

TM - Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers (1923)

PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION

AMONG THE MATERIALS ONCE AVAILABLE BUT OUT OF PRINT AT THE TIME OF MRS. WHITE'S DEATH IN 1915 WERE A NUMBER OF SPECIAL TESTIMONY PAMPHLETS, INCLUDING A SERIES PUBLISHED IN THE 1890'S WHICH BORE THE TITLE, SPECIAL TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS AND WORKERS. THIS SERIES OF ELEVEN IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS SPECIAL TESTIMONIES, SERIES A. IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST THAT THE INSTRUCTION FOUND IN THESE SPECIAL TESTIMONIES BE AGAIN MADE AVAILABLE, TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS AND GOSPEL WORKERS WAS PUBLISHED IN 1923. THIS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST E. G. WHITE BOOKS OF POSTHUMOUS ISSUANCE.

TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS FIRST APPEARED IN A TESTIMONY-SIZE VOLUME. A SECOND EDITION WITH LARGER TYPEFACE AND PAGE SIZE WAS PUBLISHED IN 1944. SEVERAL PRINTINGS OF BOTH EDITIONS HAVE SUPPLIED THE FIELD FOR FOUR DECADES. FOR GREATER EASE IN HANDLING AND REFERENCE THIS THIRD EDITION HAS BEEN ISSUED IN THE CONVENIENT TESTIMONY-SIZE PAGE, BUT WITH NO CHANGE IN PAGE CONTENT.

DURING THE DECADE WHICH FOLLOWED THE 1888 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION HELD IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, VITAL MESSAGES CAME FROM THE MESSENGER OF THE LORD TO THE CENTRAL CHURCH AT BATTLE CREEK, TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, AND TO OTHER RESPONSIBLE MEN AT THE HEART OF THE WORK. THESE MESSAGES RANG WITH CALLS FOR REGENERATION AND REFORMATION OF LIFE, URGING THE READER TO LIVE BY THE VITAL PRINCIPLES OF THE WORD OF GOD AND TO EXPERIENCE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

AFTER THEY HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND READ IN BATTLE CREEK, MANY OF THESE MESSAGES WERE PRINTED IN TRACT FORM AS SPECIAL TESTIMONIES TO THE BATTLE CREEK CHURCH AND SPECIAL TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS AND

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WORKERS. COPIES WERE FURNISHED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO LEADING MINISTERS AND WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE FIELD. THESE MESSAGES WERE HEART-PROBING, SOUL-STIRRING, FAITHFUL IN WARNING AGAINST EVIL, YET ENCOURAGING, AS THEY CONTINUALLY POINTED TO THE GREAT LOVE OF GOD AND THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST'S POWER TO SAVE TO THE UTMOST.

AS TO THE SELECTION OF MATERIAL FOR THIS VOLUME, DRAWN AS IT WAS FROM THE PAMPHLET TESTIMONIES, THE PUBLISHER'S PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION ISSUED IN 1923 INFORMS US THAT:

"THE COMMITTEE HAVING IT IN CHARGE HAVE BEEN LIMITED BY THE SIZE OF THE VOLUME DECIDED UPON, AND BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF THESE TRACTS OF SMALL CIRCULATION. THEREFORE NOT ALL THAT WAS CONTAINED IN THE ELEVEN SPECIALS HAS BEEN PLACED IN THIS VOLUME. THE REASONS ARE THAT (1) SOME PORTIONS HAVE BEEN REPRINTED IN VOLUMES ISSUED SINCE THE SPECIALS WERE PRINTED; (2) OTHER PORTIONS PERTAINED TO MATTERS THAT WERE PURELY LOCAL, OR THAT ARE PAST AND GONE; (3) STILL OTHER THINGS ARE MORE FULLY AND STRONGLY COVERED IN OTHER DOCUMENTS REPRINTED IN THIS VOLUME."

THE SOURCE OF EACH ARTICLE, WITH DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION, IS INDICATED IN FOOTNOTE REFERENCES. SOME "FILLERS" ARE CREDITED AT THE CLOSE. IN THIS THIRD EDITION THE LISTS OF ITEMS "FOR FURTHER STUDY" HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT EXPANDED TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO RELATED MATERIAL APPEARING IN E. G. WHITE COMPILATIONS PUBLISHED SUBSEQUENT TO 1923.

CERTAIN OF THE COUNSELS AND REPROOFS FROM THE PEN OF ELLEN G. WHITE CAN BE BETTER UNDERSTOOD IF THE READER IS IN POSSESSION OF A KNOWLEDGE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PREVAILED AT THE TIME OF THE MESSAGES WERE WRITTEN. CERTAIN DETAILS OF DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY WHICH WERE FAMILIAR TO THE READERS OF THE

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TESTIMONY PAMPHLETS AND THE FIRST EDITION OF THIS BOOK ARE UNKNOWN TO MOST READERS OF TODAY.

A HISTORICAL FOREWORD, WHICH FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY, HAS THEREFORE BEEN ADDED TO THIS THIRD EDITION, TO PRESENT THOSE HIGH POINTS OF DENOMINATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH FURNISH THE BACKGROUND LEADING UP TO THE CRUCIAL 1890'S. THE RELEVANT HISTORICAL EVENTS OF THAT PERIOD HAVE BEEN CONCISELY RECOUNTED. APPENDIX NOTES HAVE ALSO BEEN SUPPLIED, KEYED TO THE MENTION OF CERTAIN PLACES, SITUATIONS, OR EVENTS. THESE NOTES WILL AID THE READER IN ASCERTAINING CORRECTLY THE INTENT OF THE AUTHOR IN THE MESSAGES HERE PRESENTED.

A SURVEY OF THE MATERIALS COMPRISING THIS VOLUME WILL REVEAL THAT IN THE MAIN THE CONTENT OF A GIVEN SECTION WAS DRAWN FROM A SINGLE PAMPHLET. WITH THESE PAMPHLET MATERIALS THERE WERE PLACED A FEW RELATED ITEMS DRAWN FROM THE REVIEW AND HERALD ARTICLES AND OTHER E. G. WHITE SOURCES OF A GENERAL CHARACTER. THERE ARE TWO ARTICLES FROM SPECIAL TESTIMONIES, SERIES B.

SPECIAL TESTIMONIES, SERIES B, CONSISTED OF 19 PAMPHLETS PUBLISHED BY MRS. WHITE OR BY DENOMINATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BETWEEN THE YEARS 1903 TO 1913. THE SUBJECT MATTER WAS VARIED, AND MOST OF IT WAS OF LOCAL APPLICATION. THIS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE TITLES.

1. LETTERS TO PHYSICIANS AND MINISTERS (1903)

2. LETTERS TO PHYSICIANS AND MINISTERS (LATE 1904 OR 1905)
3. LETTERS TO SANITARIUM WORKERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (1905)
4. THE SPIRIT OF UNITY (1905)
5. AN EARNEST APPEAL IN BEHALF OF THE BOULDER, COLORADO, SANITARIUM (1905)
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7. MESSAGES OF WARNING AND INSTRUCTION TO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS REGARDING DANGERS CONNECTED WITH THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK (1906)
 8. THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR INSTITUTIONS AND TRAINING CENTERS AND A PLEA FOR MEDICAL MISSIONARY EVANGELISTS (1907)
 9. INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CHRISTIAN UNITY (1907)
 10. JEHOVAH IS OUR KING (1908)
 11. THE MADISON SCHOOL (1908)
 12. THE OAKWOOD MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL (CIR. 1908)
 - 12X. THE HUNTSVILLE SCHOOL (CIR. 1908)
 13. THE NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM (1908)
 14. THE PARADISE VALLEY SANITARIUM (1909)
 15. SANITARIUM WORKERS (1911)
 16. SELECTIONS FROM THE TESTIMONIES FOR STUDENTS AND WORKERS OF OUR SANITARIUMS (1911)
 17. THE UNWISE USE OF MONEY AND THE SPIRIT OF SPECULATION (1911)
 18. THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM (1912)
 19. THE SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE (1913)
- TO THIS LIST ARE SOMETIMES ADDED TWO TIMES WHICH DID NOT CARRY THE "SERIES B" IDENTIFICATION:
20. APPEALS FOR UNITY (1912)
 21. RECREATION (CIR. 1913)

WITH OBJECTIVES QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE ENVELOPE-SIZE SPECIAL TESTIMONY PAMPHLETS OF THE 1890'S, AND APPEARING IN A LARGER PAGE SIZE, THESE WERE FROM THE OUTSET DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL TESTIMONIES, SERIES B. THEIR PREDECESSORS OF THE 1890'S, WITH MESSAGES FOR MINISTERS AND WORKERS, BECAME KNOWN AS "SERIES A," ALTHOUGH NOT SO DESIGNATED AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION.

GENERAL MATTER OF LASTING USEFULNESS TO THE CHURCH, AS FIRST PUBLISHED IN "SERIES B" ARTICLES, WAS

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SUBSEQUENTLY EMBODIED IN VOLUMES 8 AND 9 OF TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, AND IN COUNSELS ON HEALTH, COUNSELS ON STEWARDSHIP, MEDICAL MINISTRY, AND SELECTED MESSAGES. TWO ARTICLES FROM THE

"SERIES B" COLLECTION APPEAR IN THIS VOLUME. THEY ARE: "JEHOVAH IS OUR KING," PAGES 477-484 AND "INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CHRISTIAN UNITY," PAGES 485-505.

WORKING OVER A PERIOD OF MANY YEARS, MRS. WHITE OFTEN REPEATED CERTAIN LINES OF COUNSEL. TO REPRINT ALL THAT HAD APPEARED IN THE EARLIER PAMPHLETS AND WRITINGS WOULD BURDEN THE READER WITH A REPETITION OF SUBJECT MATTER AND ALSO WITH THE DETAILS OF LOCAL OR PERSONAL MATTERS NOT NOW OF GENERAL SIGNIFICANCE. CONCERNING THE MATERIAL SELECTED FOR THIS VOLUME, THE PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION STATED:

"THE COMMITTEE HAVE EARNESTLY AND PRAYERFULLY SOUGHT TO PRESENT IN THE ONE MODEST VOLUME THE BEST AND STRONGEST OF THE TRACT-PRINTED MATTER, AND BELIEVE THAT THE PORTIONS OMITTED ARE MORE THAN COVERED BY THAT WHICH HAS BEEN GATHERED FROM OTHER TRACTS OF LIMITED CIRCULATION."

THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS THIRD EDITION OF TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS SAY WITH THE PUBLISHERS IN 1923 THAT THIS CONVENIENT VOLUME IS SENT FORTH WITH THE EARNEST PRAYER THAT IT MAY BE, TO ALL TO WHOM IT MAY COME, A SOURCE OF INSTRUCTION IN THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD; THAT IT MAY REVIVE THE HOPES AND ENERGIES OF GOD'S PEOPLE; THAT IT MAY HELP TO BRING REFORMATION OF LIFE WHERE NEEDED, AND IN ALL OF US THE CHRISTIAN GRACES THAT WILL REVEAL CHRIST TO THE WORLD; AND THAT IT MAY BRING US ALL NEARER TOGETHER BY BRINGING US ALL CLOSER TO THE HEART OF OUR BLESSED LORD.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
ELLEN G. WHITE ESTATE.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
MAY 10, 1962.

HISTORICAL FOREWORD

AS NOTED IN THE PREFACE TO THIS THIRD EDITION, TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS CONSISTS OF MATERIALS DRAWN FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, PRIMARILY ELLEN G. WHITE ARTICLES WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN THE REVIEW AND HERALD AND PAMPHLETS BEARING TESTIMONIES TO THE BATTLE CREEK CHURCH AND TO THE LEADING WORKERS OF THE CAUSE. THE LARGER PART OF THE CONTENT OF THIS VOLUME WAS WRITTEN IN THE YEARS 1890-1898, WITH SOME EARLIER AND LATER MATERIALS DRAWN IN TO AUGMENT CERTAIN AREAS OF COUNSEL. SECTION I, "THE CHURCH OF CHRIST," GIVES ASSURANCE OF THE TENDER REGARD IN WHICH GOD HOLDS HIS CHURCH, AND CONTAINS CLEAR-CUT PROMISES OF THE CHURCH'S TRIUMPH. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY WARNINGS AND COUNSELS TO MINISTERS AND ADMINISTRATORS.

