon and feeling especially anxious to learn your opinion relative to the London branch office.

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

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Eld. John Fulton

St. Helena, Cal.

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My dear Brother, -- With this I send a long letter addressed to Eld. Loughborough, Dr. Kellogg and yourself. As you had all written about the same matters it was a saving of time to answer the three in one.

You refer to the fact that the appointment of the Gen. Conf. was for but one year. True. The Conf. cannot well appoint for a longer time. They frequently make such appointments with understanding that if all works well, and they propose no change, that it is to continue for future years.

It seems to be the mind of the committee that you can serve the cause to excellent advantage at the Retreat. We should all be pleased to see you settle down to that as a steady job. Of course, if you should continue to feel that it was your duty to enter the ministry again, we would do all we could to release you from your present work; but at present we see no way to accomplish this. We must depend upon you to bring in and train someone to take your work and carry it on as well as you to yourself, before we could think of assigning you to another work. So we beg of you to do your best to bring in and train good men to help you. If after you have trained one or two, you are still willing to stay and train more, we can find seven places for everyone you will train up to the work.

I tell you my brother, the Lord calls upon us as ministers [page break]

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to learn to be teachers, to train up men to learn to bear responsibility. In many respects you have an admirable tact, in this direction and I beg of you to take courage and go ahead.

I am much worried because we hear nothing from our ship. This looks very much as there had been trouble.

I am delighted that you have abundance of water and peace. Please tell me when you write again how Mr. Bell feels. Is he as happy as he ought to be under the present circumstances? When I was at the Review office a few days ago, one of the clerks asked me who J.D. Rice was, and said that he had just ordered some tracts for Ohio and that he was engaged in a debate with a Campbellite.

Trusting that John will write you the news I will close my letter here, asking you to write me freely what you think of the suggestions made in my long letter.

Yours in haste,

W. C. White

Per F.

(P.S. I will try to write an answer to your good letter of Dec. 20 before long. I think for the present you should be satisfied after having read the batch of letters W.C. is getting off for the Retreat.—*Jno.*)

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St. Helena, Cal.
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My Dear Brother,

I have received you very welcome letters of Dec. 2 and 16. I also have very encouraging letters from Br. Ingles and C.H. Jones. We are rejoiced to hear of the good work which is going on in Oakland. The week of prayer has been of great value to us here. It is true that very one was so pressed with work that it was difficult to give as much time as was needed, but we do not stop with the week of prayer. The work here in Battle Creek is going right on. Eld. Corliss, A.T. Jones and D.T. Jones are to have charge of the preaching. The church elders are employed constantly in pastoral work in the church. Many report a great blessing received from the truths presented principally by Eld. A.T. Jones.

I have spoken of most of the points made in your letter in mine to Eld. Fulton, Dr. Kellogg and yourself, which I will send to Bro. Fulton. You will see from that what I think of Bro. Biter's case; also what our plans are for M.G. Kellogg. I suppose it is rather trying to Bro. Fulton to propose many changes in the working force at the Retreat. I am sure we must greatly increase our number of managers who can take and bear responsibility if we shall do the work which God will have us do in the education of young people to be nurses and medical missionaries. I am glad to see that Bro. Kellogg has taken hold well. I hope that Bro. Gibbs will be able to bear up under all his trials and by the blessing of God become stronger and stronger each year and be able [page break]

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to bear heavy burdens for the master.

How thankful we ought to be that we now have plenty of water and an abundance of peace. I cannot help wondering how Mr. Bell feels.

I will enquire of Eld. Jones of the work in Kansas City.

Bro. George Derrick is doing well at the college. He and his wife are taking the nurses training school. It seems that he has not much ready money and we will need some assistance from the Conference in order to pay for his schooling. Perhaps he has told you about this. I am not prepared not to state particulars.

You may think I am wild in questioning that Bro. Biter should come here to Battle Creek; but I tell you my Brother we are terrible with our work when compared with what they are doing here; and I do not believe it is enough for us to send Dr. Kellogg thinking that in three months he can appropriate all the good ideas that are to be gathered up here and bring them home and present them to us in such a clear and forcible way that we shall be able to adopt them. I see that Bro. Biter is a man who has borne responsibility and he realizes that he has ability and it looks somewhat discouraging to aim to go to the Retreat and work around in a vague and undefined apprenticeship hardly knowing what he is to be fitted for or how long his apprenticeship is to last. I see that it will be rather embarrassing for those in the Retreat to take him in hand as it ought to be done and teach him the principles of managing such an institution and I believe it would be one of the best things we could do to encourage him to come here for three or four months. [page break]

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Of course, the difficult question to decide is, how can we afford to do this? Or, who is willing to help him? They will do what they can for him here. They will set him at work first, as assistant bookkeeper and in this position he will be brought in contact with the San Francisco accounts of every department of the institution and thus learn how they are managed. He could also attend the nurses training school and watch fully the spirit and methods by which it is controlled. Then if Bro. M.G. Kellogg is here at the same time daily council together about different features of the work, and thus both of them become fully acquainted with the management of the institution. I believe it would be a good plan for the Retreat to offer to pay his traveling expenses if he will give his time. He would be at no expense here as they will give him work enough to cover that. It is possible that he could earn something, but it is not best to promise that.

Bro. Loughborough I feel that we should make a tremendous effort to get the proper men to come in and bear the responsibility in these institutions so that the ministers can go forth into the field and do the work that God would have them do. Tell me what you think of these things.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

per F.

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My Dear Brother, -- I have your letters of Nov. 29 and Dec. 10. I am always glad to hear from you and was pleased to learn of your appointment at the Retreat. I am sorry you are not able to enter upon the work at once, for I know that when you once begin to work, the questions which are now perplexing you will soon be solved. The appointment to assist Eld. Fulton will certainly give you the books in time. That was the understanding and unless you decide to adopt some suggestions about coming east for a few months which I shall make up in the latter part of this letter, I certainly hope you will connect yourself with the Retreat as soon as possible and take hold wherever they need your help most and become acquainted with the work and giving them such an opportunity to become acquainted with you that they will be able to assign you your proper place. The family affair of which you speak of and which is the cause of so much dissatisfaction among the workers is not a matter which can be removed by a single move or remedied at once. It has taken some time to work things up to the present degree of prosperity and those who now have charge of the Retreat have made great improvement over past management and whatever changes are made to remove all the evils and grounds for criticism occasioned by there being too many of one family must be made carefully and perhaps some little time will be consumed in adjusting matters as they ought to be. [page break]

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I am glad to learn that you are expecting to arrange matters so that your wife can go with you to the Retreat when you go. If she is not strong it would not be best for her to take any position of large responsibility at first which would be likely to overtax her strength. It is always best in institutions of this kind to make changes gradually and to let those who are to be a responsibility become well acquainted with helpers and patients before assuming charge. I question the advisability of your wife's entering upon the matron's work. It seems to me there is quite a field for someone to act as the patient's friend, visiting them unofficially, seeing if all their wants are supplied and act as missionary, encouraging them and reading the scripture with such as M.G.K. would appreciate it. Perhaps this seems too indefinite and ambiguous, and if I was better acquainted with the matter I might be able to describe the work in better terms. I know there is much work of this kind that can be done to advantage in such a place and I have thought that Sr. Biter's experience would fit her for usefulness in this line. When she had become fully acquainted with the institution and its managers and they with her, they might at the April meetings suggest something different for her from this. But I have thought that this would be one of the best ways to begin.

Our people are rather slow to make changes and if you were fully acquainted with the past history of the institution you would not wonder at this. I hope you will be both patient and persistent in your plans to connect with the Retreat.

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your business, whether there is a prospect of being able to leave it without its worrying.

I thank you for the suggestion about the American Sentinel. I will place it before Bro. Jones.

And now about new plans. As I have studied the workings of this institution, and how comprehensive their plans are and what a work they are doing, not only in treating the sick, but in educating nurses and especially as I have studied Dr. Kellogg's last move toward the training of Medical Missionaries, I see that there is a wonderful field open in this line and that we ought to do more in this line in California than we have ever thought of doing heretofore. I have wished that you could come with Bro. M.G. Kellogg whom we have just telegraphed for and spend three months here studying the workings of the institution. Please think of this, and if Bro. Kellogg is still in California, talk to him about it.

It would enable you to know just how to take hold at the Retreat both as a counselor and a bookkeeper. I pray that the Lord may guide you in all your decisions and that if it is right for you to come here, that he may guide your mind so that you may do so freely. You will be at no expense while here. Perhaps the Retreat people would pay the traveling expenses. The loss of wages in the time spent here could only be compensated for by the increase of usefulness which would give you a satisfaction in your work, and the increase of wages they might be able to pay you on account of the valuable experience gained here.

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opportunity and let me know what you think of it. Dr. Kellogg extends a hearty invitation to you to come. He thinks the way for you to being would be going to the office as assistant bookkeeper. There you would be brought into connection with the business of every department. You could also attend the nurses training school and get valuable points as to how we should conduct a school in California. This would afford you the best possible facilities for studying the organization and management of the institution.

