

W. H. Prescott

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Mrs. Ellen G. White

C/o Echo Office.

Dear Sister White:-- I send you herewith copy of a report which I am sending to all our schools in this country as well as to So. Africa and Australia. I thought you would be interested to know of these things. The arrival of the Testimony seemed very providential just at that time, and being received as it was, had a marked effect. My own nephew was one of the young men referred to in the report; and you can of course appreciate how it rejoices our hearts to have him take this step. His father, you may know, was formerly a believer in the truth, but of late years has given up everything and is an avowed infidel.

I received yesterday the article with reference to the work in Michigan, and the note accompanying it. I shall try to make such use of the matter as will further the interests of the work.

I know you will be glad to learn that we are about to begin work in this city. I have felt deeply impressed in this direction, and did not feel free until I had conferred with Eld. Olsen about the matter. We called together several of the brethren, and all were in favor of such a move. About what seems to be a remarkable providence, we have been freely granted the privilege of renting one of the churches located right in the center of the city on Main St. for use whenever it is not occupied by the Society. Our plan of work covers a period of about three months, beginning next Sunday evening. The brethren have asked me to take charge of the work, and I have decided to conduct it as a series of gospel meetings, in which the first effort will be to bring the gospel as the power of God to the people that souls may be really converted to God; then we shall seek to instruct them in all the truth. It seems quite remarkable that we should have such an opening, and especially that we should be able to secure the use of the church for two or three Sunday evenings at the beginning of the work. After that we hope to have sufficient interest so that the people will come to the Tabernacle Sunday evenings. We are making this subject a matter of earnest prayer that God's power may be displayed and a work wrought here such as has never been known in this city.

Our offerings this year, the week of prayer, amounted to \$1000.00, nearly double the usual amount. From every direction we hear reports indicating that God is working in a special manner for his people. We are taking fresh courage, and are praying daily for rain in the time of the latter rain.

We should be very glad of your presence and counsel during the General Conference, but so far as we have learned yet, there seems to be no hope of this. We are looking forward to the occasion with deep interest, confident that special blessings will be bestowed upon us at this time.

I am glad to hear from Bro. Benson of the prosperity of the school work, and shall write him particularly about it. We send you by this mail a picture of our little boy. With much Christian love in which Mrs. Prescott joins me. I remain