THE DECADE OF THE 1890'S WAS AN INTERESTING, YET IN SOME WAYS DISTRESSING, PERIOD IN THE EXPERIENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS. THE CHURCH WAS GROWING, MORE THAN DOUBLING ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD. WITH RAPIDITY ITS WORKERS WERE ENTERING NEW COUNTRIES. INSTITUTIONS AT HOME AND ABROAD WERE BROUGHT INTO BEING. THE ORIGINAL PROVISIONS FOR ORGANIZATION DEvised AT THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION IN 1863 WERE BEING RAPIDLY OUTGROWN. OLDER ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONS WERE EXPANDING AND ENTERING UPON A PERIOD OF POPULARITY WITH BOTH SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS AND THE WORLD. THIS GROWTH WAS FRAUGHT WITH MANY PERILS, FROM LIBERALISM ON ONE HAND TO CONSOLIDATION AND CENTRALIZATION ON THE OTHER HAND. THEN, IN AND THROUGH THE EXPERIENCE OF THIS PERIOD, THERE WERE ELEMENTS REFLECTING THE AFTERMATH OF THE 1888 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION HELD IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA,

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WHERE CERTAIN DOCTRINAL ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED HEATEDLY AND AT LENGTH. A NUMBER OF MEN IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES WITH ONE CAMP OR THE OTHER, WITH THEIR DECISIONS INFLUENCED NOT ALONE BY THE DOCTRINAL ARGUMENTS PRESENTED, BUT ALSO MOLDED BY ATTITUDES TOWARD THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY COUNSELS. IN SOME CASES THESE ATTITUDES WERE NOT WHOLESOME. THROUGH MOST OF THIS PERIOD, ELLEN WHITE WAS IN AUSTRALIA, LABORING TO BUILD UP THE WORK IN THAT NEWLY ENTERED LAND AND LEADING OUT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLEGE AND A SANITARIUM IN THAT CONTINENT.

THIS VOLUME BEARS THE TITLE OF TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS AND GOSPEL WORKERS. IT IS NOT DEVOTED ESSENTIALLY TO INSTRUCTION AS TO HOW THE WORK OF THE MINISTER SHOULD BE CONDUCTED, AS IS GOSPEL WORKERS. THIS VOLUME CONTAINS MESSAGES GIVEN TO ADMONISH, WARN, REPROVE, AND COUNSEL THE MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH, WITH SPECIAL

ATTENTION GIVEN TO PERILS PECULIAR TO MEN WHO STAND IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY. SOME OF THE REPROOFS ARE SEVERE, BUT THE ASSURANCE IS GIVEN THAT GOD IN HIS CHASTENING, "WOUNDS ONLY THAT HE MAY HEAL, NOT CAUSE TO PERISH."--TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS, PAGE 23.

THE REPROOFS AND COUNSELS DIRECTED TO MINISTERS AND ESPECIALLY ADMINISTRATORS WERE NOT PUBLISHED INITIALLY BY ELLEN G. WHITE, BUT RATHER BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, AND LATER THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. FOR THE MOST PART THEY WERE MESSAGES DIRECTED ORIGINALLY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, O. A. OLSEN, AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN ADMINISTRATIVE WORK, PARTICULARLY IN BATTLE CREEK. HE AND HIS COMMITTEE PLACED THEM IN PRINT THAT THEIR FELLOW MINISTERS AND FELLOW ADMINISTRATORS MIGHT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE REPROOFS WHICH POINTED OUT WRONGS, AND THE COUNSELS AND ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPROOF.

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A REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT HISTORY

AS WE REVIEW CERTAIN SITUATIONS IN OUR CHURCH HISTORY WHICH FORM THE BACKGROUND FOR THE MESSAGES OF THE 1890'S, WE UNCOVER CLUES WHICH ENABLE US BETTER TO UNDERSTAND THESE MESSAGES. LET US TURN BACK THE PAGES OF HISTORY AND LOOK AT SOME IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS.

FROM THE VERY OUTSET, SABBATH-KEEPING ADVENTISTS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY THEIR EAGERNESS TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL AND TO WALK IN HIS WAY. IN THEIR ADVENT EXPERIENCE OF THE MID-1840'S THEY HAD WITNESSED THE STABLE PROTESTANT CHURCHES, WITH THEIR CREEDAL STAKES FIRMLY DRIVEN, TURN FROM GREAT TRUTHS TAUGHT IN THE WORD OF GOD. MANY OF THESE ADVENTISTS HAD BEEN CAST OUT OF THESE CHURCHES BECAUSE OF THEIR ADVENT HOPE, A HOPE WHICH SPRANG FROM THE SCRIPTURES. THEY HAD SEEN THEIR FORMER BRETHERN ENTER INTO ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO THOSE WHO HELD AND EXPOUNDED BIBLE TRUTHS. THIS LED THEM TO BE FEARFUL OF FORMALITY AND CHURCH ORGANIZATION. BUT AS THE WAY BEGAN TO OPEN FOR THE HERALDING OF THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE, THE NEED FOR ORGANIZATION DEVELOPED, AND IN JANUARY, 1850, ELLEN WHITE WAS SHOWN THAT THE SABBATH-KEEPING ADVENTISTS SHOULD BRING THEIR WORK INTO ORDER, FOR "EVERYTHING IN HEAVEN WAS IN PERFECT ORDER."--MS. 11, 1850.

EARNEST EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT CHURCH ORGANIZATION SPANNED THE DECADE OF THE 1850'S. THEY CULMINATED IN 1860 IN THE CHOICE OF THE NAME "SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS," AND, IN 1861, IN PLANS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF LOCAL CHURCHES AND STATE CONFERENCES. THEN IN 1863, THE STATE CONFERENCES WERE BOUND TOGETHER IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. PAINSTAKING CARE WAS EXERCISED TO AVOID THE FIRST STEP IN FORMING A CREED, FOR IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE CHURCH COULD NOT HAVE CREEDAL STAKES FIRMLY

DRIVEN, AND AT THE SAME TIME BE FREE TO FOLLOW GOD'S OPENING PROVIDENCES AS REVEALED THROUGH A STUDY OF THE WORD OF GOD AND THE REVELATIONS OF THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. AN EXCELLENT STATEMENT REVIEWING GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN INSTITUTING CHURCH ORDER APPEARS ON PAGES 24-32.

AT THE TIME OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 1863, A GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THREE MEN WAS CHOSEN. THE MAJOR INTERESTS OF THE CHURCH CONSISTED OF THE SEVERAL STATE CONFERENCES AND A PUBLISHING HOUSE LOCATED AT BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN. IN THE EVANGELISTIC FIELD, INCREASING SUCCESS CAME TO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MINISTERS. THEIR WORK CONSISTED MAINLY IN PREACHING THE DISTINCTIVE TRUTHS OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE, INCLUDING THE SABBATH, THE STATE OF THE DEAD, THE SECOND ADVENT, AND THE SANCTUARY. MANY OF THE MEN WERE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATES INVOLVING THE LAW OF GOD AND OTHER VITAL BIBLE TRUTHS. IMPERCEPTIBLY, NOT A FEW OF THOSE WHO ENGAGED IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS BECAME SELF-RELIANT, AND THERE DEVELOPED IN THEIR HEARTS A SPIRIT OF SURENESS, SELF-DEPENDENCE, AND ARGUMENTATIVENESS. IN TIME THIS BORE UNWHOLESOME FRUIT.

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWED QUICKLY ON THE HEELS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. IN THE VISION GIVEN TO ELLEN WHITE IN DECEMBER, 1865, A MEDICAL INSTITUTION WAS CALLED FOR, AND IN RESPONSE THE LEADERS OPENED A SMALL HEALTH INSTITUTE IN BATTLE CREEK IN SEPTEMBER, 1866. LESS THAN A DECADE LATER, IN THE MESSAGES WHICH CAME FROM THE PEN OF ELLEN WHITE, A SCHOOL WAS CALLED FOR. IN 1874, BATTLE CREEK COLLEGE WAS BUILT. THUS THREE MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS FORGED AHEAD IN BATTLE CREEK, DRAWING AN EVER-ENLARGING NUMBER OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS INTO

A RAPIDLY GROWING DENOMINATIONAL CENTER. MEN OF BUSINESS EXPERIENCE WERE CALLED IN TO CARE FOR THE BUSINESS INTERESTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS. AS THE BUSINESS INTERESTS EXPANDED AND DEVELOPED AND PROSPERED, SOME OF THESE MEN CAME TO TRUST MORE IN THEIR BUSINESS ACUMEN THAN IN GOD'S MESSAGES OF GUIDANCE. TO THEM, BUSINESS WAS BUSINESS.

BEFORE A DECADE HAD PASSED THE DENOMINATION WAS CONFRONTED WITH A STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE INTERESTS OF AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOUNDED ON SPIRIT OF PROPHECY PRINCIPLES AND THE EDUCATIONAL

PROGRAM OF THE WORLD, GUIDED BY MEN STEEPED IN WORLDLY POLICIES AND METHODS.

THE PIONEERS OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH WERE LARGELY SELF-MADE MEN. THEY WERE MEN OF CONSECRATION, ABILITY, AND SKILL. ONE HAS BUT TO READ THEIR WRITINGS TO DISCERN THIS. BUT, KNOWING THE LIMITATIONS OF THEIR SCHOLASTIC BACKGROUNDS, THEY WERE INCLINED TO FEEL VERY HUMBLE. WHEN THERE CAME INTO THEIR MIDST IN THE EARLY 1880'S AN EDUCATOR BEARING HIS DEGREES, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT HE SHOULD BE PUSHED AHEAD INTO THE POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THE EDUCATIONAL WORK. ELEVATED QUICKLY TO A POSITION OF HIGH TRUST AT A TIME WHEN HE KNEW BUT LITTLE OF THE DOCTRINES AND HISTORY OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, HE WAS FOUND TO BE UNPREPARED FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES PLACED UPON HIM.

THE ISSUES BECAME PAINFULLY ACUTE, WITH LEADERS AND LAYMEN IN BATTLE CREEK TAKING SIDES. SOME WERE SWEEPED OFF THEIR FEET BY THE LEADERSHIP OF AN EDUCATOR WITH HIS DEGREES, WHILE OTHERS ENDEAVORED TO STAND WITH THOSE THINGS SET FORTH IN THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY COUNSELS. THE OUTCOME WAS DISASTROUS TO THE COLLEGE AND TO THE EXPERIENCE OF THOSE INVOLVED. BATTLE CREEK COLLEGE WAS CLOSED FOR A YEAR. THINGS SAID AND POSITIONS TAKEN LEFT THEIR MARKS ON THE EXPERIENCE OF NOT A FEW LEADERS AND CHURCH MEMBERS.

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IT WAS IN THIS PERIOD THAT THE ARTICLES COMPRISING TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, VOLUME 5, PAGES 9-98, WERE PUBLISHED, FIRST IN A PAMPHLET ENTITLED TESTIMONY FOR THE BATTLE CREEK CHURCH. THIS PAMPHLET INCLUDED NOT ONLY THAT WHICH WAS LATER REPUBLISHED IN VOLUME 5, BUT ALSO MORE PERSONAL REFERENCES DEALING WITH INDIVIDUALS AND SITUATIONS IN BATTLE CREEK. ONE NEEDS BUT TO READ THE TITLES TO SENSE THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE TIMES. THE SECOND CHAPTER, "OUR COLLEGE," CARRIES SUBHEADINGS, "THE BIBLE AS A TEXTBOOK," "OBJECT OF THE COLLEGE," AND "TEACHERS IN THE COLLEGE." FOLLOWING CHAPTERS ARE ENTITLED: "PARENTAL TRAINING," "IMPORTANT TESTIMONY," "THE TESTIMONIES SLIGHTED," "WORKERS IN OUR COLLEGE," "JEALOUSY AND FAULTFINDING CONDEMNED."

THESE WERE DIFFICULT DAYS, AND AS ELLEN WHITE WENT THE FOLLOWING YEAR INTO THE 1883 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION AT BATTLE CREEK, SHE WAS DIVINELY LED TO GIVE A SERIES OF MORNING ADDRESSES TO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MINISTERS, PRESENTING PRACTICAL LINES OF COUNSEL. SIGNIFICANTLY, AMONG THESE WAS ONE DEVOTED TO "CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." (SEE SELECTED MESSAGES, B. 1, PP. 350-354.) THESE HISTORIC CIRCUMSTANCES FORM PART OF THE BACKGROUND FOR THE E. G. WHITE COUNSELS FOUND IN THIS VOLUME.