We are glad to hear of the good meetings in California. We have had precious meetings here through the week of prayer and they will be continued for a week or two yet.

The Christmas offerings here amounted to nearly 3500 dollars. This was a little better than last year. I wait with much anxiety to hear from other places.

Mother is working very hard and the Lord is sustaining her wonderfully. We look forward with great pleasure when our work will be done here, and we can return to California. I shall expect to attend the April meetings, but Mother may not return till the next general camp-meeting.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

per F.

P.S. I send the propositions made by I. Umbria in the institution. Your wife will be able to make a place for herself and there is a great need of that class of work being done mentioned by the Gen. Missionary needs some of it in the _____ a missionary field. E.G.W.

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Present Truth
London, Eng.

I have your letter of Oct. 16 enclosing a bill from Imprimire Pollyglotte and asking if the first item is correct. I am sorry to say it is not and am surprised that they should make so serious a blunder. The plates were supposed to be worth .75 cts. apiece, but I plead with P.P. to donate them to C.S. mission. This they were hardly prepared to do, but at my earnest solicitation they finally billed them at .40 cts. apiece. They were charged to Present Truth by mistake and this mistake was soon corrected. The Imprimire Pollyglotte paid freight on them made many important corrections after quite a thorough revision with the understanding that we should print them from the English field. The printing was done without profit or very nearly so. Then at the earnest solicitation of Eld. Haskell the plates were sent to London.

There never was the slightest intimation that they were a gift and the Basel Office should have charged what they cost them. As it was a little difficult to ascertain what the revision cost I advised them to donate that and charge the additional cost with the addition of transportation. The lowest figure that they ought to have is 75 centimes (10 cts.) per page. This would have made the item for plates 630 francs. That being the smallest amount that they ought to expect or that they ought to be willing to pay.

If you will correct the bill according to this suggestion, I will write to them explaining how it has occurred.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

per F.

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J.M. Reese

Kokomo, Kan.

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My Dear Brother, -- I have just received your letter of Dec. 25 and will hasten to reply. I am perplexed to understand what you mean by saying that you have invested your money in the building of a house since the general conference. I supposed you had a house there. I am sure that the principle reason which was offered and pressed by myself before the committee that you should be sent to Indiana was that you had a home there, that you wished to be there near her.

I had short visit with your wife yesterday morning. She seemed at first to be very much annoyed at our requesting you to help Bro. Stone in West Virginia. But when I explained to her why the request was made and that it need not necessarily keep you in the field for the whole year, but was intended to help him out during the winter while he was deprived of the help which he expected, she seemed to feel very different about it. I was very much pleased to see how much she had improved at the Sanitarium and when she told me what the doctors say about her health and what she needs in the way of treatment, it seems like a great mistake for you to take her away from the San. at present. If I can judge at all from my limited information I should say your wisest plan is to let her remain there through the winter. She spoke of wishing to have you with her after a little while; but afterward said it was not necessary and she thought she could get along very nicely if your duty was elsewhere. [page break]

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You say I have been misinformed about your labor in Indiana. I should dislike to think that this was so. I have heard nothing derogatory of your labors since the conference, and what I heard before that has been in your favor. When Brn. Oberholtzer and Kauble were here they said nothing against you or your work; and I am much pained that you should so quickly and positively draw the conclusion that they were working against you.

The suggestions made in my letters to Bro. Starr and yourself, the opinions relative to who should constitute the conference committee and the thought that it would be a good plan for you to help Bro. Stone out West Vir. were all in my mind before these brethren came here, and I cannot think of a single point wherein I would have written differently if they had not come.

I believe I was principally instrumental in securing the recommendation from the committee that you should labor in Indiana. This was made on the supposition that Bro. Oberholtzer would go to Penn. and when Bro. O's letter came and was read before the com. showing that it was not reasonable for him to comply with the request of the conference, we all felt that it was not duty to urge the matter. What has followed is but the natural result, and is according to well established principles and our custom of dealing with other cases. If Ind. had been destitute of laborers and needed all the men that are now there and was able to support them and if West Vir. could be supplied with the needed help in some other way, the case would be somewhat different.

You say, "In a few days I think you will see what the leading [page break]

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brethren in the state think of my being removed.” If you mean by this that you have laid the matter before the conference committee and those brethren who were at the general conference, I shall be pleased to receive their letters; but if you mean that you have presented the question as you seem to regard it to the brethren who do not understand what was done at the conference and the reasons for this, I shall feel very sorry. It is very easy to work up opposition to a plan that is not understood.

I am surprised at your representation of the southern field and the feelings you express about it. I heard nothing of this from you at General Conference and had no idea that we were suggesting you to a bad field. I am not acquainted with the south and am yet in ignorance as to the reason of your feeling so serious about going to West Virginia. It is farthest from my thoughts to do you any injustice or to ask what is unreasonable and I do not yet understand as I ought what your objection is to going to Bro. Stone’s help this winter. I most earnestly hope that you will not take Sr. Reese from the San. till she has received all the good they can do her.

If with this view of the matter you are willing to go, please correspond with Bro. Stone and Elds. Underwood and Starr. I cannot tell where we are to find a suitable man for West Virginia if you don’t go.

I will send a copy of this letter to Elds. Underwood and Kilgore, asking them to advise you further with reference to your work.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

per F.

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Battle Creek, Mich.
Dec. 31, 1888

Gospel in all Lands,
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen;--

Please send sample copies to the following:--

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Prof. C.C. Lewis, 336 E. Lake St. E, Minneapolis, Minn.

Capt. C. Eldridge, R.&H., Battle Creek, Mich.

Prof. G.W. Caviness, S.L. Academy, So. Lancaster, Mass.

Eld. E.W. Farnsworth, R.&H., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ed. Bible Echo, North Fitzroy, Melbourne, Australia

Ed. Present Trust, 48 Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Eng.

J.H. Waggoner, 48 Wierweieg, Basel, Switzerland

I hope to call at your place about the 16th of Jan and then I shall ask for your best terms for two or more files of the back numbers of the journal.

Yours truly,

W. C. White

per F.

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New York City, N.Y.
Dec. 31, 1888

Gentlemen;--

At our last Annual Conference I called the attention of our people to the necessity of becoming better acquainted with foreign fields, and all kinds of mission work, by the study of such journals as yours and Gospel in all Lands. Having a sample of Gospel in all Lands with me, I took quite a number of subscriptions, and promised a number of our ministers that I would send them samples of your Journal, if I could obtain them.

My friend, Mr. T.A. Kilgore tells me than you will send a few copies to persons whose names I will send you. Please send samples to the following:

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Ed. Present Trust, 48 Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Eng.
J.H. Waggoner, 48 Wierweieg, Basel, Switzerland

If in addition to these you will send me half a dozen copies, I will place them in the hands of persons whose subscription I will solicit. Please give me best terms to Agents; also best terms to ministers and price for back numbers.

Yours truly,

W. C. White

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[Extract of letter written to W. C. W. by C. H. Jones, Dec. 17,'88]

“Petitions, circulars, &c. have been received, and the petitions are being sent into all parts of the state. Notices have been put into the San Francisco papers, and a few days ago we received word from one firm that if we would furnish them 500 of the blank petitions they would see that they were filled with names. Another person here in Oakland has offered to do the same. So you see by this that others are ready to assist in the movement.

“Bro. and Sr. Lemos recently embraced the truth and they feel very anxious to do something for their country. They are Portuguese, and well educated. They feel such a burden that they have undertaken the work of translating some of our tracts. They have just brought in a translation of the tract, Which Day Do You Keep and Why? and want to get it printed. I suppose that this matter would naturally come under the supervision of the International tract Society. As for the expense, they say rather than not have it printed, they will pay for it themselves; but I do not think they are really able to do this. Now what shall we do with this manuscript? Have you anyone there who can criticize it? Please let us know just as soon as possible as they feel very anxious about the matter. They seem to be real earnest devoted people.”

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“L’union, from Nimes, edited by H. Gilly, has published an interesting article about your book. I think you will be interested in it, so I translate it here:

We certainly have no lack of ‘Lives of Jesus’; from those of Strauss and Renan, down to the one we announce today, how many have there not appeared. This subject is so rich, so vast, that whatever be the stand point from which it is treated, one is sure to interest. Among these different biographies, Mrs. White’s deserves a special mention for its style and ideas. It will afford great delight to that class of readers which is not the less numerous: tender and pious souls. The author has written with her soul; one feels that she loves the one whose life she is describing, that she is on communion with her hero. Do not ask her to elucidate a question of exegesis, or to discuss a problem of critic, --she has no time for that. Indeed, for her, everything in the gospel is unquestionable; and after all, is not this simple, candid faith the surest way, the way par excellence, --this method once admitted, how rich the developments on the character of Jesus! How many practical thoughts come out at every step! The life of the Savior is an exhaustible mine. After so many different writers, Mrs. White has found the secret of being still sometimes original and always captivating.

