

W. W. Prescott

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Dear sister White,--

I went to the railway station this morning to see Brother and Sister Loughborough off for Liverpool and Ireland, where he will spend about a month, and he told me that he had just received a letter from Battle Creek, stating that the next General Conference was to be held there, and that you were expected to attend. The letter was not from one of the general Conference Committee, but from one of the brethren in the General Conference office, and I am still somewhat in doubt whether the matter is positively settled or whether they have simply invited you to attend, and are hoping that you will do so. In any case I thought it would do no harm to write you, and to suggest that if you were expecting to return to America, we should appreciate it very much if you should plan to go via England, and spend a little time with us here on the way. Our annual conference and general meeting will be held August 3--13, and we expect it to be the largest and best gathering of the kind that we have yet held. Brother Loughborough will be attending the meeting in Switzerland at that time, and so far as we know, we are not likely to have any help outside of our own workers. I know that if you do return to America, you are likely to be kept there for some time, and it may be the only opportunity we should have of a visit from you if you should spend a little time here on the way.

I was much pleased to receive your last letter, and noted with interest that you said in it that you often felt like coming to London to assist in the great work which ought to be done here. Since hearing this report that you were likely to return to America during the next year, it has occurred to me that possibly your mind had been led out with reference to the work here, and I wish to assure you that we should be very

glad indeed if you could come to our help. The outlook for the work the coming season is, I think, quite favorably. We already have one tent sixty-by-ninety feet, which can be pitched as a sixty-foot round tent, and another tent fifty-by-thirty, both of which were purchased and used last year. We have now ordered two more tents, each forty-by-sixty feet, and are planning to have four tent companies in the field during the whole season. Two good churches were raised up as the result of the two tent efforts last year, and I know of no reason why each of the four efforts the coming summer should not result in the same way. If we could announce to our people that you would attend our annual meeting in August, I am sure there would be a very general attendance from all the churches. I know it would be very short notice for you to get here in time, and yet if you have been thinking of the matter at all, it may be that you will be quite prepared to come. Although I am not very fully acquainted with the situation in America, yet it seems to me that your presence and counsel at the next General Conference are almost a necessity in order to save the cause from very great trouble. I have been quite content to go forward with the work here without trying to learn in any particular way concerning the difficulties in America, but things come to me from different sources which indicate to me that the general situation is a critical one, and I have not seen much prospect of its changing for the better. I should hope, if you were to come, that the Lord would use your testimony to put things upon a better basis, and that fresh hope and courage would be inspired for the future.

I do not know that I need to add anything further. If it is the Lord's will that you should visit us here, I think you will see the way clear to do so without any special urging from me. If it should be that you can attend our general meeting in August, I will ask you to have Brother W. C. White cable me at once to that effect, so that I can make

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due announcement to our people. If you can not come, it will not be necessary to send any cable, as I should not dare to announce your visit unless I had the most positive assurance that you would be here.

We are in usual health, and are busy with our plans for the advancement of the work. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, with kind regards to all the members of your family,

Yours in Christian love,

*W. W. Prescott.*

Dictated.