THE 1880'S A PERIOD OF NOTABLE ADVANCE

ALTHOUGH THE CHURCH HAD SENT J. N. ANDREWS TO EUROPE IN 1874, WHILE IT WAS ENGAGED IN BUILDING THE COLLEGE, NOT UNTIL THE DECADE OF THE 1880'S DID THE CHURCH MOVE INTO A PERIOD OF NOTABLE MISSIONS ADVANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT. IN 1882 TWO NEW SCHOOLS WERE STARTED, ONE AT HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA, AND THE OTHER AT SOUTH LANCASTER, MASSACHUSETTS. IN 1885 THE PUBLISHING WORK WAS ESTABLISHED IN BASEL,

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SWITZERLAND, IN THE NEWLY BUILT CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE. THE SAME YEAR WORKERS WERE SENT TO AUSTRALIA, AND SOON THE ECHO PUBLISHING COMPANY WAS ESTABLISHED IN MELBOURNE. THE PERSONAL PRESENCE OF ELLEN G. WHITE IN EUROPE IN THE YEARS 1885-1887 BROUGHT STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE WORK IN THE COUNTRIES SHE VISITED.

AS ONE REVIEWS CERTAIN POINTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY, THERE GROWS UPON HIM AN AWARENESS OF THE REALITY OF THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FORCES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE FORCES OF EVIL. THE CHURCH WHICH HAD EMERGED WAS THE REMNANT CHURCH OF PROPHECY, WITH GOD'S MESSAGE FOR THE TIMES. THE GREAT ADVERSARY DID ALL WITHIN HIS POWER TO BRING THE WORK TO NAUGHT.

THE SETTING OF THE 1888 MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE

ONE OF THE ENEMY'S MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURES WAS TO LEAD GOOD MEN TO TAKE POSITIONS WHICH ULTIMATELY BROUGHT HINDRANCE TO THE WORK THEY LOVED. THIS WAS SEEN IN THE SPIRIT WHICH DEVELOPED IN THE HEARTS OF MEN WHO ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATES. IT WAS SEEN IN THE EXPERIENCE OF BUSINESSMEN CONNECTED WITH THE CAUSE. IT WAS SEEN IN THE EXPERIENCE OF MISSIONARIES GOING OUT TO NEW COUNTRIES, WHO, WITH NARROW CONCEPTS OF THE WORK, FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE WAY GOD WOULD HAVE THEM TAKE. IT WAS SEEN IN THE TENDENCY SHOWN BY SOME TO DEPEND UPON THE LEADERS AT BATTLE CREEK FOR GUIDANCE IN THE MINUTE AFFAIRS OF A FAR-FLUNG MISSION WORK. IT WAS SEEN IN THE WAY LEADING MEN AT BATTLE CREEK, HEAVILY BURDENED WITH INSTITUTIONAL WORK, ATTEMPTED TO GIVE DETAILED DIRECTION TO THE WORK IN DISTANT LANDS OF WHICH THEY KNEW LITTLE.

AS THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH CAME TO THE

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CLOSE OF THE YEAR 1887, IT HAD A TOTAL WORLD MEMBERSHIP OF 25,841, WITH TWENTY-SIX LOCAL CONFERENCES AND ONE MISSION IN NORTH

AMERICA AND FOUR LOCAL CONFERENCES AND SIX MISSIONS OVERSEAS. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CONSISTED OF SEVEN MEN, THE COMMITTEE HAVING BEEN CAUTIOUSLY ENLARGED IN 1882 FROM THREE MEMBERS TO FIVE AND IN 1886 FROM FIVE TO SEVEN. TO TAKE CARE OF THE LEGAL BUSINESS OF THE CAUSE, THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN FORMED WITH A BOARD OF FIVE TRUSTEES. VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE WORK HAD DEVELOPED INTO SOMEWHAT AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE "INTERNATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION," THE "HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION," AND THE "INTERNATIONAL TRACT AND MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION." AS HAS BEEN NOTED, FOR TWO YEARS, MID-1885 TO 1887, ELLEN WHITE HAD BEEN IN EUROPE. NOW SHE WAS BACK IN THE UNITED STATES, RESIDING AT HER HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA, HOME. THERE WERE TWO PUBLISHING HOUSES IN OPERATION IN THE UNITED STATES: THE REVIEW AND HERALD IN BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, AND THE PACIFIC PRESS IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. EACH OF THESE PUBLISHING HOUSES DID CONSIDERABLE COMMERCIAL WORK TO KEEP ITS EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL FULLY EMPLOYED, AND THUS TO MAINTAIN FACILITIES NEEDED FOR DENOMINATIONAL PRINTING. AT EACH OF THESE OFFICES A LEADING JOURNAL WAS PUBLISHED, THE REVIEW AND HERALD IN BATTLE CREEK AND SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN OAKLAND.

DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR OR TWO SOME DIFFERENCES OF OPINION HAD BEEN EXPRESSED IN ARTICLES APPEARING IN THESE JOURNALS, CONCERNING THE LAW IN GALATIANS. IN EACH CASE THE EDITORS OF THE JOURNALS CHAMPIONED OPPOSING POSITIONS. ELLEN WHITE, WHILE STILL IN SWITZERLAND, WROTE TO THE EDITORS OF SIGNS OF THE TIMES COUNSELING AGAINST PUBLISHING ARTICLES WITH CONFLICTING VIEWS. THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE FOUND IN COUNSELS TO WRITERS AND EDITORS, PAGES 75-82.

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1888

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1888 WAS CALLED FOR MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 4. THIS WAS PRECEDED BY A WEEK-LONG BIBLICAL INSTITUTE, AT WHICH THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS AS TO WHETHER THE HUNS OR THE ALEMANNI SHOULD CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE TEN KINGDOMS OF DANIEL 2 AND 7, AND REVELATION 13. URIAH SMITH, EDITOR OF THE REVIEW AND HERALD, TOOK A CERTAIN POSITION AND A. T. JONES, EDITOR OF SIGNS OF THE TIMES, TOOK ANOTHER. E. J. WAGGONER, ALSO FROM THE PACIFIC PRESS, CONDUCTED STUDIES ON THE ATONEMENT AND THE LAW OF GOD, AND ELDER JONES PRESENTED JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH. THESE DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED INTO THE SESSION ITSELF, AND OCCASIONALLY THERE WAS BITTER DISPUTATION. SOME OF THE MINISTERS HAD COME TO THE CONFERENCE TO DEBATE CERTAIN QUESTIONS, RATHER THAN TO STUDY TRUTH. ELLEN WHITE WAS

PRESENT, AND SHE CALLED FOR ALL TO APPROACH THESE PRESENTATIONS WITH OPEN HEARTS AND OPEN MINDS. SHE URGED A CAREFUL, PRAYERFUL STUDY OF THE TOPICS UNDER DISCUSSION.

SOMEHOW THE ISSUES CAME TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH CERTAIN MEN. TO MANY, THE MESSAGE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH STRUCK HOME, AND THERE WAS A RESPONSE OF HEART AND SOUL WHICH LED TO VICTORIOUS EXPERIENCE IN PERSONAL CHRISTIAN LIVING. THERE WERE OTHERS WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES WITH CERTAIN CAUTIOUS AND CONSERVATIVE LEADERS FROM BATTLE CREEK WHO SAW WHAT THEY THOUGHT WERE PERILS IN SOME OF THE TEACHINGS PRESENTED. WHEN THE CONFERENCE CAME TO A CLOSE, THESE MEN HAD FAILED TO GAIN THE BLESSING GOD HAD IN STORE FOR THEM.

THERE IS NO RECORD OF THE DISCOURSES WHICH WERE PRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE BY OTHERS THAN ELLEN G. WHITE, FOR IT WAS NOT THE CUSTOM OF THAT TIME TO PUBLISH THE ADDRESSES. A GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN WAS

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ISSUED, BUT IT WAS A SIMPLE SHEET CARRYING NEWS ABOUT THE EVENTS OF THE CONFERENCE AND PRESENTING THE BUSINESS PROCEEDINGS. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE BIBLICAL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED.

AT THAT MEETING ELDER O. A. OLSEN WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, BUT HE WAS IN EUROPE DURING THE CONFERENCE. ON NOVEMBER 27, 1888, WILLIAM C. WHITE, A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, WROTE ELDER OLSEN THAT "THE DELEGATES AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING CARRIED AWAY VERY DIFFERENT IMPRESSIONS. MANY FELT THAT IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST PROFITABLE MEETINGS THAT THEY EVER ATTENDED; OTHERS THAT IT WAS THE MOST UNFORTUNATE CONFERENCE EVER HELD."

DIFFERING ATTITUDES TOWARD RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

ELLEN WHITE WAS MUCH IN THE FIELD DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS, ENDEAVORING TO LEAD THE CHURCHES AND CONFERENCES TO A DEEPER, FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANT MESSAGE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH. SHE SPOKE OF THIS BIBLE TRUTH AS ONE WHICH, THOUGH "NEW TO MANY MINDS," WAS IN REALITY "OLD TRUTH IN NEW FRAMEWORK." --ELLEN G. WHITE, REVIEW AND HERALD, JULY 23, 1889, REPRINTED IN SELECTED MESSAGES, B. 1, P. 355.

SHE WAS ABLE TO REPORT DURING THE FOLLOWING GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION, HELD IN BATTLE CREEK FROM OCTOBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 5, 1889, THAT "THE SPIRIT THAT WAS IN THE MEETING AT MINNEAPOLIS IS NOT HERE. ALL MOVES OFF IN HARMONY. THERE IS A LARGE ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES. OUR FIVE O'CLOCK MORNING MEETING IS WELL ATTENDED, AND THE MEETINGS GOOD. ALL THE TESTIMONIES TO WHICH I

HAVE LISTENED HAVE BEEN OF AN ELEVATING CHARACTER. THEY SAY THAT THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN THE BEST OF THEIR LIFE; THE LIGHT SHINING FORTH FROM THE WORD

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OF GOD HAS BEEN CLEAR AND DISTINCT--JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH, CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. THE EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN VERY INTERESTING.

"I HAVE ATTENDED ALL BUT TWO MORNING MEETINGS. AT EIGHT O'CLOCK BROTHER JONES SPEAKS UPON THE SUBJECT OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH, AND GREAT INTEREST IS MANIFESTED. THERE IS A GROWTH IN FAITH AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST."-- ELLEN G. WHITE MANUSCRIPT 10, 1889, PUBLISHED IN SELECTED MESSAGES, B. 1, P. 361.

UNFORTUNATELY, SEVERAL AMONG THE LEADERS OF OUR WORK CONNECTED WITH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND OUR INSTITUTIONS AT BATTLE CREEK RANKED THEMSELVES ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE AND ESTABLISHED IN THE VERY HEART OF THE WORK OF THE CHURCH A HARD CORE OF RESISTANCE. WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, MANY OF THOSE WHO HAD PLACED THEMSELVES IN THIS CAMP SAW THEIR MISTAKE AND MADE HEARTFELT CONFESSIONS. BUT THERE WERE SOME WHO STUBBORNLY RESISTED. SOME OF THESE, CONNECTED WITH THE BUSINESS INTERESTS OF THE CHURCH AND OUR INSTITUTIONS, MADE THEIR INFLUENCE FELT WELL THROUGH THE 1890'S. IT WAS OF SUCH THAT ELLEN WHITE IN 1895 WROTE AS RECORDED ON PAGE 363: "THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST BY FAITH HAS BEEN IGNORED BY SOME; FOR IT IS CONTRARY TO THEIR SPIRIT, AND THEIR WHOLE LIFE EXPERIENCE."

IN THIS VOLUME, FROM PAGE 76 AND ONWARD, FREQUENT REFERENCE WILL BE FOUND TO MINNEAPOLIS AND ITS AFTERMATH, AND TO THE EXPERIENCE OF SOME WHO WERE INVOLVED.

AT THE SESSION OF 1888, THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WAS MATERIALLY CHANGED. O. A. OLSEN WAS CALLED FROM EUROPE TO TAKE THE PRESIDENCY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, REPLACING GEORGE I. BUTLER. ELDER BUTLER WAS ILL, AND, ALTHOUGH NOT PRESENT AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE SESSION, HAD PLACED HIMSELF

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WITH THOSE ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE OF THE ISSUE. HE WENT INTO A PERIOD OF RETIREMENT AND CARED FOR HIS INVALID WIFE FOR TEN YEARS OR MORE, THEN MADE A GOOD COMEBACK AND AGAIN OCCUPIED POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DENOMINATION.

ELDER OLSEN, A MAN IN FULL SYMPATHY WITH THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON THE TRUTH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH, AND ONE WHO WAS EVER LOYAL TO THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY COUNSELS, FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO MEET CERTAIN OF THE PROBLEMS AT BATTLE CREEK. PARTICULARLY HARD WERE

PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF INSTITUTIONS AND THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE WORK IN BATTLE CREEK TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE WORK ELSEWHERE.