For this field cannot to such a point be reaped,
That the last comers find nothing to gleam.

“We can only recommend this excellent book to all Christians, who [page break]

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can see by themselves if our judgment is correct.

We should have preferred that the translation, instead of being instructed to a foreigner—as one can notice at first glance —might have been committed to a Frenchman; we should not have to pick up words foreign to the dictionary as- (He gives two words, of which one is not in the dictionary, at least just in that form) and a great number of Anglicism's which disagreeable arrest one in the midst of a delightful passage. But it will be an easy task to erase these slight stains in a future edition."

You see that while they praise, they never abandon their right to criticize. The first part of this article we have put in our prospectus.

Post Script of letter written by John Biter of San Francisco,
to W.C. White, Dec.10, 1888.

"Permit me to make a suggestion in relation to the circulation of the Sentinel and other documents pertaining to National Reform matters. It seems to me much good might be accomplished, if the Sentinel were laid on the desks of each member of the legislature of the several states meeting this winter. To do this not much time is left. If arrangements could be made for its distribution through its proper officer in the respective houses, so much the better. I heartily indorse resolution 17 of the proceedings of the Gn.Con.Com. as contained in Review of Dec. 4, also petitions for religious liberty.

"Yours, etc.,

J.B.

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Delay of our Paper.

“Sandhedens Tidende” has for some time been very much delayed, and of course our readers cannot help being dissatisfied therewith. We are sorry this has been the case, and will mention the cause of it.

Bro. Jensen who has been doing the work on the paper went with us to the school in Minneapolis. He wished to close his work for Sand Tid. as soon as we could get others to help us. Shortly after we were offered help by a sister who has written much for us before, but on account of sickness she could not keep her promise, and it lasted two weeks before we learned that she had done nothing neither could be anything at the present.

I have had all I could do with the school besides the translation of “Great Controversy” on which book I have worked all the time I could spare outside of school hours. I have been much troubled with bronchitis and asthma for more than two months yet I have not missed one day in the school. When finally the before mentioned brother took hold of the work it went so slow that there was little prospect of its being arranged again.

Thus the editing of the paper now rests principally upon me. I have some help, and hope soon to have more. But it is my conviction that I in the future, if God spares my life, and my brethren wish me to do it? Must do more for the paper than I have done heretofore.

I hope our friends will consider these circumstances and bear with us. My prayer is that the Lord may bless every soul who is seeking after truth, and lead him to the Source of all light and life, our dear Master and Savior.

J.G.M.

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My Dear Brother, -- I have received your letters of Dec. 17 and 20. In the former you speak of what I wrote about the meetings and referred me to the letter which you had written to Mother. I read this as soon as it came and it did us all lots of good. Mother took it down to the Tabernacle and read a great portion of it to the congregation there. She also read extracts from other letters received from Oakland. I tell you, my Brother, there is a good work going on here. A large part of this church is being benefitted and the revival is taking the most practical turn I ever saw. Sabbath afternoon a call was made for those to come forward who had robbed God by encroaching on the Sabbath or by withholding tithes and neglecting to make offerings and about 60 or 70 went forward. After prayer these went into the vestry and nearly all made hearty confessions and seemed in earnest about a reformation.

I saw Bro. Belden about the list of Sabbath School Officers. He says it has been sent.

I know of no one here who could examine the Portuguese tract. I will write to Eld. Conradi who is conducting a canvassing institute in Milwaukee, asking him to enquire for someone who can do it. Unless we find someone very soon, I would advise you to go forward with the publication of this tract as it is a small one. Make one set of plates and an extra set of shells and print a small [page break]

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edition, sending sample copies to our different missions. You may set the type and make the plates at the expense of the International Tract Society; but whatever printing you do will be on your own responsibility. The Int. Soc. will order the plates to any point where they may arrange to have the printing done.

It was alright for you to furnish Srs. Davis and Bolton with money for their tickets.

I have a piteous appeal from the workers in Milwaukee about the freight on Life of Christ in German. They say they paid \$39.00 freight on 300 copies; and they ask if Pacific Press will not donate this toward the expenses of their school. I think this school will mark a new era in our German book business. There are now forty in attendance, about twenty of whom are experienced laborers from different conferences. Of course, the school is very expensive and any favor you might do them would not only be highly appreciated but would do much to gain their confidence and interest in Pacific Press, and the circulation of its publications. It may be you cannot afford this from a business standpoint; but as a donation to the school it would pay you well as an advertisement.

I have just read a letter from John Biter speaking of the interest which is being awakened in San Francisco and suggesting that there should be a mass meeting held there if a speaker can be obtained. I have also seen your telegram to A.T. Jones asking him to see M.G. Kellogg at the train next Sabbath. Putting these two things together I judge that you have sent a request for A.T. to come over to San Francisco for a few days; but this will be quite impossible. It has cost quite a struggle for him to secure a [page break]

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place in the college this winter, and as the calls are coming in from important cities for him to spend a few days, his college work is somewhat broken and it will not do to make it more so.

Tomorrow night he will start for New Bedford, Mass. to speak three times and then he speaks in Tremont Temple, Boston Jan. 8th, 9th, and 15th. Between the 9th and the 15th he will attend the general meeting in So. Lancaster at which I hope we shall be able to have a ministerial institute, devoting its study largely to this subject. Then he must return to his college work and in addition to his regular duties there is a ministerial and workers institute from Jan. 14 to the last of March. I may have made a wild guess as to your plan. Shall be anxious to meet Bro. Kellogg myself and so far as I can, supply the absence of Bro. Jones.

And now about the Sentinel tracts. I have already telegraphed you that I was wholly responsible for the publication of the cheap edition, and requested that you do all you can to stop the murmuring against R.&H. I also requested you to give us your price for the whole edition that you have printed, believing that it would be better for the International Tract Society to take this edition and work it off without profit to you or to them than to have it lay on your hands. I am truly sorry that you printed so many. I know it is not your custom to print over 10,000 at one run, and I cannot conjecture why you should print so many unless it was with the expectation of supplying the whole field. I presume, however, that these were printed in your absence and were ordered by someone who did not know that you intended to furnish plates to R.&H. according to our mutual agreement. If you had [page break]

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telegraphed me the fact that you had so many on hand or even a protest, we should not have advertised the cheap edition; but I see that you could not do this because you did not know what I was planning to do.

I will tell you something about how matters stand here, and I do not think you will feel like condemning me so severely for what I have done. You know I was forced into responsibility unexpectedly and against my will. Before our committee work was fully finished, this campaign of printing and furnishing the petitions was begun. Alonzo wrote out copy for the petitions and for the four page tract and put them into the hands of the printer when we were too busy to listen to his plan. Then after he had gone to Ohio I had to look after the matter and the movement of our opponents were so rapid and our own work sprung into proportions so suddenly that in spite of my efforts to council with the brethren who are here, I made several serious mistakes. Our first 20,000 petitions were printed on poor paper which I very much regret, and when the work of circulating the petitions was fairly begun and we saw what an opportunity there was for the circulation of reading matter and that we must have it immediately, it seemed to us all that it would be impossible for our society to wait until they could receive Sentinel tracts from Pacific Press or even till we could receive plates from there. Then by reading the tracts we found many places where corrections needed to be made. These did not involve a change in any considerable part of the reading matter; it was frequently only a word or two, but the changes made the tracts very much more suitable for the present canvass.
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By rasping off the wire edge in a few places we think the blade of truth will cut much more freely. By this time those who had been canvassing for the petitions began to bring in their reports and we saw that they could use thousands upon thousands of these tracts if they could furnish them for about a dime; whereas they could use only one-quarter as many at twenty cents. Supposing that you had only a reasonable edition on hand, and that these could be placed into the hands of canvassers who could handle a twenty cent edition, I pushed ahead and advertised the cheaper edition. All that has been written or said upon this subject I have written myself and I myself am to blame for the mistakes that have been made. R.&H. has had no part nor lot in this matter except to object to my plans, to protest against the large page and to dally along with the work after the usual fashion of printers in a busy time. So I beg of you again to be energetic and prompt in stopping the murmuring against the Review and Herald Office which you seem to have put on foot at your meeting of foremen and heads of departments which you mention.

Whatever injury has been done the P.P. has been done by the officers of the International Tract Society and by myself in particular. And if there is any institution under the sun that has expended thousands of dollars unnecessarily to foster the enterprises of the P.P. it is the State Societies through the influence of the International Tract Society. Therefore condemning the Society, I beg of you to think of the words of Nehemiah, "Remember me . . . concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy." Now I have three plans in mind for helping you out of the difficulty: -- [page break]

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First, let P.P. sell to International Tract Society the whole edition at cost of production and I will see that they are distributed among the Societies and used at as little loss to us as possible.

Second, let the price be reduced to fifteen cents and then a liberal discount given so that our canvassers and those who would prefer the tract printed on good paper and in convenient form can take them and work them off.

