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Elder A. G. Daniells,

Sanitarium, Cal.

Dear Brother:

We are just getting out copies of LIBERTY to-day, and I am sending one to you under separate cover. Just as I was making up this magazine, Brother Colcord brought in the article giving the steps which have been taken to secure religious legislation in this country, and this seemed very suitable to accompany the articles by Brother Snow and Brother Thompson. I, therefore, had it set and made it in; but this with the length of other articles crowded out considerable matter that I had expected to use. I was obliged to throw out Brother Evans' article entirely, and to drop out our usual page of "News and Notes," and put your article in this place as an added page in the Temperance Department. I make this explanation so that you may understand why Brother Evans' article does not appear, and why yours was put so far over in the magazine.

Those who have seen this number seem to think that it will sell well, and some here have spoken of making an effort to dispose of a quantity of this issue.

Brother Spicer arrived about midnight Friday night, and

very much regretted that you had left before he arrived. He makes quite an encouraging report of his experiences, but especially wished to talk with you about some things in California before you left. He tells me that he urged Brother White and his workers to take up at once the revision of "Great Controversy," for the purpose of giving due credit to all quotations given from other authors. He thought that they regarded his suggestion favorably, but of course that is a long way from doing the work. Perhaps you will talk this matter over further with Brother White.

I find it rather difficult to make a statement concerning the publication of the series of books which are to serve as biographies of Brother and Sister White, and of the amount of royalty which should be paid. Upon looking up the correspondence, I find that in his letter of May 24, 1903, written to Brother Curtiss, (I hope you will ask Brother White to let you read this whole letter) Brother White states that they have decided to ask "for simply justice in the matter of royalties on her books," and then he states that if these books are published "We will ask nothing more from Review and Herald regarding them than we have asked and received from Pacific Press in the Testimonies of the Church, Vol. 7,8." He then states what that arrangement was, as you will see by reading the letter.

Now this whole matter has never been before our Board for consideration, and I do not know what attitude they would take in regard to it. If Brother White has settled the matter in his own mind, I suppose it is unnecessary for us to take up the question further. But you are a member of our Board, and can talk over the whole matter with him.

Personally, I see no sound reason why the Review and Herald should be asked to contribute an additional royalty in order to pay Sister White's obligations, but as I have said to you before, I would rather consent to this plan than to agree to public campaign of some kind for the same purpose. If Brother White, however, maintains the same attitude and spirit which is shown in his letter of May 24, I should doubt very much if we should be able to make any special arrangement. Very likely much will depend concerning this matter, as also concerning the question of royalty on "Great Controversy," upon your personal interview with him. You have the facts concerning "Great Controversy," and will be able to take up the matter understandingly.

I hope the whole question can be settled without further friction.

I thought when you left that I could make a definite proposition concerning this new series of books, but on looking up Brother White's letter, I find that he has taken the matter out of our hands, and has decided what shall be done. Under these circumstances it does not seem advisable for me to attempt to submit any proposition, but you can talk the matter over freely with him.

I have sometimes thought that I would write at considerable length to Brother White about this matter, and some of the statements which he makes in this letter of May 24 (page 3) concerning my attitude, but any effort to adjust these things by correspondence seems practically hopeless to me, and so I have let the matter pass. I hope you will be able to get things straight.

I should be glad to hear something of the result of your visit if you have time to write.

With kind regards.

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Yours faithfully,

W. W. Prescott