CONSOLIDATION AND ITS ATTENDANT PROBLEMS

AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1889, CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF TWO LARGE PUBLISHING HOUSES, ONE IN BATTLE CREEK AND THE OTHER ON THE PACIFIC COAST. A COMMITTEE OF TWENTY-ONE WAS APPOINTED TO GIVE STUDY TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE DENOMINATION'S PUBLISHING INTERESTS. THE ACTION ALSO CALLED FOR CONSIDERATION OF A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION "FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROLLING ALL OUR EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS AND OWNING THE PROPERTY, THUS BRINGING THEM UNDER ONE GENERAL MANAGEMENT; ALSO, ANOTHER TO CONTROL OUR HEALTH INSTITUTIONS."--GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN, NOV. 6, 1889, P. 149. THIS COMMITTEE BROUGHT ITS REPORT TO THE SESSION OF 1891. THE PROPOSAL MADE WAS THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION, AS THE CORPORATION FORMED TO REPRESENT THE LEGAL INTERESTS OF THE CHURCH, SHOULD TAKE OVER ALL THE PUBLISHING INTERESTS AND OPERATE THE PUBLISHING HOUSES FROM ONE HEADQUARTERS. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT WITH THE LARGER INTERESTS TO BE PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THIS

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LEGAL ASSOCIATION, THE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE ENLARGED TO TWENTY-ONE. THESE PROPOSALS WERE ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE.

SUBSEQUENT RECORDS INDICATE THAT STEPS WERE TAKEN TO CONSOLIDATE THE CHURCH'S WORLDWIDE ACTIVITIES, WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES, AND PLACE THEM UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION WITH ITS COMMITTEE OF TWENTY-ONE.

THE LEADING OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WERE ALSO LEADING OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, WITH THE MEMBERS OF BOTH COMMITTEES USUALLY SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THE ROUTINE BUSINESS FELL LARGELY INTO THE HANDS OF A FEW MEN IN BATTLE CREEK, SOME OF WHOM WERE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE BUSINESS INTERESTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS THERE.

NOT ALL THAT WAS CONTEMPLATED IN THE ACTION CALLING FOR CONSOLIDATION CAME ABOUT, BUT SUFFICIENT DID MATERIALIZE TO START A TRAIN OF MOVEMENT TOWARD CONSOLIDATION AND TO LOAD THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION WITH THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSES, TRACT SOCIETIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND SANITARIUMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WITH A FULL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ONLY RARELY, IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT ROUTINE

DECISIONS AFFECTING THE INTERESTS OF THE CAUSE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WERE MADE BY A HANDFUL OF MEN IN BATTLE CREEK--OFTEN NO MORE THAN FOUR, FIVE, OR SIX MEN. IN HER COMMUNICATIONS ELLEN G. WHITE PROTESTED THE MOVES TOWARD CONSOLIDATION, AND OTHER MOVES WHICH DID NOT BEAR GOD'S ENDORSEMENT. (SEE LIFE SKETCHES, PAGES 319-330, CHAPTER, "DANGER IN ADOPTING WORLDLY POLICY IN THE WORK OF GOD.")

THE SITUATION AT BATTLE CREEK, INVOLVING BOTH INSTITUTIONS AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, SEEMS TO BE

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WELL SUMMED UP IN THE ARTICLE, "THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME," WRITTEN IN SEPTEMBER, 1895, AND APPEARING ON PAGES 359-364. THE READER WOULD DO WELL TO PERUSE THIS CAREFULLY.

THE E. G. WHITE COMMUNICATIONS TO ELDER OLSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION, CONTAINED MANY MESSAGES OF REPROOF TO THOSE WHO WOULD TAKE UPON THEMSELVES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING DECISIONS TOUCHING SO INTIMATELY THE WORK OF THE DENOMINATION AROUND THE WORLD. MUCH OF THIS INSTRUCTION SENT TO ELDER OLSEN IS TO BE FOUND IN TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS. AS NOTED ABOVE, HE PUT THE MESSAGES INTO PRINT, THAT THE INSTRUCTION AND WARNING MIGHT BE SENT TO OTHERS.

FAR-REACHING PUBLISHING-HOUSE PROBLEMS

UNFORTUNATELY THE STEP OF EXPEDIENCY TAKEN IN OUR PUBLISHING WORK IN EARLY YEARS, WHICH LED THE PUBLISHING HOUSES TO TAKE IN COMMERCIAL WORK, DEEPLY INVOLVED THESE INSTITUTIONS IN THE MERE BUSINESS OF PRINTING. IT REACHED THE POINT AT TIMES WHEN APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT OF THE PRINTING WAS COMMERCIAL WORK AND 30 PERCENT DENOMINATIONAL PRINTING. THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSES ENVISIONED THE WORK IN THEIR HANDS AS THAT OF PRINTERS, AND THIS LED THEM TO ACCEPT FOR PUBLICATION MANUSCRIPTS OF A CHARACTER WHICH SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN PRINTED ON THE PRESSES OF THE CHURCH. (SEE TESTIMONIES, VOL. 7, PP. 161-168, CHAPTER "COMMERCIAL WORK," AND SELECTED MESSAGES, B. 2, PP. 350, 351, "THE PERILS OF HYPNOSIS.")

AT THE SAME TIME, SOME MEN IN RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN THE PUBLISHING WORK TURNED FROM IMPORTANT BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH HAD GOVERNED OUR INSTITUTIONS IN THE REMUNERATION OF ITS PERSONNEL. IT WAS REASONED THAT

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THE WORK HAD REACHED ITS STATE OF PROSPERITY BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL SKILLS AND TALENTS OF THOSE WHO SERVED IN MANAGERIAL LINES; THEREFORE THESE MEN SHOULD BE FAVORED BY SPECIAL REMUNERATION MORE IN KEEPING WITH THEIR POSITIONS IN MANAGEMENT. AS A RESULT, CERTAIN MEN IN KEY POSITIONS RECEIVED REMUNERATION DOUBLE THAT OF A SKILLED FACTORY WORKER.

THE SAME SPIRIT LED THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE AT BATTLE CREEK TO TAKE EVERY STEP WITHIN ITS POWER TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE LITERARY PRODUCTS IT HANDLED, AND THIS RESULTED IN CUTTING OFF A FAIR ROYALTY INCOME TO AUTHORS OF THE BOOKS PUBLISHED BY THE HOUSE. IN THIS WAY THE INCOME OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE WAS ENHANCED. IT WAS ARGUED THAT THOSE IN POSITIONS OF MANAGEMENT IN THE PUBLISHING HOUSE WERE IN A BETTER POSITION TO UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THE CAUSE, AND KNOW HOW TO USE PROFITS WHICH CAME FROM LITERATURE, THAN WERE THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORS. THE AUTHORS, THEY FELT, MIGHT FALL SHORT IN PROPER STEWARDSHIP OF ROYALTY INCOMES. IN SEVERAL COMMUNICATIONS, ELLEN WHITE, WRITING TO THOSE IN POSITIONS OF MANAGEMENT, POINTED OUT THAT SELFISHNESS MOTIVATED SUCH PLANS. COUNSEL IN THIS AREA IS FOUND IN TESTIMONIES, VOLUME 7, PAGE 176-180.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT PUBLISHES TESTIMONIES

THE INFLUENCE OF SELFISH, GRASPING METHODS AND THE EXERCISE OF "KINGLY POWER," AS ELLEN G. WHITE TERMED IT, WERE CONTAGIOUS. ELDER OLSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, IN HIS HOPE THAT HE COULD STAY THE EVIL WORK OF SUCH INFLUENCES, MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH MANY OF THE MESSAGES OF COUNSEL WHICH CAME TO HIM AND OTHER LEADERS IN BATTLE CREEK DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD. THESE MESSAGES, PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM, WERE SENT OUT AS SPECIAL

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INSTRUCTION TO MINISTERS AND WORKERS. THEY WERE OFTEN PREFACED BY AN EARNEST STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OR BY THE COMMITTEE. IN ELDER OLSEN'S INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND OF THESE NUMBERED PAMPHLETS, WRITTEN ABOUT 1892, HE STATES:

"WE FEEL IT OUR DUTY AGAIN TO SEND YOU SOME SELECTIONS FROM RECENT WRITINGS FROM SISTER E. G. WHITE THAT HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN IN PRINT, AND ALSO TO CALL ATTENTION TO SOME VERY IMPORTANT EXTRACTS FROM WRITINGS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED. WE DO THIS TO BRING THE TRUTHS CONTAINED THEREIN FRESH TO YOUR MINDS. THEY ARE WORTHY OF MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. . . .

"FOR THREE YEARS THE SPIRIT OF GOD HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY APPEALING TO OUR MINISTRY AND PEOPLE TO CAST ASIDE THEIR CLOAK OF SELF-

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TO SEEK THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF GOD BY FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS. BUT, OH, HOW SLOW AND HESITATING WE HAVE BEEN. . . . THE TESTIMONY AND EARNEST ENTREATIES OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD HAVE NOT FOUND A RESPONSE IN OUR HEARTS THAT GOD DESIGNED THEY SHOULD. IN SOME INSTANCES, WE HAVE FELT FREE EVEN TO CRITICIZE THE TESTIMONY AND WARNINGS SENT BY GOD FOR OUR GOOD. THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER. WHAT IS THE RESULT?--IT IS A COLDNESS OF HEART, A BARRENNESS OF SOUL, THAT IS TRULY ALARMING.

"IS IT NOT TIME TO RAISE A VOICE OF WARNING? IS IT NOT TIME FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO TAKE THESE THINGS HOME TO HIMSELF AND ASK, 'IS IT I?'. . .

"IN THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONY, OUR DANGERS ARE AGAIN POINTED OUT TO US IN A WAY THAT WE CANNOT MISUNDERSTAND THEM. THE QUESTION IS, WILL WE TAKE HEED TO THE COUNSEL OF GOD AND SEEK HIM WITH ALL THE HEART, OR WILL WE TREAT THESE WARNINGS WITH THE NEGLECT AND INDIFFERENCE THAT WE HAVE MANY TIMES IN THE PAST? GOD IS IN EARNEST WITH US AND WE MUST NOT BE SLOW TO RESPOND."

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TO THE SIXTH OF THESE PAMPHLETS, ELDER OLSEN WROTE ON NOVEMBER 22, 1896, THESE INTRODUCTORY WORDS:

"DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS, I HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM SISTER E. G. WHITE, WHICH CONTAIN MOST VALUABLE INSTRUCTION TO MYSELF AND TO ALL OUR LABORERS; AND KNOWING THAT ALL THE WORKERS CONNECTED WITH THE CAUSE OF PRESENT TRUTH WOULD BE BENEFITED PERSONALLY AND HELPED IN THEIR WORK BY HAVING THIS INSTRUCTION, I HAVE COLLECTED THIS MATTER, AND HAD IT PRINTED IN THIS LITTLE TRACT FOR THEIR BENEFIT. IT IS NOT NECESSARY THAT I ASK FOR IT A CAREFUL AND PRAYERFUL STUDY, FOR I KNOW IT WILL RECEIVE THIS."

IT WAS NOT AN EASY TASK FOR ELLEN WHITE TO PEN SUCH STIRRING MESSAGES OF REBUKE AND REPROOF, NOR WAS IT EASY FOR THE RECIPIENTS TO ACCEPT THESE MESSAGES AS APPLYING IN THE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND THEN SET ABOUT TO MAKE THE CORRECTIONS WHICH WERE CALLED FOR. THEY WERE PUBLISHED IN THE 1890'S BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AS PAMPHLETS, THAT ALL MINISTERS MIGHT BE WARNED. THEN MATERIALS WERE REPUBLISHED IN THE BODY OF TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS IN 1923, TO KEEP BEFORE EVERY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MINISTER AND ADMINISTRATOR PERILS WHICH COULD SERIOUSLY MILITATE AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE WORK OF GOD.

ELLEN WHITE DID NOT IMPLICATE EACH MINISTER AND ADMINISTRATOR BY THE MESSAGE OF REBUKE. "HOW MY HEART GOES OUT IN REJOICING," SHE WROTE, "FOR THOSE WHO WALK IN HUMILITY OF MIND, WHO LOVE AND FEAR GOD. THEY POSSESS A POWER FAR MORE VALUABLE THAN LEARNING OR ELOQUENCE."--PAGE 161. HERE AND THERE THROUGH THE ARTICLES IN THIS

VOLUME SHE SPEAKS OF "SOME" WHO HAVE TAKEN THE WRONG COURSE, "SOME" WHO HAVE BEEN UNRESPONSIVE TO THE MESSAGES WHICH GOD HAS SENT.