Third, let one or two new tracts be added to the set, making it a twenty-five cent package and bearing a little different name, and furnish these to the Societies at ten cent net delivered; or eight cents net delivered so that they can furnish them to their agents at ten cents net.

I tell you my brother, you have no conception of the amount of work we can do with these tracts if we can get them at a price which is satisfactory and can furnish them at short notice from points convenient to the various Societies. I think that the failure of P.P. to respond promptly to the request of R.&H. for the plates of the Sentinel tracts has been the means of keeping the light on this subject away from tens of thousands who otherwise would have had it. Our Societies do not see any consistency in ordering tracts way over from the Pacific Coast, and I am not prepared to argue the question with them.

I am satisfied that it is a mistaken policy to attempt to make money from our people on tracts which are almost always given away. I believe in putting our pamphlets and bound books at a price that there will be some profit; but on our tracts, which we [page break]

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mean to have distributed so freely that they will fall like the leaves of autumn, we ought not to speculate or make more than there would be in a fair job of printing.

Of course, I am sorry that at this late date we must begin to dispose of this edition of 20,000 without the corrections and improvements that we have made; but we will do the best we can. I would suggest that you ship immediately about 5,000 sets to the New York office, and I will do what I can to have them distributed among the societies at an early date.

We have made two sets of plates on our Battle Creek edition. Shall we send one set to you? I think the shells have not been backed up, and they will be furnished to you at cost, of course.

Now a few words about the Life of Christ. You say the boys feel about discouraged. Pray tell me what are they discouraged at? Who is going to print another edition and where? What are the radicle changes that you condemn, and whose propositions are you commenting on? If a revision is made of the Life of Christ we have expected to issue an English edition and you very well know that while I have been solicited many times to do so, have never offered its publication to anyone but P.P. The corrections to the French and German editions will, of course, be submitted to the parties now publishing so that they may correct their plates and issue in the very best form for the people. Please tell me what has caused the discouragement. I have always rejoiced that the managers of the Pacific Press were not in the habit of sitting down and getting discouraged over some imaginary trouble which had popped into somebody's brain, and I hope you will not allow [page break]

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anything to cut off this, my cause of rejoicing.

I am truly sorry for the way matters have turned out about the Driver donation. I think I have told you before that when I visited Fresno and proposed to go and visit them, that Bro. Church said he would do so, that he understood the matter thoroughly and that he was confident they would take his advice; and he said that he would watch the matter and that if there threatened to be any trouble he would notify you. He saw it would be embarrassing for me to visit them as I had no authority to do anything and as they were particularly mad at Mother, accusing her of being the cause of all their trouble. I really think, my brother, that if you had visited them yourself, as I requested, it would have been somewhat better than it is; but we do not know how the matter will come out. Our only way now is to make the best of it.

I visited Bro. Miller yesterday. He is sick at the Sanitarium and before I saw him had given Dr. Kellogg encouragement that he would use what money came into his hands in the purchase of San. Imp. Stock which bears 5% interest and is free from taxes. This, you see, would be equivalent to 7% paid by you. All I secured from Bro. Miller was the promise that when any large amount came into his hands he would write to you, but he could not tell when this would be.

I wish I could suggest to you some place to apply for money. We are terribly straightened here in every department for money. The General Conference Association has borrowed \$20,000 from other funds, and has drawn \$10,000 from the R.&H. This we hope [page break]

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to pay when the Christmas offerings come in; but there will have to be large sums sent immediately to missions. There is not one of them but what is expecting money and that in considerable amounts. I think there is more than \$20,000 that we have promised to send as soon as we can get it. I trust that the meeting you have called of leading brethren in California Conference will result in suggesting some plan to relieve you. Please write to me how this is for I am intensely anxious to learn how you come out.

And now I will speak of another which is more encouraging. It has been my idea from the first that this canvass with the petitions should be followed by an energetic canvass for the Sentinel. If rightly managed I believe we can make it the means of putting 500 new canvassers into the field; and I believe this can be more successfully operated for the Eastern field by the officers of the International Tract Society here than by the Sentinel agent in Oakland. What do you think of throwing the management of the scheme somewhat into the hands of the International Tract Society? I believe that the right effort put forth right now might result in swelling the subscription list of the Sentinel to 50 or 100 thousand and if you would consent to have an Eastern edition published and would make the proper arrangement immediately, I believe we could get 50,000 more. I cannot tell you what a drawback it is to the enthusiasm of our societies to suffer the delays which are often unnecessarily magnified in their minds occasioned by having to send all the business to Oakland.

Edson is on the point of giving up his business and entering Mother's employ and I have thought it would be a good plan to [page break]

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employ him one or two months to work up this scheme. You know he is a capital hand at anything of this sort, and has had considerable experience in the past. About the first effort our people ever made in this line was the trial trip on Good Health which he engineered and made a real success. If you would set apart to be operated from Battle Creek all the territory east of the Mississippi River or if you choose, the Missouri and would employ R.&H. or some Chicago firm to print the Sentinel for this territory as far east as Ohio and then arrange for some New York firm to print for New York, Pennsylvania, the South Atlantic States, and New England. I am satisfied that we could secure many more agents and nearly twice as large a Subscription List. I do not ask that the business be given away to anyone. Let it be a Pacific Press enterprise managed, of course, on liberal principles. Let the Int. Tract Soc. cooperate in the management of the Eastern work, and we should see a work done with the Sentinel which is in some sense worthy of the principles which it advocates. There should be an editor for each of the Eastern editions who would furnish the matter for the last page and work into each number something of local interest. The first seven pages should be received in Electrotype plates from Oakland.

Please think of this matter seriously. I should like to see the managers of P.P. take as liberal views with reference to this move, as they have hoped for and looked for in the managers of R.&H.

But aside from this question of printing eastern editions do you wish the officers of the International Tract Society to take [page break]

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hold of the agency business for the American Sentinel east of the Mississippi? If so, on what terms? The way matters are going now the funds of Int. Tract Soc. will soon be exhausted on this enterprise. We are furnishing the petitions free and are hiring a large amount of help to send out publications and take charge of this movement; and while the first object of this is not to advertise the Sentinel, still everything that we have done in this line can be made to tell in the favor of a sweeping Sentinel canvass, and I think the Int. Tract Soc. stand in a position to do a work for you that you cannot do for yourselves. Will you then appoint agents in the East to take charge of this business? Or will you authorize the Int. Tract Soc. to do so at your expense? Please think of this and let us have decision at the very earliest date possible.

There is another matter of considerable importance on which we ought to have an immediate answer. It is about this Jan. number of the Sentinel special. When we were closing up the orders for the October number of the Societies asked if the plates could not be patched so it would stand as the Jan. number and if they could have five or ten thousand at the same rates, that is \$5 per 1000 copies, net to them, in addition to what they have already had. Haskell said yes, and you at the depot said yes to me. Michigan has already send you orders for from 20,000 to 30,000 and has orders for about 20,000 more. Now the question arises, shall they insist upon having the October number with the January date, or will they accept of the January number instead? Sr. House is not particular which is supplied to Michigan; but all [page break]

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her orders have been given with the understanding that Michigan Tract Society is to pay \$5 per 1000, the Int. Tract Soc. \$2.50 and P.P. \$2.50. How is this? Is this your understanding of this matter? And are you dealing with all the States in the same way?

Another question which Srs. House and Huntley have asked me several times, would P.P. be willing to furnish a set of electrotpe plates of this Jan. number to the International Tract Society at the cost of plates, and allow us to have them printed here in Battle Creek? If the Press is to furnish them at the same liberal rates that it did the October number we supposed there could be no profit, but rather a loss in the publication of a very large edition; and if this is so, this loss could be avoided by sending the plates to be used here. R.&H. could furnish paper at lower rates and printing work could be done just as cheap and many could be sent out from here by freight at less than two cts. per pound. Beside this, the fact that we could supply them on short notice would enable us to secure orders for many thousand more. Please telegraph us on the receipt of this if you are willing to furnish plates of the January number, and send them immediately by express.

As regards the orders which you have already received from the various Societies I would suggest that you refer back to the Int. Tract Soc. all orders coming from Michigan, Ohio, Wisc., Ind., and Ill. We would also handle any other orders which you might wish to refer us to if it was an advantage to you to have us do so.

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I have suggested, but want to put a price on them, please give us your price. And whatever you do, do it quickly. My own opinion is that Pacific Press will be in every way the gainer by furnishing these plates to R.&H.

Hoping to hear from you soon and praying that you may be guided in all your perplexities,

I am your friend and brother,

W.C. White

per F.

P.S. – Since writing the above I learned that the Jan. Sentinels have come and that the remainder of our orders have been sent on to you. So my proposition to have plates sent here is rather late, but we can use them yet if you wish. Shall not urge the matter however. What I have written will be of service in case we make another pull of the same sort a little later. Please tell me what the Sentinel paper costs you per ream.