THE COUNSELS WARNING AGAINST THE EXERCISE OF "KINGLY

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POWER" AND AUTHORITY, THE COUNSELS THAT MAN SHOULD NOT LOOK TO HIS FELLOWMEN FOR GUIDANCE IN EVERY DETAIL OF THE WORK, ARE CAREFULLY BALANCED WITH COUNSELS CONCERNING INDEPENDENCE OF SPIRIT AND ACTION, AS RECORDED ON PAGES 314-316. IT IS URGED THAT CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS SHOULD BE TRUSTED AND SUSTAINED, AS RECORDED ON PAGES 327, 328.

THESE ARE THE BACKGROUNDS OF THE 1890'S AND OF THE MESSAGES IN TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS. THIS IS THE PICTURE OF THE CONDITIONS WHICH WERE WORSENING FROM MONTH TO MONTH, FROM YEAR TO YEAR, AS THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, PUSHING FORWARD IN AN EVER-WIDENING EVANGELISTIC, INSTITUTIONAL, AND MISSIONS PROGRAM, APPROACHED THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1901

ELLEN G. WHITE, JUST BACK IN THE UNITED STATES AFTER A NINE-YEAR SOJOURN IN AUSTRALIA, WAS INVITED TO ATTEND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1901, HELD IN BATTLE CREEK. IT WAS THE FIRST SESSION SHE HAD ATTENDED IN A TEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, G. A. IRWIN, MADE HIS OPENING ADDRESS. THEN ELLEN WHITE PRESSED TO THE FRONT OF THE ASSEMBLY, DESIROUS OF SPEAKING. EARNESTLY SHE ADDRESSED THE CONFERENCE, POINTING OUT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE WORK OF GOD HAD BEEN CIRCUMSCRIBED AS A FEW MEN IN BATTLE CREEK CARRIED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A WORK FAR BEYOND THEIR GRASP. SHE TESTIFIED THAT THESE MEN AND THE CAUSE WERE INJURED AS THEY ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO LOOK TO THEM FOR GUIDANCE IN EVERY PHASE OF THE WORK. SHE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE SOME MEN IN RESPONSIBLE PLACES WHO HAD LOST THE SPIRIT OF CONSECRATION SO ESSENTIAL TO THEIR WORK. AT THAT MEETING SHE CRIED OUT, "WHAT WE WANT NOW IS A REORGANIZATION. WE WANT TO BEGIN AT THE FOUNDATION AND BUILD ON A DIFFERENT PRINCIPLE."--GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN, APRIL 3, 1901.

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WHAT TOOK PLACE IN THE ENSUING THREE WEEKS IS A THRILLING STORY. THE MESSAGE WAS HEEDED. CAREFULLY THE BRETHERN WENT TO WORK. UNION CONFERENCES WERE FORMED, BINDING LOCAL CONFERENCES TOGETHER IN SMALLER UNITS, WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES CARRIED BY MEN

IN THE FIELD. THE SEVERAL ASSOCIATIONS WHICH REPRESENTED THE BRANCHES OF GENERAL CHURCH ACTIVITY, SUCH AS THE SABBATH SCHOOL WORK AND THE HOME-MISSIONARY WORK, TOOK STEPS TO BECOME DEPARTMENTS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF THIRTEEN MEN, WAS ENLARGED TO TWENTY-FIVE. IN 1903 THE COMMITTEE WAS FURTHER ENLARGED TO INCLUDE THOSE CONNECTED WITH THE NEWLY ORGANIZED DEPARTMENTS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. WITHIN A FEW YEARS' TIME, FIVE HUNDRED MEN WERE CARRYING THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT PRIOR TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1901 HAD BEEN CARRIED BY A HANDFUL OF MEN.

THROUGH THIS REORGANIZATION, PROVISION WAS MADE FOR THOSE WHO WERE IN LOCAL FIELDS TO MAKE DECISIONS RELATING TO THE WORK IN HAND. SO SOUND WERE THE FOUNDATIONS LAID, THAT WHEN CONTINUED GROWTH MADE IT ADVISABLE, THE DENOMINATION WAS ABLE TO MOVE WITHOUT ANY GREAT PROBLEMS INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF DIVISIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. IN THIS PLAN, GREAT AREAS OF THE WORLD FIELD WERE KNIT TOGETHER, UNION CONFERENCES BECOMING UNITS IN THE DIVISION ORGANIZATION.

BATTLE CREEK INSTITUTIONS SUFFER GOD'S JUDGMENTS

UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ALL OF THE COUNSELS SOUNDED BY ELLEN WHITE AT THAT GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1901 WERE HEEDED. CHANGES WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE IN TWO OF THE INSTITUTIONS AT BATTLE CREEK WERE NOT MADE. BEFORE TWELVE MONTHS ROLLED AROUND, DURING THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 18, 1902, THE SANITARIUM BURNED.

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BEFORE 1902 PASSED, THE PUBLISHING HOUSE WAS ALSO IN ASHES. THIS GREAT LOSS OF DENOMINATIONAL PROPERTY WAS RECOGNIZED AS A JUDGMENT FROM GOD, INFLICTED BECAUSE MEN FAILED TO HEED AND FOLLOW THE COUNSEL GIVEN. WARNINGS HAD BEEN SOUNDED, BUT THEY HAD GONE UNHEEDED. NOW GOD SPOKE IN A WAY THAT NONE COULD MISUNDERSTAND.

THE CHURCH HEADQUARTERS WAS MOVED AWAY FROM BATTLE CREEK WITH ITS ATTENDANT PROBLEMS AND, IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD, ESTABLISHED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE PUBLISHING HOUSE WAS REESTABLISHED IN THE CAPITAL OF THE NATION, AND THE LEADERS RESOLVED THAT THE TIME OF THE EMPLOYEES AND EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE DEVOTED 100 PERCENT TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE MESSAGE OF THE CHURCH. THE SANITARIUM WAS REBUILT IN BATTLE CREEK, BUT UNFORTUNATELY ITS GREAT INTERESTS WERE SOON WRESTED FROM THE CHURCH. BATTLE CREEK CEASED TO BE THE DENOMINATIONAL CENTER, AS THE WORLD HEADQUARTERS WAS TRANSFERRED TO TAKOMA PARK.

"EXCEPT AS WE SHALL FORGET"

THE CLOSING SECTION OF THIS VOLUME IS DRAWN ESSENTIALLY FROM COMMUNICATIONS WRITTEN IN 1907 AND 1914. ELLEN WHITE HAD OCCASION TO REVIEW "VITAL PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONSHIP," PARTICULARLY IN THE ARTICLE "JEHOVAH IS OUR KING," A MESSAGE SHE READ AT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMP MEETING IN AUGUST, 1907; AND THE ARTICLE, "INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CHRISTIAN UNITY," READ BY HER AT THE 1907 SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE HELD IN JANUARY. THESE ARTICLES RECAPITULATE THE POINTS COMPRISING THE MAIN THEMES OF THE VOLUME. THESE COUNSELS, RESTATED, REMINDED ALL THAT TO LOSE SIGHT OF THESE PRINCIPLES WOULD IMPERIL THE CHURCH.

HISTORY CAN REPEAT ITSELF, AND HUMAN BEINGS CAN BE GUILTY OF FORGETTING. EARNEST ENDEAVORS HAVE BEEN MADE

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TO AVOID A REPETITION OF THE MISTAKES MADE AT BATTLE CREEK. WROTE MRS. WHITE, "WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FOR THE FUTURE EXCEPT AS WE SHALL FORGET THE WAY THE LORD HAS LED US."--PAGE 31. THE ADMINISTRATORS AND MINISTERIAL LABORERS OF THE CHURCH HAVE EVER BEFORE THEM THESE MESSAGES OF WARNING AND ADMONITION, TO HELP THEM AVOID MAKING THE MISTAKES OF FORMER YEARS. AND, CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THESE MORE SPECIFIC WARNINGS, ARE GENERAL WARNINGS RELATING TO THE HIGH MORAL AND SPIRITUAL PLANE OF THE WORK OF THE MINISTER.

THE MESSAGES IN THIS VOLUME, DEALING SO INTIMATELY WITH THE HEARTS AND SOULS OF THOSE WHO STOOD AS SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK AND OF THOSE WHO CARRIED ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, WOULD APPLY TODAY ONLY IF THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED EXISTED AGAIN. NONE SHOULD ERR IN APPLYING THE REPROOFS TO ALL MINISTERS AT ANY AND ALL TIMES. NOR SHOULD THE INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF SOME OF THE PROBLEMS AND CRISES MET THROUGH THE YEARS EVER DIM OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE GLORIOUS TRIUMPH OF THE CAUSE OF GOD.

ELLEN WHITE, TO WHOM GOD HAD REVEALED THE SECRETS OF THE HEARTS OF MEN AND THE WEAKNESSES AND DEFICIENCIES OF HUMANITY, DID NOT LOSE CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S CHOSEN WORKMEN. TO HER, THE FACT THAT GOD SENT MESSAGES OF REPROOF TO THOSE WHO ERRED, WAS NOT AN INDICATION THAT THEY WERE FORSAKEN, BUT RATHER AN EVIDENCE OF GOD'S LOVE, "FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CHASTENETH." NOR DID THE SETBACKS WHICH CAME TO THE CAUSE AS THE BATTLE RAGED BETWEEN THE FORCES OF EVIL AND THE FORCES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS LEAVE HER WITH DESPONDENCY OF HEART, FOR SHE DISCERNED THAT "WE HAVE AS BIBLE CHRISTIANS EVER BEEN ON GAINING GROUND" (SELECTED MESSAGES, B. 2, P. 397), AND THAT "THE GOD OF ISRAEL IS STILL GUIDING HIS PEOPLE, AND THAT

HE WILL CONTINUE TO BE WITH THEM, EVEN TO THE END" (LIFE SKETCHES, PAGES 437, 438).

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THIS FOREWORD IS DESIGNED TO INFORM THE READER AS TO THE HISTORICAL SETTING OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS VOLUME. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REFERENCES TO SPECIFIC EXPERIENCES, MOVEMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, THAT MAY SEEM SOMEWHAT OBSCURE TO US WHO LIVE SO MANY DECADES AWAY FROM THE EVENTS. TO GIVE INFORMATION WHICH WILL GUIDE TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SUCH REFERENCES, APPENDIX NOTES HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED.

IT IS NOT THE WORK OF THE CUSTODIANS OF THE ELLEN G. WHITE WRITINGS TO EXPLAIN OR INTERPRET THE COUNSELS WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN. IT IS THEIR PRIVILEGE AND AT TIMES THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESENT THE HISTORICAL SETTING OF CERTAIN SITUATIONS, AND TO PRESENT IN THEIR CONTEXT OTHER COUNSELS WHICH MAY HELP THE READER TO UNDERSTAND BETTER AND THUS RIGHTLY TO INTERPRET THE WRITINGS. THAT THIS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED, AND THAT THE CHURCH UNDER GOD-FEARING LEADERS MAY GO FORWARD IN TRIUMPH FOR THE FINISHING OF THE PRECIOUS WORK OF GOD, IS THE SINCERE WISH OF THE
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
ELLEN G. WHITE ESTATE.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
MAY 10, 1962.