Last night I read Reaser's letter and I find that he has pictures under way on several of the subjects you wrote me about. He is working on the Earthquake, and also "The Dominion Restored". He says he has sent electrotype plates of the four portrait blocks. Have you received them? If so, you to send immediately to R.&H. an electrotype of each and of any other new plates for use on Vol. Four.

Tell us how the canvass for Vol. Four is progressing. I would like to know what states are ordering and what are doing nothing.

Yours,

W.C. White

per F.

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Papeete, Tahiti
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Eld. Geo. I Butler

Dear Brother, --

Though I have nothing special to report, I will write a line as the mail closes in the morning. Donald Cammeron is at his home fifty miles from here. I expect him back soon.

As to Bro. Cudney I have waited patiently for him. His letters and papers are accumulating; the \$500.00 gold coin reached here consigned to him on the 7th. The post-master gives me all his letters and doubtless the one from the Signs Office of Aug. 29 has the bill of lading. The money is now in the hands of Turner and Chapman, the owners of the vessel Brig Tahiti. I consider it safe.

People here consider it a mystery concerning the delay of Bro. Cudney; but I think it probable that he has gone past here direct to Pitcairn, if not he has met with trouble of some sort. He has now been out about 75 days and he ought to go direct to Pitcairn in from 35 to 45 days from Honolulu. I have counted that 30 days at the island, then say six or eight here which would bring him here in two or three weeks or would bring him here in the early part of November. I shall continue to watch for him.

I hope when I write again I shall have something of interest to write to you all.

Yours in the blessed hope,

John Tay
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fitting up below the deck, when the vessel is as hollow as a base viol.

Perhaps Bro. Butler will think I am finding fault; if so, please send someone else to go with Bro. Cudney.

If Bro. Cudney does not come here or if he comes from Pitcairn here, I shall probably start for San Francisco about the middle of Dec., probably a month earlier or later at the outside.

An English Man of War is expected soon. It is not known whether it is from Pitcairn or to Pitcairn. She is expected in Nov. or Dec. A Hermaphrodite Brig comes from Valenparaso and calls there on her way here. A schooner has lately started for Gamboirs within 300 miles of Pitcairn, but would take no passengers and would be ten days getting there.

This is all that seems to be known here.

Yours in the blessed hope,

John Tay
(copy from original. J.W.F.)

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Dear Brother, --

As you are chairman on the committee on the missionary ship matter, I thought I would write you a few lines, for I have always felt some interest in this matter. By the arrival of the Bark Kalakana of Honolulu, which place she left Sept. 4, reaching here last Sabbath, the 13th, with horned cattle, I learn from the Mate that Bro. Cudney sailed for here about the first of August on the Phebe Chapman, with about 75 tons measurement. He says she was built for carrying sugar, had a small cabin clear aft and dropping below the deck; that Bro. Cudney has had a house built forward off the main mast about ten or twelve feet square or ten by twelve feet square, besides a galley that crowds between the fore and main masts, half covering the hatchway. He also says she has no spare sail and is only in ballast trim, and that she is all cluttered up. The opinion here is that they have had serious trouble and I am inclined to think he has gone straight to Pitcairn. I am fearful that with the motley crowd laying on and off at the Island for a month that they may have had trouble. The water is deep and the sea rough.

This man on the Kalakana says there is no one in the crew but the captain that has any knowledge of navigation. For myself, I will tell you plainly that I object to undertaking a work in a vessel hampered up as this one is said to be. Perhaps I may make on trip in her however. I do not need to go into details to you as to my objections.

I do not know what kind of a captain or perhaps sailing master he has got that did not show Bro. Cudney the advantages of [page break]

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I judge by the tone of your letter that you were disappointed in the outcome of the teacher's council. I was just leaving for the Northern Michigan camp-meeting when Starbuck, Colcord, and Potter came. They were late in getting there, so saw them but a few moments. I have not been in Battle Creek since. I hear but little from there, since I have away for three or four weeks. I attended several sessions of the council, and I think I wrote you; but was so busy I could not attend all. I judge the Prof. did not think a report in the review would be of general interest enough to warrant its space in the paper. A secretaries report of the proceedings was kept. The Prof. is throwing aside writing and care as much as possible since, and is getting all the strength.

The College Board did not see how they could consistently spare Miller from the Bible work this year. Lancaster has been quite a draft upon the college, sparing Caviness and wife, Clark and wife, --Principle and Boarding House Managers. Then they want three teachers in Minneapolis from B.C. for their conference school. Ark and Kan. also want teachers. They also wanted to get some for Upper Columbia and other places. We have tried to be very cautious and friendly and offered all the help we could to those who come from the Pacific Coast to spend a season with us; but taking considerable new and untried help into the college faculty to supply the place of these going to the relief of other [page break]

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field, we have hardly dared to send away Bro. Miller. As he is one of the old tried teachers he seems to be a principle reliance of Prof. Prescott's, should he be sick or be called away as he is much in public work outside the college. And seeing he is our principle reliance in teaching the Bible. When it was first proposed to send Bro. Jones to help us, we did not realize that he could not help take regular classes, &c. But when it was ascertained that he could not come till after Gen. Conf. and then would have to spend much of his time in editorial work, and could only help Bro. Smith part of the time, --why, we hardly saw how Bro. Miller's time was to be supplied. We could not think it would be good policy to weaken our force of teachers too much in view of the fact that our special call upon the college was to be the preparation of trained teachers for other schools. We cannot see as we can do anything special for Healdsburg the present season seeing that Lancaster has made such calls upon us and the others we have mentioned. This does not arise from unwillingness on our part but in lack in the supply the coming year.

We should be real glad if Bro. Jones could come and work with the college if it was consistent for him to come and you could spare him. We are sure we should love him and appreciate him. Yet under the present circumstances we realize that we have placed you under no obligations to spare him. We assure you and through you, the Healdsburg College [page break]

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that we will do anything we reasonably can to render deeded assistance to you in your work, and regret we cannot now do more. But really we have looked the ground over and over and hardly see in view of the calls we have had to make what we can do to help you the coming year.

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H.W. Decker

Walla Walla, Wash. Ter.

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My Dear Brother, -- Yesterday I received the enclosed copy of your letter to Eld. McClure and I must frankly confess that I was much surprised at its contents. I have not the slightest memory of the conversation which you speak of; I have no recollections of any conversation which you speak of; I have no recollections of any conversation on this subject in the presence of the T.&M. Sec't. Some of the things which you mention as having said to me you did speak of when we were talking about a certain young woman's coming here to take the nurse's training school. When we were talking of this case I asked if there was not some fund from which she could be loaned money to cover traveling expenses and you told me that there had been some money left in your hands which you could appropriate for this. I draw from your letter to Bro. McClure that that was only a modest way of expressing the fact that you were willing to loan the money from your own personal purse.

Now as regards the mission girls, my memory of the matter is that you expressed a desire that Sr. Miller should get an experience in the Bible work and I pointed out the advantage of a mission school over going about with someone like Sr. Hemming. At this time Sr. Russell was planning to seek employment at the Pacific Press and we also discussed the propriety of her entering the mission work. For some reasons I had the impression that she might do better in the office; and you thought she would also do well in the mission. I do not remember of hearing you say [page break]

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anything about meeting their traveling and other expenses from your personal fund, but I certainly gained the impression that their necessary expenses would be provided for in some way. I asked you if you were familiar with the terms on which the mission received students. You said you thought you were. Then said I, you will arrange the matter with Bro. McClure? You answered yes. I cannot tell exactly what you meant by this but I suppose it involved a complete understanding and agreement with him as to the time of their stay, the settlement for their board, and the plans for their work after the apprenticeship was over. I knew you were a business manager and looked after finances in a businesslike way and therefore took no further care except to see that the girls were properly recommended to Bro. McClure.

After a few weeks experience in Mission work Sr. Russell seemed to take less interest than we expected and Bro. McClure suggested to me that it might be better for her to engage in the office work. I told him to go ahead and arrange the matter that way; but when some months later I saw Sr. Russell was still in the mission and asked the reason I was told that you had written expressing your desire to have her continue there. It seems that Bro. McClure has gone forward with the matter with the expectation that the girls were being trained for and at the expense of your conference. Our city missions for the year ending Oct. 1888 have cost the Cal. Conf. about \$7,000. Of course, much of this was paid for labor performed and a considerable portion of it was expended in the training of laborers. If it is right for the Cal. Conf. to spend its thousands in its efforts to fit young people for this [page break]

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kind of work, would it not be just and proper for the Upper Columbia Conf. to pay at least a portion of the expense of training laborers in that field. It seems to me that not only would it be just but it would not only be just but it would also be good policy to give the Cal. brethren a little evidence that their efforts in this direction were appreciated.

I have heard good news from your school. With this I send you a proxy which I have filled out at request; perhaps I am a little late in sending it. The good work is going on here about as usual. There is lots to do and few to do it. We have had excellent meetings here in Battle Creek during the week of prayer and since.

The Christmas offerings to the Missions including one large donation of \$1,000 from Bro. McPhearson amounted to \$3583.16. Last night there was received in addition to this in notes and cash about \$350 besides notes to the church treasurer for tithes that have been withheld amounting to \$950.

The petitions are beginning to come in large packages showing that our people are thoroughly aroused and are working with all their might. I hear that Bro. Rogers is doing good work in Boise City and that Bro. Scoles is getting ready to go to Cal. I also hear much of a Bro. and Sr. Reynolds of Willis, Montana. If you know them I would be glad to know something about them; we have suggested to them that it would be profitable for them to spend a portion of the winter here in the Biblical department of the college.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

per F.

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Eld. N.C. McClure

Oakland, Cal.

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My Dear Brother, -- I have your very welcome letter of Dec. 26 accompanied by one from Eld. Decker. I send you with this a copy of my answer. This will show you what my memory is of our arrangement. There was really no arrangement about it, for when I asked Bro. Decker if he was familiar with the terms, he said yes and then I referred the whole matter to you.

I thank you very much for telling me the good news especially from Healdsburg and about Mary's health. She has written me but little of late, I suppose because Sr. Davis has just come from there; but as she has been visiting her friends I have hardly had five minutes talk with her since she came. Sr. Fannie Bolton remained in Chicago with her folks until last evening when she arrived here.

I am looking with much interest for Dr. Kellogg's arrival as I suppose he will bring the latest news about the prosperity of the work. Bro. C.H. Jones telegraphed to Alonzo to be sure to meet him. This will be impossible. Alonzo have an appointment to speak three times in New Bedford, Mass. evening after the Sabbath and Sunday. Then he speaks in Boston Tremont Temple Jan. 8,9, and 15 and between the 9th and the 15th we attend the annual meeting at So. Lancaster.

I am a little disappointed in the reports thus far received of the Christmas donations in California. From most other localities the reports are very encouraging, showing that we have reason [page break]

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to hope for considerable more than last year when all is in. You will see that our meetings here have taken a very practical turn. Sabbath afternoon Mother called forward those who had robbed God by encroaching on the Sabbath and by withholding tithes and offerings. 60 to 70 went forward and after prayers these were taken into the vestry where nearly all made hearty confessions. These are now being visited and some are giving notes for the amounts of which they have defrauded the Lord in this matter of tithes.

I hear marvelous reports from the work in Fresno. Some are highly encouraging. Others not so much so. How much wisdom it requires for to be humble when the Lord blesses us.

Hoping to hear from you often,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

per F.

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(Copy of letter received by Eld. McCoy)
Sigourney, LA
Nov. 29, 11888

Dear McCoy,

I take it for granted that you sent me a copy of the Battle Creek Daily Journal of the 21st inst. containing lecture by A. T. Jones. –“Our Constitution.”

I have read it all through attentively and want to say to you that I was more pleased with it than with any discourse I have heard or read for many a day. It is decidedly refreshing to find so much practical sense in so small a compass. I never could see why the efforts to “put God into the Constitution” was not going to result in sectarianism established by law.

The family is fairly well . . . With regards to Mrs. McCoy, I am,

Yours truly,

G.D. Woodin

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Mrs. Jessie F. Waggoner

Oakland, Cal.

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Dear Sister, -- I have your letter of Dec. 4 asking for my criticisms on the lessons left with Bro. Belden. Bro. Jones had written me how the sickness kept you from doing the work on the lessons so that they could begin with January. When I received your letter I thought I would answer it soon, but could not get at it till now.

You ask what I mean in my telegram by suggesting that the lessons be adapted to season and circumstances. In your note to the teacher you say that the lessons were written for beginners and when you begin to study the lesson you are at once impressed with the fact that it opens up in the early summer. A little further on we find ourselves enjoying the products of early fall and soon we have the choice fruits of all the seasons brought together at once. This might do very well for Oaklanders, who have things in this fashion the year around; but to our eastern people it seems rather strange.

Your first lesson is very vivid and it establishes the student in a remarkably beautiful and picturesque country residence, -- such as very few of the students have ever seen or heard about before. Then before we are done we have winter with its snowflakes.

What I meant by suggesting that the lesson be adapted to season was this: If the lessons should begin in Jan. let us have January picture to begin with and then if we want to contemplate [page break]

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the beauties and purports of other seasons let us treat them as matters of memory or anticipation and not bring them in as the man did his story of running after a deer and the deer fell through the crust in trying to spring over the fence.

What I referred to in my request to adapt the lesson to circumstances was this; you say the lessons are prepared for beginners those very little ones, many of whom have never been in the school before. Now the circumstances under which the lessons will be used are these: there will be at the season of the year when the lessons are to be used very few new beginners. Most of the scholars who will use these lessons have studied Prof. Bell's book, One and Two, and are quite well initiated in the work of Bible study.

Would it not then be greatly in favor of securing the interest of the scholar and the popularity of the lessons to take the case just as it is and prepare the lessons for this class of students?

You begin by introducing the subject of play which to some minds would be very objectionable in a Sabbath school lesson. Why not begin by asking them what they do on Sabbath afternoon, if they ever take a walk, and if so what they see. This would be a true Sabbath's day beginning and would lead them into the beauties of nature very nicely.

Another point in the lesson which I will criticize is the effort to get acquainted with the scholars. It seems a little put on for a teacher who has been acquainted with a scholar for a year or two to take up this line of questioning. It seems to me that [page break]

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the first lesson would be admirably adapted as an introductory lesson into a children's meeting at a camp-meeting where the teacher is a stranger to most of the scholars.

In lesson two there is almost too much ado to find the Bible. Children who have been studying it for a year or two could hardly appreciate this.

In one place you say there are no bad words in the Bible. I suppose there is a sense in which this is true; but the Bible is made up of about the same words as any other book.

The only criticism that I will make on lesson three is the too frequent use of the word little, -- little joys and little sorrows; when the fact is the joys and sorrows to them are just as big as those the older people have.

Now you may think that I have gone for these lessons rough shod; but I don't feel that way a bit. I know you would not ask me to criticize if you did not want me to speak out just what I think. I might devote several pages to calling attention to the good points in the lessons but this is hardly necessary. I have only endeavored to notice the weak points, and that as briefly and pointedly as possible. If the lessons had been published first in the book very few of these criticisms would stand.

You ask how to get the teachers. I would suggest that there be notices to primary teachers in the Sabbath-school Worker.

I have had several talks with Miss Affolter during the last week or two. She feels terribly worked up over the fact that the Battle Creek Kindergarten was in such a disgracefully, demoralized condition when you were here. She can hardly forgive the managers [page break]

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of the school for letting it get into such a state.

When she first received Bro. Jones' letter about preparing Kindergarten lessons she felt that she could not undertake it, she was also discouraged about the way matters had turned out in the Battle Creek school but I guess she is feeling better now and will try to go on with the work.

Dr. M.G. Kellogg came last night and handed me a letter from Ellet which I am to carry to Alonzo.

Well these are stirring times and we are fearfully busy here as well as in Oakland.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

Sr. W. – Bro. White and I talked over the points he has mentioned in this letter and in general, we agree on the points he has touched here. If I might, if accepting further will write.

It is probable that the Kindergarten was in as good condition when you were here as it would have been if Miss Affolter had had it in charge; but I am not prepared to say that I am discouraged because others cannot do as well as she can.

F.E.B.

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My Dear Brother, --

I have your most valuable and interesting letter of Sept. 14 which was accompanied by six silver prints; and also your letter of Oct. 3. These reached me during Gen. Conf. Since then I have received your important letter of Oct. 29, your postal cards of Nov. 16 and 25, and last of all your good letter of Dec. 4.

If I should attempt to tell you why I have not answered these sooner it would involve so much history that I would not have time or room to write about the business. Suffice it to say that our Gen. Conf. was an unusually hard one for me on account of Eld. Butler's sickness, that the Conf. was followed by about four weeks of solid committee work this by the week of prayer and protracted meetings here and in addition to this I was obliged in the absence of our brethren to take the initiative in the campaign in the National Reform; that is the sending out of the petitions and getting our people all at work to circulate them.

These are stirring times for us here. There are hundreds of our people circulating the petitions against the Blair Sunday bill and many are making a judicious distribution of reading matter at the same time. I hope this may be followed by a thorough canvass for the Sentinel. It is a work that we ought to have engaged in long ago.

As I have received your letters I have read them over hurriedly and chucked them into a pigeon hole and now I must try to answer them in detail.

My brother Edson and Sr. Davis have been looking over the silver prints and we will now tell you what we think of them.

1. Satan falling through Space. This is a subject hard to represent because the fact and the manner of the fall is beyond our conception. I think we had better lay this aside for the present. We have no suggestions or criticisms to make on your sketch and yet we feel that it would hardly be best to use it.