APPENDIX NOTES

PAGE 23. PAMPHLETS DENOUNCING THE S.D.A. CHURCH AS BABYLON: REFERENCE IS MADE TO A PAMPHLET ENTITLED, "THE LOUD CRY OF THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE," PUBLISHED BY A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST LAY MEMBER, MR. STANTON, IN THE YEAR 1893. THIS MAN, IN HIS STUDY OF THE BIBLE AND THE TESTIMONIES, FOCUSED HIS ATTENTION PRIMARILY ON THE MESSAGES OF REPROOF AND REBUKE, FORGETTING THAT GOD HAD SAID THAT "AS MANY AS I LOVE, I REBUKE AND CHASTEN." REVELATION 3:19. HE CONCLUDED THAT THE TESTIMONIES OF REPROOF CONSTITUTED A MESSAGE OF REJECTION, AND THAT THOSE WHO WOULD JOIN IN SOUNDING THE LOUD CRY MUST WITHDRAW FROM THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH. THE CHURCH, HE ASSERTED, HAD BECOME BABYLON, AND THOSE WHO WOULD FINISH GOD'S WORK IN THE EARTH AND MEET THEIR LORD IN PEACE MUST SEPARATE FROM THE BODY. {TM 521.1}

AN ARDENT DISCIPLE, MR. W. F. CALDWELL, WAS DISPATCHED TO AUSTRALIA TO CARRY THE MESSAGE TO THAT LAND AND TO VISIT MRS. WHITE, WHO, IT WAS SUPPOSED, WOULD JOIN THEIR FORCES OF "REFORM." ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA, HE DISCOVERED THAT WHILE HE HAD BEEN CROSSING THE PACIFIC TO AUSTRALIA, A TESTIMONY WAS ON ITS WAY FROM NEW ZEALAND TO AMERICA SPECIFYING THE MESSAGE OF THE "LOUD CRY" TRACT AS "ONE OF THE DELUSIONS DESIGNED TO CREATE CONFUSION AMONG THE CHURCHES," AND STATING IN THE CLEAREST LANGUAGE THAT "IF YOU ARE TEACHING THAT THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IS BABYLON, YOU ARE WRONG." SEE THE FULL LETTER ON PAGES 58-62. MRS. WHITE MET THIS MISLEADING TEACHING IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES IN THE REVIEW AND HERALD ENTITLED "THE REMNANT CHURCH NOT BABYLON," NOW COMPRISING PAGES 32-62 OF THIS VOLUME. THIS OFFSHOOT MOVEMENT HAD BUT A VERY SHORT LIFE. {TM 521.2}

PAGE 26. FIRST-DAY ADVENTISTS: THOSE WHO UNITED IN SOUNDING THE FIRST AND SECOND ANGELS' MESSAGES IN THE GREAT ADVENT AWAKENING OF THE 1840'S, BUT WHO REJECTED THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE WITH ITS SABBATH TRUTH, YET NONETHELESS

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CONTINUED TO ESPOUSE THE ADVENT HOPE, ARE REFERRED TO BY MRS. WHITE AND BY OTHER EARLY SABBATH-KEEPING ADVENTISTS AS "NOMINAL ADVENTISTS" OR "FIRST-DAY ADVENTISTS." FOLLOWING THE DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE AUTUMN OF 1844, WHEN CHRIST DID NOT COME AS WAS EXPECTED, THE ADVENTISTS DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL GROUPS. THE PRINCIPAL SURVIVORS TODAY ARE THE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, A SMALL BODY, AND SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS. RELATIVELY FEW AMONG THE ADVENTISTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DISAPPOINTMENT, MAINTAINED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY IN 1844. BUT THOSE WHO

DID STEPPED FORWARD INTO THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE WITH ITS SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH. {TM 521.3}

PAGE 27. SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE: IN 1859 THE LEADING BRETHERN AMONG THE SABBATH-KEEPING ADVENTISTS CAME TO SEE THE NECESSITY OF A SYSTEMATIC PLAN OF SUPPORTING THE WORK OF GOD, AND FROM A CONFERENCE AT WHICH THIS MATTER WAS STUDIED, THERE CAME RECOMMENDATIONS: {TM 522.1}

"1. LET EACH BROTHER FROM EIGHTEEN TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE LAY BY HIM IN STORE ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH WEEK FROM FIVE TO TWENTY-FIVE CENTS. {TM 522.2}

"2. EACH SISTER FROM EIGHTEEN TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE LAY BY HER IN STORE ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH WEEK FROM TWO TO TEN CENTS. {TM 522.3}

"3. ALSO, LET EACH BROTHER AND SISTER LAY BY HIM OR HER IN STORE ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH WEEK FROM ONE TO FIVE CENTS ON EACH AND EVERY \$100 OF PROPERTY THEY POSSESS."-- REVIEW AND HERALD, FEB. 3, 1859, P. 84. ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 4, 1859. {TM 522.4}

AS FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF INVOLVEMENTS OF POINT 3, JAMES WHITE, IN THE GOOD SAMARITAN OF JANUARY, 1861, EXPLAINED: {TM 522.5}

"WE PROPOSE THAT THE FRIENDS GIVE A TITHE, OR TENTH OF THEIR INCOME, ESTIMATING THEIR INCOME AT 10 PERCENT ON WHAT THEY POSSESS." {TM 522.6}

IN THE REVIEW AND HERALD OF APRIL 9, 1861, JAMES WHITE EXPLAINED HOW THE BRETHERN IN MICHIGAN APPLIED THIS. {TM 522.7}

"THEY REGARD THE USE OF THEIR PROPERTY WORTH THE SAME AS MONEY AT 10 PERCENT. THIS 10 PERCENT THEY REGARD AS

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THE INCREASE OF THEIR PROPERTY. A TITHE OF THIS WOULD BE 1 PERCENT, AND WOULD BE NEARLY 2 CENTS PER WEEK ON EACH \$100, WHICH OUR BRETHERN, FOR CONVENIENCE SAKE, ARE UNANIMOUS IN PUTTING DOWN." {TM 522.8}

THUS SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE EMBODIED FREEWILL OFFERINGS AND A TITHE RECKONED ON WHAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED A FAIR INCOME FROM PROPERTY HELD. THE METHOD OF RECKONING THE TITHE WAS, IN THE YEAR 1876, DISCERNED TO BE ACTUALLY ONE TENTH OF THE INCOME TO THE INDIVIDUAL FROM WHATEVER SOURCE IT MIGHT COME, AND THIS LED TO A CONCEPT WHICH WOULD REACH OUT TO A MUCH LARGER NUMBER THAN THOSE WHO WERE PROPERTY HOLDERS. A PAMPHLET ENTITLED "SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE, OR THE BIBLE PLAN OF SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY," PUBLISHED IN 1878 BY THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, STATES THE MATTER CONCISELY IN A QUESTION AND AN ANSWER: {TM 523.1}

"HOW MUCH OUGHT I TO GIVE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE GOSPEL?" {TM 523.2}

"AFTER CAREFULLY VIEWING THE SUBJECT FROM ALL POINTS, WE ANSWER, A TITHE OF ALL OUR INCOME." {TM 523.3}

PAGE 32. PAMPHLET ISSUED BY BROTHER S: SEE APPENDIX NOTE FOR PAGE 23. {TM 523.4}

PAGE 41. THE ONE OBJECT ON EARTH DEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD (SEE ALSO PAGE 49): THIS ASSURING MESSAGE FROM THE PEN OF ELLEN WHITE WAS REPEATED BY HER ON SEVERAL LATER OCCASIONS: {TM 523.5}

"WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH, ENFEEBLED AND DEFECTIVE THOUGH IT BE, IS THE ONLY OBJECT ON EARTH ON WHICH CHRIST BESTOWS HIS SUPREME REGARD. HE IS CONSTANTLY WATCHING IT WITH SOLICITUDE, AND IS STRENGTHENING IT BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT."--MANUSCRIPT 155, 1902 (NOV. 22, 1902). PUBLISHED IN SELECTED MESSAGES, B. 2, P. 396. {TM 523.6}

"TRUST TO GOD'S GUARDIANSHIP. HIS CHURCH IS TO BE TAUGHT. ENFEEBLED AND DEFECTIVE THOUGH IT IS, IT IS THE OBJECT OF HIS SUPREME REGARD."--LETTER 279, 1904 (AUG. 1, 1904). PUBLISHED IN SELECTED MESSAGES, B. 2, P. 396.

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"NOTHING IN THIS WORLD IS SO DEAR TO GOD AS HIS CHURCH. WITH JEALOUS CARE HE GUARDS THOSE WHO SEEK HIM. NOTHING SO OFFENDS GOD AS FOR THE SERVANTS OF SATAN TO STRIVE TO ROB HIS PEOPLE OF THEIR RIGHTS. THE LORD HAS NOT FORSAKEN HIS PEOPLE."--LETTER 136, 1910 (NOV. 26, 1910). PUBLISHED IN SELECTED MESSAGES, B. 2, P. 397. {TM 524.1}

PAGE 57: ELI CURTIS: ON APRIL 21, 1847, ELLEN G. WHITE ADDRESSED A LETTER TO ELI CURTIS, ANSWERING A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHICH HE ASKED CONCERNING CERTAIN OF HIS THEOLOGICAL VIEWS. THE BODY OF HER LETTER WAS PUBLISHED BY JAMES WHITE IN MAY, 1847, IN A WORD TO THE LITTLE FLOCK, PAGES 11, 12 (CURRENTLY AVAILABLE). MR. CURTIS IS ALSO REFERRED TO IN SELECTED MESSAGES, BOOK 1, PAGES 60, 61. {TM 524.2}

PAGE 58. LETTER TO BROTHER S: ANOTHER LETTER DEALING WITH THIS SUBJECT, ADDRESSED TO MR. CALDWELL, AN ARDENT DISCIPLE OF MR. STANTON AND ONE WHO JOURNEYED TO AUSTRALIA TO CARRY THE NEW MESSAGE OF "THE LOUD CRY" OF THE THIRD ANGEL TO ELLEN WHITE AND TO SOLICIT HER SUPPORT IN THE MOVEMENT, IS PUBLISHED IN SELECTED MESSAGES, BOOK 2, PAGES 63-71. {TM 524.3}

PAGE 64. MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CONDEMNED AS FANATICISM: IN 1893 THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS POURED OUT IN A MARKED MANNER AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION IN BATTLE CREEK, AND AT THE COLLEGE. UNFORTUNATELY THERE WERE SOME WHO FELT THAT THIS WAS AN INDICATION OF FANATICISM. SEE SELECTED MESSAGES, BOOK 1, PAGES 130, 131, FOR ANOTHER REFERENCE TO THIS EXPERIENCE. {TM 524.4}

PAGE 76. THE SPIRIT WHICH RAN RIOT AT MINNEAPOLIS: THE BACKGROUND OF THE 1888 GENERAL CONFERENCE HELD AT MINNEAPOLIS, AND ITS AFTERMATH, IS TRACED BRIEFLY IN THE HISTORICAL FOREWORD. THIS FORMS THE BASIS FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THIS AND OTHER STATEMENTS IN TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS TOUCHING ON THE EXPERIENCE AT MINNEAPOLIS. {TM 524.5}

PAGE 76. PUBLISHING INSTITUTION AT BATTLE CREEK AND UNRIGHTEOUS PRACTICES: THIS AND OTHER STATEMENTS RELATING TO

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THE PUBLISHING HOUSE AT BATTLE CREEK SHOULD BE READ IN THE LIGHT OF SITUATIONS WHICH EXISTED THERE IN THE 1890'S, AS DESCRIBED IN THE HISTORICAL FOREWORD. {TM 524.6}

PAGE 78. ONE INSTITUTION SEEKING TO CONTROL OTHER INSTITUTIONS: THE READER IS DIRECTED TO THE HISTORIAL FOREWORD FOR THE BACKGROUND OF INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AS THEY EXISTED IN THE EARLY AND MIDDLE 1890'S, AND TO STEPS WHICH WERE UNDERTAKEN AT THAT TIME TO CONSOLIDATE VARIOUS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST INSTITUTIONS INTO ONE WORKING ORGANIZATION. {TM 525.1}

PAGE 79. MINNEAPOLIS MEETING: SEE EXPLANATION IN HISTORICAL FOREWORD. {TM 525.2}

PAGE 83. BICYCLE RACE: SEE ALSO PAGE 398. IN 1895, ELLEN WHITE WAS GIVEN A VIEW OF HAPPENINGS IN BATTLE CREEK. AMONG OTHER SCENES WHICH PASSED BEFORE HER WAS ONE INVOLVING BICYCLES USED IN RACING, AND A STRIFE FOR THE MASTERY. SEE TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, VOL. 8, PP. 51, 52. AT THE TIME THIS SCENE WAS PRESENTED, THE BICYCLE WAS NOT KNOWN AS AN ECONOMICAL MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, BUT WAS RATHER A RICH MAN'S TOY. BICYCLES WERE BEING PURCHASED BY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN BATTLE CREEK, NOT TO PROVIDE NEEDED TRANSPORTATION TO WORK OR SCHOOL, BUT RATHER AS A DEMONSTRATION OF SUPERIORITY, FOR SHOW, AND IN THE SEEKING OF SUPREMACY. THE YOUNG PEOPLE WERE MORTGAGING THEIR INCOMES FOR MONTHS IN ADVANCE TO BUY WHAT WAS THEN AN EXPENSIVE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT TO BE SO USED. WITHIN A FEW YEARS' TIME, THE BICYCLE BECAME A USEFUL AND INEXPENSIVE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. {TM 525.3}

PAGE 89. LIGHT DESPISED BY SOME: SEE STATEMENT REGARDING THE MESSAGE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH IN HISTORICAL FOREWORD. {TM 525.4}

PAGE 91. MESSAGE SENT THROUGH ELDERS WAGGONER AND JONES: SEE STATEMENT REGARDING THE MESSAGE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH IN HISTORICAL FOREWORD.