2. Abraham bending over Isaac. The plan of this is excellent. We believe you will be able to make a splendid picture out of it with some changes, especially in the faces. Abraham, though about 120 years old was still in his prime, and should be represented a little more intellectual and not quite so much as though he was beginning to fall into decay. Isaac possessed all the strength of manhood, -- and was able, Mother says, to resist his father if he had chosen to do so, and his face ought to show the strength of young manhood rather than the freshness of youth.

3. The Encampment before Sinai. This is a gem indeed. If it is properly worked out and we get a good block it will be worth the cost of three or four pictures. I think I shall request you to remove the pillar of cloud. What you have is as good as anything we have seen, but Mother says it is not at all like the reality and what she describes would be impossible to properly [page break]

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represent. Please accept our most hearty congratulations for your success on this. I think you have done remarkably well on representing the tents, the distances, the mountains and so forth. The whole thing pleases me immensely.

4. Francis I doing Penance. I think your criticism is good. There should be something to convey the idea that there was a large crowd following. The only figure I would make is the figure of Francis. I have always regarded him as a strong, powerful man. In this picture he looks a little weak and the text says he walked with uncovered head. (see page 228)

5. The scene of Revelry before the Flood. It seems to me that this has many good features. Mother says it does not begin to represent the case, and hardly thinks we will be able to get up anything that will; but it seems to me that it would be much better to have such a picture as this than to have nothing at all. The two figures in the foreground are very striking. Some think they look too bold. The woman with her head covered looks scared. I think she is supposed to represent a servant. I think your groups in the background are very nice and if I should suggest any change in the foreground it would be to put the figures into a whirling dance rather than making such a bold display of themselves.

7. Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh. We should have been glad if you had shown something more of the magnificent architecture, even if the figures had to be made smaller. I think that the Dore's illustration of this has many fine points. It seems to me that Pharaoh's face ought to show more age and intelligence. That the servants should be more numerous and not so close to the throne nor so much at east. Moses and Aaron are in some respects very fine figures, especially the foremost one which we suppose is Moses. The other figure does not show much intelligence. Both have need of a barber to trim them up a little; and it should be remember that forty years after this it was said of Moses, "that his eye was not dim or his strength abated." Therefore we do not need quite so much appearance of age. You will also remember that Aaron was the spokesman. The figures ought to stand side by side as though the brothers were equals in the work. If the foremost figure is meant to represent Aaron, then truly Moses has a very stupid look. the face in the second figure is too short. The top of the head too small, the nose too broad. I have some question about so many serpents in the architecture but have not studied up on this point so will leave it to your judgment.

8. The Child Preacher. The general composition of this is very good. The architecture and costumes are excellent. If the room had been more nearly full it would have done as well, but we will not ask you to change on this point. We would suggest that you straighten up the kids a little. The one scratching her shoulder is not in a very natural position for a little child. Her dress, however, almost atones for her awkwardness. The one on the table has a very bad hand, the arm seems long and the fingers sprawled. I would suggest that you let her partly shut her hand and draw her arm forward a little, not making the position of the hand so prominent. Eld. Matteson has been examining this, and he says it has very many points of excellence. He seems highly pleased with the architecture and does not criticize the figures as much as [page break]

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Christ Walking on the Waters. Is now very good except his face, which has an inferior appearance. If you could do anything to better this countenance we should be glad.

You will notice that I have made all my criticisms brief and pointed. I am very much limited for time. I have asked my brother Edson to study the pictures more carefully, to consult with Mother about these points, and to write more fully and minutely than it is possible for me to do. Please go forward with these all except the first, and push them along as rapidly as you can consistent with good work. We are most anxious about numbers 4 and 8, which are needed in the next edition of Vol. Four. Please let these take the lead if convenient.

Bro. C.H. Jones is very much worked up over the idea of having a good picture of "The Dominion Restored". He says the agents are not satisfied without it. Please send us a photo of your design as soon as possible. Bro. Jones is also anxious to have a good picture of the Earthquake as soon as possible. I wish you would write to him telling him what progress you have made and as soon as you are able to make a silver print, send one to him and to me.

We have your proofs of the groups of portraits. We think they are very fine indeed. Most of them are far superior to anything we have seen, and there are only one or two that we will criticize.

Frederick III of Saxony is so young that no one would recognize him. In Luther's time he was an old man.

Miller looks rather young and small, but otherwise you have made him a very fine face. I see the group of six can be cut apart and for the Holland edition we can insert Menno Simons, for the Scandinavian edition, one or two Scandinavians, and so on for the various languages. Please work up a good block for Menno Simons to take the place of Cranmer in the Dutch edition. I will talk with Matteson about some Danes and Swedes to take the place in their editions.

The silver print of your design which you have made of the last day signs please us very much. Please finish it up for use in Vol. Four.

I wait with much interest to see what you will get on Moses as a Shepherd, The Dominion Restored, and others that you are working on.

We are pleased with your efforts to secure the best work. The four new blocks received in time to be used in the Battle Creek edition of Vol. Four are a great benefit to the book. Those who know good work praise them very highly. We are satisfied with the arrangement you have made for an average price of \$35.00.

I am waiting with some anxiety your statement of time, receipts, and expenditures. The 6 months which we arranged for are in the past. Are you willing to continue for six months more? If so, I hardly see how another six months will finish the work we have on hand; but perhaps you can plan that better than I. I see that I have held some of these silver prints for three months. I will endeavor not to do so again.

I like your plan of having two good electrotypes made by parties who can do first class work. I am willing you should keep the blocks there until you come Now that Allie is in New York [page break]

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you should ship everything to him, Number 43 Bond St. and I will instruct him to send everything here to me at Battle Creek, or to P.P. as the case may require.

I have not yet received the electrotypes of the portrait blocks. Perhaps they have gone to P.P. I wish you would tell me just what you have sent and to whom and in what direction.

Please tell us something about those Catholic buildings. We do not even know their name and location.

Bro. E.W. Whitney has written to me expressing great desire to have a new picture of Luther at Wartburg; but as pictures are quite numerous in that part of the book I propose to drop this one and make no effort to try to replace it.

You may work up Wesley preaching in the fields, and the Departure of the Pilgrims whenever it is most convenient. I shall visit Boston in a few days (He is doing so at present, Sten.) and will then endeavor to get something better than we have yet seen on the Departure of the Pilgrims. If I find anything I will send it to you. Miller Preaching may rest for the present, unless a very happy thought seizes you; and if it does, work it out.

You say that your artist does not wish to touch Volney's blocks. I am not surprised. If however, you could persuade him to make an effort on Henry Four at Canossa, I should be glad. As it now stands this picture is of very little value.

In your cards of Nov. 16 and 25 you speak as though the portrait blocks would be sent immediately. We are perfectly satisfied with what you have paid for them and we wish to get them into our hands as soon as possible. If they have been sent they may be lost and it would be well for you to send another set of the electrotypes.

You ask when we are likely to print Vol. One. I hope we shall have it completed by May '89. Please send us as many blocks as you can for this work so that they will reach us by the middle of May. I shall be very glad to get the photographs of the subjects mentioned in your letter of Dec. 24. I wish you much success with your Sanctuaries studies. Am sorry you have difficulty in finding the landscapes you need; but I do not know what I can suggest that will help you out.

We have not time on this book to send you to Palestine. I suppose if you keep on hunting you may find something yet. We agree with you that it is better to illustrate Mother's works as far as possible with new illustrations, but for reasons of economy, we may be forced to use some old ones and this will be much better than to lower the grade of those that we do make.

I trust you will write to Bro. C.H. Jones about the press work. I think he would appreciate what you say and I also wish that you would suggest what your choice of cloth would be for Vol. Four and One. We will send you a copy of Prophetic Lights in muslin. I am sorry it was not done before. Please tell me all you can about the financial part of this enterprise. We have reached the end of the year and I am trying to make plans for the coming year.

Hoping to hear from you often and promising to be more faithful in the matter of a prompt response,

I am your friend and brother,

W.C. White

Per F.

Darkening of the Sun and Falling Stars. – The effect is good and the idea plain. But would it not be better understood if the falling stars be made to look like another picture that was laid over the scene of the darkening of the sun. This could be done by putting the falling star scene in a scroll. Might it not be a little misunderstood as it is? One suggested the following: “How would it do to represent the falling of the stars as if on a separate canvass, rolling at the ends scroll-like, as if carelessly placed over the other picture?”

Procession of Francis I. – Your idea of making the appearance of a larger concourse of people is in accordance with our ideas. It is generally suggested that the appearance of Francis is hardly imposing enough. “More physique, more dignified humility”, if such be not a paradox. It is suggested that the kneeling child in front is represented a trifle too large and too close to man’s figure.

Christ Walking the Sea. – Cannot the face and head be given more character, intelligence, and spirituality? It is the general though that the face lacks the dignity and the points mentioned. I know it is already engraved, but could not the head be changed? The wind is blowing his garments naturally, but his hard does not show its effect.

Tower of Babel. – I have talked with Mother in regard to this and she says the idea of height is not well represented. The tower tapers too fast and the rings of ascent are too large. The top of the tower is drawn in too small for it was not yet half finished. One has suggested that the position of the figures in the front hardly correspond in their attitude and evident occupation with the terrible effect of the thunderbolt which has broken off the top of the tower. The idea conveyed is evident. Their anger and evident astonishment at the confusion of tongues is admirable shown, but do the two harmonize in one picture. This latter suggestion I make for your consideration only.

Abraham bending over Isaac. – We suppose this scene represents Abraham’s effort to awaken Isaac as they were to start on their journey to the place of sacrifice. Isaac at that time was a young man, fully developed and undoubtedly of good proportions. We read in the book to be illustrated that he could have resisted his father successfully had he chosen to do so. The picture represents to us a young lad that hardly comes up to such a reality. Abraham’s face is good, but does it not lack something in the top-head? He was a grand, intellectual man. This is Mother’s criticism as well as that of mine and others.

Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh. – It is suggested that the pomp and grandeur of the throne of the Pharaohs is hardly shown [page break]

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as it might be. But I cannot suggest much as to this. At that time the throne of the Pharaohs was perhaps the most powerful of earthly thrones, or among the most powerful. But what I would particularly call your attention is the figure of Moses. He, of course is standing back of Aaron, as it is Aaron who does the talking and comes to the front. Moses was younger than Aaron, and was without doubt the more intellectual of the two. We like the appearance of Aaron, but suggest that the head of Moses be made to show out the points mentioned above.

The Tabernacle Before Sinai. – The pillar above the Tabernacle tent, which represents the pillar of cloud which accompanied the people, does not represent the idea as it was. I had a full explanation of it from Mother. The cloud was spread out above the Tabernacle at a height almost as great as that of the mountain itself. Then rays of light were shot down from it to the Tabernacle. It is the general impression that this idea of it cannot be represented in this picture and so the pillar had best be omitted entirely. I mean, it cannot be represented without destroying the scene as a picture. I suppose you designed to represent the Tribe of Levi camped on three sides of the Tabernacle with a space between them and the general camp with the tents of Moses and Aaron on the fourth or left-hand side. If this is so we suggest that you give a few more tents to Moses and Aaron. They were great families of themselves and the accommodations represented hardly come up to this. This Tabernacle scene is very fine and is the only thing of the kind I have ever seen which I thought gave any idea of the reality.

Idolatry Before the Flood. – It is suggested that the figures in the left foreground might be made dancing, and so relieve the situation a little. Is it not a little too bold as it is? I hardly feel able to offer a criticism or suggestion on this, but hope you can get my idea.

The Child Preacher – is strong and good, but if the hand of the child preaching could be made a trifle more graceful by calling the fingers together, or some other way known to artists, it might help it as a picture. The child leaning against what I suppose to be a cradle seems to me to be in a very uncomfortable position.

Now these suggestions have been made just as I would talk with you were you here. I cannot tell what idea was in the mind of the designers only as I study them out from the pictures themselves, or they are suggested by others. I make them simply as suggestions at my brother's request, but have not done so till I got opinions from others. I really think that our books will have in these a finer set of illustrations than I have ever seen before.

Yours truly,

J.E. White

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Battle Creek, Mich.
Feb. 4, 1889
Eld. H.P. Holser
Basel, Switz.

Dear Brother, -- I have just returned from a four week trip to So. Lancaster, New York, Washington, and Syracuse. Some time ago I received your letter in which you speak among other things with references to the propriety of encouraging E.P. Ager to remain for the purpose of studying. I have also read a letter which he wrote to Eld. Haskell. I am heartily in favor of his following any course that the Conference Committee sees fit to advise and will also say that you may feel perfectly free to use for him any portion you see fit of what Mother appropriated for the education of the French laborers. Matters here have turned in such a way that there seems to be no special urgency about his returning and the plan you suggest seems to me to be the best thing considering all the circumstances.

There are many things that I wish to write to you about but in this letter must be brief. I am much disappointed in not being able to get time to write you more fully about Mother's books. I am also disappointed to hear that you have decided to go forward with the publication of Vol. Four German using the plates as they are. I trust you will not make any advance move on this for two or three weeks yet; but please give me time to lay my plans before you. There are many things to be taken into account and I think I can show you that what has been reported to me as your plan would be an ill-advised move. We must not lose sight of the fact that there is three times the demand for Vol. Four in this country that there is in Europe, and that there are hundreds of readers here who will very naturally compare the English and the German. Your publishers over here will not be willing to pay much for a set of matrices unless the book is in a style to please them; so please do not push ahead with the matter until you receive another letter from me.

I hope to write to you in a few days; will do the best I can.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

Per. F.

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C.H. Jones

Oakland, Cal.

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Dear Brother, -- I have just returned from a four week trip east and find that among my fifty or a hundred letters awaiting answer, I have several important ones from you. I shall read these over carefully and try to answer in full in a few days; but there are one or two matters of which I will speak this morning that ought not to be delayed.

When in New York I visited Harper Brothers in company with Bro. Kilgore and talked with them about the publication of a small edition of historical studies. I found that they did not intend to push the work anymore, so I asked them how they would sell the plates. The gentleman we were talking with promised to lay the matter before the managers and report in a few days. With this I send you their offer. I had hoped that their price would not be over \$300 and it is possible that they will accept a cash offer of less than \$500. Bro. A.T. Jones thinks we can get our money back if we pay \$500. He thinks it is a very valuable book and one that would be very saleable.

I did not obtain their estimate on printing because the manager said that if we wished to purchase the plates it would be better to say nothing about printing; in other words it would be better to ask for but one thing at a time.

I will now write to Bro. Kilgore asking him to get their prices on printing 500 copies saying that their price is so high that we fear the offer may be rejected by you. As soon as the
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sample book comes from New York I will lay it before the book committee here and ask their opinion as to its probable success. I think however, it will be well for you to give Bro. Kilgore authority to purchase the plates at \$400.

And now a few words about your new edition of Vol. Four. The price is certainly reasonable enough but the book disappoints me. The paper is so very poor, being full of specks, that it gives the book a grimy appearance. The press work seems to have been very well done. In a few places the letters do not come out perfectly clear; but I can find only a very few places where the printing is blurred. I think on the whole the pressmen have done excellent work. The appendix shows that the type was poor, some of the letters being light, some quite black; but I think your pressmen have treated the matter very nicely.

The binding of the book is very poor indeed. As soon as I opened the package which from the outside did not show any signs of rough handling, I found the cover of the book broken loose halfway across. The trouble is there was nothing to hold it and the back cover is all ready to come off too. I cannot see any signs of hard usage, but it looks to me as though the binding was badly slighted. I shall carefully wrap the book and return it to you so you can see for yourself.

Near the middle of the book there are several leaves broken, crumpled, and jammed back, and then gilded in that position. The whole gilding has a very cheap appearance and look as though it had been sprinkled with some white material. Perhaps it is the poor paper that makes it impossible to get a good [page break]

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edge. Perhaps we will forgive all these faults except the extremely shabby way in which the book is hung in the cases. The strings were cut too short, the super seems to have no strength and there is nothing to hinder taking the book by its two covers and shaking the insides out of it.

If this is a sample of the work done on this edition your reputation is ruined. If only one out of a hundred is as poor as this, it is very much against us. If it should prove that you have selected the very poorest book that could be found to send me as a sample, I am much obliged. If one was sent to me without examination, I must insist on what I have proposed in times past, -- that the Book Department send a critical man into the bindery to examine all books before they are wrapped. It seems that your binders have lost power to judge whether a book is fit to be sent out or not. I say this with all kindness after several months of careful observation. I am fully satisfied that if you wish to save the reputation of your subscription book department, you must send a clerk from that department to examine books before they are accepted.

I hope you will feel able to buy better paper for the next edition. I should certainly like to see a clear page even if the paper had to be a little thinner.

Hoping that this book will reach you in as good condition as it did me,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

Per F.

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Omaha, Neb.
April 3, 1889
John W. Fulton

Dear Brother: -

Your letter came to hand yesterday morning, but I had no time to answer till now while waiting for the Burlington train to Lincoln, Neb.

I remember nothing about the key to the Remington case, but find one on my ring that I can spare, and if it is the right one I shall be glad. I asked Edson to get the carbon paper.

I shall be glad to hear the result of the election in B.C.

Did the amount that you collected from Prof. McKee cover the debt of Neander that I sold him in the winter and left in Prof. Prescott's office for him? If not, please look up that set of books, sell it for \$15.00 if you can, and if not return it to R.&H. for I did not pay for them, but took them for sale.

Please pay to the Review & Herald on my account what you collected from Prof. McKee, for I owe them. Also hand the following order to Prof. Prescott after copying it in some one of my books.

W.C. White

Review & Herald

Pay to the order of S.D.A. Educational Soc. Seventy-Two Dollars and 75 cts. (\$72.75)
acct. Mary Revels Tuition and charge the same to the E.G. White Royalty Fund.

W.C. White

Omaha, Aps.
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