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PAGE 96. THOSE WHO HAVE STOOD FOR YEARS RESISTING LIGHT: SEE STATEMENT REGARDING MINNEAPOLIS EXPERIENCE IN HISTORICAL FOREWORD. {TM 526.1}

PAGE 117. BOOK PUBLISHED BY ELDER HASKELL: THE REFERENCE HERE IS TO A BOOK ENTITLED THE STORY OF DANIEL THE PROPHET, PUBLISHED IN 1901 BY ELDER S. N. HASKELL. IT IS A VOLUME OF 340 PAGES PRESENTING A BRIEF COMMENT ON THE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL. THIS STATEMENT BY MRS. WHITE WAS PENNED IN THE YEAR 1902. THREE YEARS LATER ELDER HASKELL PUBLISHED A COMPANION VOLUME ENTITLED, THE STORY OF THE SEER OF PATMOS, COMMENTING ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION. {TM 526.2}

PAGE 146. SENSUALITY, LICENTIOUSNESS, AND ADULTERY: THE MINISTER IS NOT FREE FROM SUBTLE TEMPTATION. IN FACT, THE MINISTER OFTEN BECOMES THE SPECIAL POINT OF SATAN'S ATTACK. SENSUALITY, LICENTIOUSNESS, AND ADULTERY ARE PRESENTED AS AMONG THE SINS COMMITTED BY THOSE WHO BEAR THE MESSAGE. BUT ON PAGE 153, ELLEN WHITE INDICATES THAT IT WAS "SOME" WHO WERE NOT TRUE. THESE REFERENCES ARE GROSSLY MISUSED IF IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE REBUKE APPLIES TO THE MINISTRY GENERALLY. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THERE WAS A JUDAS AMONG THE TWELVE. THE WARNINGS STAND FORTH THAT EACH MAY GUARD HIS OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND THAT THIS CONDITION SHALL NOT EXIST. {TM 526.3}

PAGE 160. MINISTERIAL INSTITUTES: THE INSTITUTES REFERRED TO HERE WERE HELD QUITE FREQUENTLY IN THE LATE 1880'S AND EARLY 1890'S, SOMETIMES EXTENDING OVER QUITE A PERIOD OF TIME. REFERENCE ON PAGE 401 INDICATES THAT SUCH INSTITUTES WERE QUITE NECESSARY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1888, THAT OUR WORKERS MIGHT BE PROPERLY INSTRUCTED AND INDOCTRINATED IN THOSE TRUTHS WHICH THEY WERE PRESENTING TO THE PEOPLE. {TM 526.4}

PAGE 197. RECEIVING GIFTS FROM GENTILES OR HEATHEN: SEE ALSO PAGES 202, 203. IN THE LATTER PART OF 1893, ELDER A. T. ROBINSON, LEADING OUT IN THE WORK OF THE CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA AND WISHING TO SECURE LAND FOR THE

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A MISSION AMONG THE NATIVES, ARRANGED FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH CECIL RHODES, PREMIER OF CAPE COLONY AND HEAD OF THE BRITISH SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANY OPERATING IN MASHONALAND. RHODES WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH THE PLAN OUTLINED FOR OPERATING A MISSION AMONG THE NATIVES OF THAT COUNTRY, AND HANDED TO ELDER ROBINSON A SEALED LETTER ADDRESSED TO DR. JEMISON, SECRETARY OF THE COMPANY, TO BE GIVEN TO HIM IN BULAWAYO. THE BRETHREN WENT TO BULAWAYO EXPECTING TO PURCHASE LAND, AND DID NOT KNOW UNTIL JEMISON TOLD THEM THAT RHODES HAD ORDERED HIM TO GIVE THEM ALL THE LAND THEY WANTED. A TRACT OF TWELVE THOUSAND ACRES WAS SELECTED, AND THIS BECAME THE SITE OF THE SOLUSI MISSION, THE FIRST ONE OPERATED BY THE DENOMINATION AMONG NON-CHRISTIAN PEOPLES. A KNOWLEDGE OF THIS GIFT CREATED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AMONG CERTAIN LEADING BRETHREN AT BATTLE CREEK, WHO FEARED THAT TO ACCEPT IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE. AS THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1895, ACTION WAS TAKEN: {TM 526.5}

"THAT WE OUGHT NOT AS A DENOMINATION EITHER TO SEEK OR TO ACCEPT FROM ANY CIVIL GOVERNMENT, CHIEF, RULER, OR ROYAL CHARTERED COMPANY, SUPREME, LOCAL, OR OTHERWISE, ANY GIFT, OR DONATION, CONCESSION, GRANT, EITHER OF LAND, MONEY, CREDIT, SPECIAL PRIVILEGE, OR OTHER THING OF VALUE, TO WHICH WE ARE NOT IN COMMON WITH ALL

OTHERS JUSTLY ENTITLED AS MEN WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO OUR RELIGIOUS PROFESSION OR RELIGIOUS WORK." {TM 527.1}

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER ACTION: {TM 527.2}

"THAT IN HARMONY WITH THIS RESOLUTION THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION BE INSTRUCTED TO PAY AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT FOR ALL GOVERNMENT LAND THAT MAY BE SECURED IN AFRICA OR ELSEWHERE."--GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN, FEB. 21, 1895, P. 283. {TM 527.3}

THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD RATIFIED THIS ACTION BY RECORDING THAT: "THE LANDS SECURED FROM THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE PURCHASED AND NOT RECEIVED AS A GRANT." BEFORE THIS ACTION COULD BE IMPLEMENTED, HOWEVER, ON JANUARY 30, 1895, ELLEN G. WHITE WROTE A COMMUNICATION FROM

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AUSTRALIA IN WHICH SHE INDICATED: "WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPRIETY OF RECEIVING GIFTS FROM GENTILES OR THE HEATHEN," "WHAT THEY WOULD GIVE, WE SHOULD BE PRIVILEGED TO RECEIVE." THE NEXT DAY SHE WROTE THE ARTICLE APPEARING ON PAGES 200-203, POINTING OUT THAT CERTAIN "LEADING MEN" WERE "TAKING EXTREME POSITIONS." IN THE LIGHT OF THESE TWO COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELLEN WHITE, THE ACTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION WAS NEVER IMPLEMENTED. {TM 527.4}

PAGE 200. MOVEMENTS TO PAY TAXES ON THE SANITARIUM AND TABERNACLE: AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1893 THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN: {TM 528.1}

"WHEREAS IN VIEW OF THE SEPARATION WHICH WE BELIEVE SHOULD EXIST BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE STATE, IT IS INCONSISTENT FOR THE CHURCH TO RECEIVE FROM THE STATE PECUNIARY GIFTS, FAVORS, EXEMPTIONS, ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS; THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT WE REPUDIATE THE DOCTRINE THAT CHURCH OR OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL PROPERTIES SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION AND FURTHER, RESOLVED, THAT WE USE OUR INFLUENCE IN SECURING THE REPEAL OF SUCH LEGISLATION AS GRANTS AND EXEMPTIONS."--GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN, MARCH 5, 1893, P. 475. {TM 528.2}

THE E. G. WHITE COMMUNICATION OF JANUARY 31, 1895, GIVING COUNSEL IN THIS MATTER, WAS ACCEPTED BY THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH AS INSTRUCTION WHICH SHOULD GUIDE IN THE MATTER OF OUR RELATION TO THE PAYING OF TAXES ON TAX-FREE CHURCH PROPERTY. {TM 528.3}

PAGE 212. EVERYTHING NOT TO CENTER AT BATTLE CREEK: SEE HISTORICAL FOREWORD. {TM 528.4}

PAGE 266. RURAL HEALTH RETREAT: THIS INSTITUTION, THE SECOND SANITARIUM ESTABLISHED AMONG SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, WAS LOCATED IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NEAR SAINT HELENA. LATER IT WAS KNOWN AS THE SAINT HELENA SANITARIUM, AND TODAY AS THE SAINT HELENA SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL. {TM 528.5}

PAGE 280. RULE-OR-RUIN SYSTEM: SEE HISTORICAL FOREWORD.

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PAGE 291. CONSOLIDATION: AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS OF 1889 AND 1891, ACTIONS WERE TAKEN TO CONSOLIDATE THE PUBLISHING INTERESTS OF THE DENOMINATION. THE PLAN WAS NOT ONLY TO PLACE THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLISHING WORK IN ONE ORGANIZATION, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN BATTLE CREEK, BUT ALSO TO CONSOLIDATE THE EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL WORK CARRIED ON BY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS. SEE HISTORICAL FOREWORD FOR THE BACKGROUND OF THE MOVES IN THIS DIRECTION. {TM 529.1}

PAGE 331. THE PRESENT FINANCIAL CONTROVERSY: THIS COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1897 AND WRITTEN IN DECEMBER, 1896, RELATED TO THE ISSUES OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN. BRYAN WAS AGITATING CERTAIN MONETARY POLICIES WHICH HE AND HIS SUPPORTERS FELT HELD GREAT PROMISE. SOME SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS BECAME INVOLVED IN THE ISSUES. IN HER COUNSELS MRS. WHITE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT OUR WORK WAS THAT OF PROCLAIMING THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE, AND THAT SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, AS A SEPARATE AND PECULIAR PEOPLE, SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN POLITICAL QUESTIONS. {TM 529.2}

PAGE 342. ATTITUDE TOWARD THE TESTIMONIES: THE STATEMENT THAT SOME WHO STOOD AS COUNSELORS HAD DECLARED "THAT THEY WOULD NOT RECEIVE THE TESTIMONIES GIVEN" HIGHLIGHTS THE SITUATION WHICH EXISTED IN THE MID-1890'S AS DESCRIBED IN THE HISTORICAL FOREWORD. HOWEVER, AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1901, MORE MEN WHO WERE FIRM IN THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY WERE DRAWN INTO POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP. {TM 529.3}

IN THE OPENING SESSION OF THAT CONFERENCE, AFTER ELLEN WHITE HAD CALLED FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, A. G. DANIELLS, WHO HAD BEEN IN AUSTRALIA FOR MANY YEARS, AND WHO AT THIS CONFERENCE WAS TO BECOME THE LEADING OFFICER OF THE CHURCH, MADE HIS POSITION CLEAR WHEN HE STATED, "WE ALL FEEL THAT OUR ONLY SAFETY LIES IN OBEDIENCE, FOLLOWING OUR GREAT LEADER. . . . IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT WE HAVE, GO JUST AS FAR AS WE CAN TODAY, GOD WILL GIVE US FURTHER LIGHT; HE WILL BRING US OUT OF BONDAGE INTO GLORIOUS LIBERTY."-- GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN, APRIL 3, 1901, P. 27.

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{TM 529.4}

CERTAIN LEADERS IN THE INSTITUTIONAL WORK FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE MESSAGES OF ENTREATY, WARNING, AND COUNSEL, AND THE CHANGES WHICH WERE CALLED FOR WERE NOT MADE. {TM 530.1}

PAGE 342. THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE: IN 1896, THE YEAR OF THE WRITING OF THE MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS AND COUNSELORS IN WHICH ELLEN WHITE STATED, "IT IS NOT WISE TO CHOOSE ONE MAN AS PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE," THE OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSISTED OF (1) A PRESIDENT, (2) A CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, AND (3) A RECORDING

SECRETARY AND TREASURER. IN THIS PARTICULAR YEAR, THE FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY AND THE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY WERE ALSO LISTED AS OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, BUT IN 1901, WE FIND THE OFFICERS LISTED ONLY AS PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER. THE CONTEXT OF THE STATEMENT MADE BY ELLEN WHITE IN 1896 MAKES IT CLEAR THAT SHE DOES NOT INTEND TO TEACH THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE A PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, BUT RATHER, AS IS STATED ON PAGE 343, "COUNSELORS OF THE CHARACTER THAT GOD CHOSE FOR MOSES ARE NEEDED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE." AT NO TIME IN THE WRITINGS OF ELLEN WHITE, EITHER PRIOR TO THE YEAR 1901, OR SUBSEQUENTLY, DID SHE INDICATE THAT IN THE DENOMINATIONAL PLAN OF ORGANIZATION THERE SHOULD NOT BE A PRESIDENT CHOSEN BY THE DELEGATES. IN HER WRITINGS, PUBLISHED AND UNPUBLISHED, THERE ARE MANY REFERENCES TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, TO HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO THE ATTITUDES WHICH HE SHOULD MANIFEST. {TM 530.2}

IN THE YEAR 1902, THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, WHICH AT THE SESSION OF 1901 HAD BEEN EMPOWERED TO ORGANIZE ITSELF AND CHOOSE ITS OWN OFFICERS, CREATED THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, AND SELECTED A MAN TO FILL THAT OFFICE. FROM THAT TIME ONWARD THE BURDENS OF LEADERSHIP WERE SHOULDERED BY MORE THAN ONE MAN. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR SEVERAL GENERAL VICE-PRESIDENTS, AND FOR A VICE-PRESIDENT OF EACH WORLD DIVISION, OF WHICH THERE ARE THIRTEEN. {TM 530.3}

PAGE 349. THE PRESENT ORDER OF THINGS MUST CHANGE:

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SEE HISTORICAL FOREWORD RELATING TO THE SITUATIONS IN BATTLE CREEK THAT ARE HERE REFERRED TO. {TM 530.4}

PAGE 359. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IS BECOMING CORRUPTED: SEE HISTORICAL FOREWORD FOR THE SETTING OF THIS AND OTHER STRONG STATEMENTS APPEARING IN THIS CHAPTER PENNED IN 1895. {TM 531.1}

PAGE 366. SPECIES OF SLAVERY: SEE HISTORICAL FOREWORD CONCERNING THE SITUATION AT BATTLE CREEK IN THE MIDDLE 1890'S. {TM 531.2}

PAGE 373. THE LORD ABOUT TO TURN AND OVERTURN IN INSTITUTIONS: AS EXPLAINED IN THE HISTORICAL FOREWORD, CERTAIN OF THE INSTITUTIONS IN BATTLE CREEK WERE BEING MANAGED BY MEN WHO HAD LOST THEIR CONSECRATION OF HEART. WARNING UPON WARNING WAS SENT, CALLING FOR A CHANGE IN THE POLICIES WHICH WERE BEING FOLLOWED. SOME ATTEMPTS WERE MADE BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS TO BRING ABOUT CHANGES, BUT THESE PROVED FUTILE. NOR WAS THERE A FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO MRS. WHITE'S APPEAL MADE AT THE TIME OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1901. NEAR THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR, MOST SOLEMN WARNINGS APPEARED IN A COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE MANAGERS OF THE REVIEW AND HERALD, WHICH WERE READ TO THE BOARD IN NOVEMBER, 1901. ELLEN WHITE WROTE: {TM 531.3}

"I FEEL A TERROR OF SOUL AS I SEE TO WHAT A PASS OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE HAS COME."--TESTIMONIES, VOL. 8, P. 91. {TM 531.4}

ON THE SAME PAGE SHE STATES: "I HAVE BEEN ALMOST AFRAID TO OPEN THE REVIEW, FEARING TO SEE THAT GOD HAS CLEANSSED THE PUBLISHING HOUSE BY FIRE." {TM 531.5}

THIRTEEN MONTHS LATER, DECEMBER 30, 1902, THE PUBLISHING HOUSE WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE. THE CAUSE WAS NEVER DETERMINED, BUT EYEWITNESSES REPORT THAT THE WHOLE BUILDING SEEMED TO BURST INTO FLAMES ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY. WHEN INFORMED OF THIS DISASTER, ELLEN WHITE WROTE: "I WAS NOT SURPRISED BY THE SAD NEWS, FOR IN THE VISIONS OF THE NIGHT I HAVE SEEN AN ANGEL STANDING WITH A SWORD AS

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OF FIRE STRETCHED OVER BATTLE CREEK."--TESTIMONIES, VOL. 8, P. 97. {TM 531.6}

PAGE 374. THE COUNSEL OF MEN AS THE VOICE OF GOD: SEE HISTORICAL FOREWORD FOR THE BACKGROUND OF THE SITUATION IN BATTLE CREEK IN THE MID-1890'S IN WHICH MEN WERE LOOKING TO MEN RATHER THAN TO GOD. {TM 532.1}

PAGE 397. THE HEART OF THE WORK ENFEEBLED BY MISMANAGEMENT: SEE HISTORICAL FOREWORD FOR BACKGROUND OF THE SITUATION HERE DESCRIBED. {TM 532.2}

PAGE 398. BICYCLES AND OTHER NEEDLESS THINGS: SEE APPENDIX NOTE FOR PAGE 83. {TM 532.3}

PAGE 400. DO NOT COLONIZE: THE INTERESTS AT BATTLE CREEK HAD DRAWN MANY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS TO THAT CENTER. ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS ELLEN WHITE COUNSELED THAT OUR PEOPLE SHOULD SCATTER OUT AND LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE. CONSISTENTLY THE COUNSEL HAS COME THROUGH THE YEARS, WARNING AGAINST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS' COLONIZING. AT THE SAME TIME SHE COUNSELED THOSE WHO WOULD LEAVE BATTLE CREEK TO GUARD AGAINST PRECIPITOUS MOVEMENTS. SEE THESE COUNSELS IN SELECTED MESSAGES, BOOK 2, PAGES 361-364. {TM 532.4}

PAGE 401. MINISTERIAL INSTITUTES: SEE APPENDIX NOTE FOR PAGE 160. {TM 532.5}

PAGE 427. FORNICATION IS IN OUR RANKS: ELLEN WHITE'S WORDS ON PAGE 404 ARE SIGNIFICANT. "ALL SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT SATAN'S SPECIAL EFFORTS ARE DIRECTED AGAINST THE MINISTRY." UNFORTUNATELY SOME BETRAYED THEIR TRUST. THE SOLEMN MESSAGES FOUND IN THIS SECTION HAVE SERVED THROUGH THE YEARS AS A WARNING. STRINGENT POLICIES NOW IN FORCE, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR A MINISTER ONCE FOUND GUILTY OF A VIOLATION OF THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT EVER AGAIN TO BEAR THE SACRED CREDENTIALS, HAVE BEEN AN EFFECTIVE MEANS IN MEETING THE SITUATION HERE BROUGHT BEFORE THE CHURCH LEADERS BY ELLEN WHITE.

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{TM 532.6}

PAGE 460. VISION AT SALAMANCA: SEE LIFE SKETCHES, PAGES 309-318, FOR THE STORY OF THE VISION GIVEN AT SALAMANCA AND OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE INSTRUCTION GIVEN IN THIS VISION. {TM 533.1}

PAGE 462. REFERENCES TO CONSOLIDATION AND CONFEDERATION: SEE HISTORICAL FOREWORD FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE STEPS WHICH WERE TAKEN, BEGINNING IN 1889, TO CONSOLIDATE THE PUBLISHING AND OTHER INTERESTS OF THE DENOMINATION. {TM 533.2}

PAGE 467. PREJUDICE AND OPINIONS THAT PREVAILED AT MINNEAPOLIS: SEE HISTORICAL FOREWORD FOR THE BACKGROUNDS OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE OF 1888. {TM 533.3}

PAGE 468. SLIGHTED, SPOKEN AGAINST, RIDICULED, AND REJECTED: REFERENCE IS HERE MADE TO THE ATTITUDE WHICH SOME TOOK IN RESISTANCE TO THE EMPHASIS GIVEN TO THE MESSAGE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH AT AND FOLLOWING THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1888. SEE HISTORICAL FOREWORD FOR A FULLER STATEMENT INDICATING THAT WHILE SOME TOOK THE ATTITUDE HERE REFERRED TO THERE WERE MANY WHO RECEIVED THE MESSAGE AND GAINED A GREAT BLESSING IN THEIR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. {TM 533.4}

PAGE 469. "AMERICAN SENTINEL": THIS JOURNAL PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE PACIFIC PRESS WAS DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY. IT WAS THE FORERUNNER OF LIBERTY MAGAZINE. {TM 533.5}

PAGE 472. SNARES OF SATAN: AS INDICATED IN THE CREDIT, THIS CHAPTER WAS PUBLISHED ORIGINALLY IN THE YEAR 1884 IN THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, VOLUME IV. THIS WAS A VOLUME WRITTEN FOR THE CHURCH. AS ELLEN WHITE PLANNED FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE STORY THAT WE NOW KNOW AS THE "CONFLICT OF THE AGES" SERIES, WHICH COULD BE CIRCULATED GENERALLY, SHE CHOSE TO LEAVE OUT OF THE ENLARGED GREAT CONTROVERSY, PUBLISHED IN 1888, SOME PORTIONS WRITTEN PARTICULARLY FOR THE CHURCH. SHE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WERE SOME

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THINGS WHICH COULD BE SAID APPROPRIATELY TO THE CHURCH THAT WERE NOT AS APPROPRIATE FOR THOSE WHO WERE NOT CHURCH MEMBERS. {TM 533.6}

PAGE 475. SOMEBODY IS TO COME IN THE SPIRIT AND POWER OF ELIJAH: THESE WORDS HAVE BEEN MISTAKENLY APPLIED BY SOME TO SOME INDIVIDUAL WHO IT WAS THOUGHT WOULD APPEAR WITH A PROPHETIC MESSAGE SUBSEQUENT TO MRS. WHITE'S LIFE AND WORK. THE THREE PARAGRAPHS COMPRISING THIS ARTICLE TITLED "LET HEAVEN GUIDE" ARE ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF A TALK GIVEN BY ELLEN WHITE IN BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, THE MORNING OF JANUARY 29, 1890. AS THIS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE REVIEW AND HERALD OF FEBRUARY 18, 1890, IT CARRIED THE TITLE OF "HOW TO MEET A CONTROVERTED POINT OF DOCTRINE." OTHER EXCERPTS DRAWN FROM THIS ARTICLE AND USED LARGELY TO FILL OUT CERTAIN PAGES OF THIS VOLUME, MAY BE FOUND ON PAGES 23, 104, 111, 119, 158, 278, AND 386. THE ARTICLE HAS BEEN REPRODUCED IN ITS ENTIRETY IN SELECTED

MESSAGES, BOOK 1, PAGES 406-416, WITH THE PORTION COMPRISING THE EXCERPT ENTITLED "LET HEAVEN GUIDE" APPEARING ON PAGES 412 AND 413. WHEN THE ARTICLE IS READ IN ITS ENTIRETY IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT ELLEN WHITE, IN THIS STATEMENT MADE JUST A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER THE MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE TO A GROUP IN BATTLE CREEK, WAS SPEAKING OF HER OWN MINISTRY. SOME HAD GROWN CRITICAL OF HER WORK. NOTE THAT IN THE PARAGRAPH PRECEDING THAT WHICH APPEARS IN THIS VOLUME ON PAGE 475, ELLEN WHITE STATES: {TM 534.1}

"WE SHOULD COME INTO A POSITION WHERE EVERY DIFFERENCE WILL BE MELTED AWAY. IF I THINK I HAVE LIGHT, I SHALL DO MY DUTY IN PRESENTING IT. SUPPOSE I CONSULTED OTHERS CONCERNING THE MESSAGE THE LORD WOULD HAVE ME GIVE TO THE PEOPLE, THE DOOR MIGHT BE CLOSED SO THAT THE LIGHT MIGHT NOT REACH THE ONES TO WHOM GOD HAD SENT IT. WHEN JESUS RODE INTO JERUSALEM, `THE WHOLE MULTITUDE OF THE DISCIPLES BEGAN TO REJOICE AND PRAISE GOD WITH A LOUD VOICE FOR ALL THE MIGHTY WORKS THAT THEY HAD SEEN; SAYING, BLESSED BE THE KING THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD: PEACE

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IN HEAVEN, AND GLORY IN THE HIGHEST. AND SOME OF THE PHARISEES FROM AMONG THE MULTITUDE SAID UNTO HIM, MASTER, REBUKE THY DISCIPLES. AND HE ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO THEM, I TELL YOU THAT, IF THESE SHOULD HOLD THEIR PEACE, THE STONES WOULD IMMEDIATELY CRY OUT' (LUKE 19:37-40). {TM 534.2}

"THE JEWS TRIED TO STOP THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MESSAGE THAT HAD BEEN PREDICTED IN THE WORD OF GOD." {TM 535.1}

THEN SHE MAKES REFERENCE AGAIN TO HER OWN EXPERIENCE: {TM 535.2}

"PROPHECY MUST BE FULFILLED. THE LORD SAYS, `BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD' (MALACHI 4:5). SOMEBODY IS TO COME IN THE SPIRIT AND POWER OF ELIJAH, AND WHEN HE APPEARS, MEN MAY SAY, `YOU ARE TOO EARNEST, YOU DO NOT INTERPRET THE SCRIPTURES IN THE PROPER WAY.'"-- SELECTED MESSAGES, B. 1, P. 412. {TM 535.3}

THAT SHE WAS REFERRING TO HER OWN EXPERIENCE IS ALSO MADE CLEAR FROM THE PARAGRAPH WHICH FOLLOWS, IN WHICH SHE DECLARES: {TM 535.4}

"I SHALL TELL THE TRUTH AS GOD GIVES IT TO ME. . . ." {TM 535.5}