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Dear Sister White:

I received by the last mail the article which you sent with reference to teachers and their work, and I assure you that it was very timely indeed. At the first devotional meeting of the faculty after receiving it, I read it to all the teachers, and I know it took a deep hold upon some of them.

I know that you have enough to burden your mind concerning the work in Australia, and so I will not enter into details concerning some of our experiences here, but to show you how timely the testimony was, I will merely say that during the past term we had one of the most unpleasant experiences in the school that we have had since I have been connected with the work. There was not with all the workers that spirit of unity and devotion which ought to characterize the teachers, and of course this naturally spread among the students and brought about a very unpleasant state of things. It seemed more like the old spirit which came in years ago and resulted in the closing of the college, than anything I have known of since I have been here. I have been greatly disappointed in the result of the year's work. Everything promised well at the beginning of the year, and a new power seemed to be present in the school, but it seemed to me that the opportunities offered were not properly improved, and, although we had two or three very marked experiences, with special evidences of God's willingness to bless in the work, yet the results were far from what they ought to have been.

I feel a deep degree of interest concerning the future of the work here, and shall labor earnestly to have a different order of things next year.

I have made copies of this last article and sent one to the head of each school in this country and abroad. I shall also use a considerable portion of it in the forthcoming book on education.

Since I wrote you before, I have made quite an extended trip south and west, visiting the different schools and planning for the educational work. The outlook in general seems very encouraging, and I think they have had better results of their work in some other places than we have had here. Last week I was at Mount Vernon, Ohio, to suggest such changes in the Sanitarium building as are necessary for its use as a school building. There seems to be a good feeling among the brethren in Ohio over this change, and I believe it will be decidedly in the interests of the work.

The summer council of the General Conference Committee opens today, but I think only a short session will be necessary.

Mrs. Prescott was called home three weeks ago by the sudden death of her father. It seemed impracticable for me to accompany her, as it was just at the close of the school year, and many matters required my personal attention; so I arranged for my brother in law to go with her, and I shall join her next week.

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I shall be able to spend only three or four weeks in New England as I must return early in August to attend the camp meetings. I enclose a programme of our commencement exercises, in which you may be interested. A good proportion of the graduating class will either engage directly in the work next year, or in study preparatory to some special line of work. I, perhaps, ought to say that in spite of the fact that I have been disappointed concerning the year's work, yet it is true that such as have held firm to their christian experience, under these somewhat unfavorable circumstances, have shown a marked growth. I have sometimes thought that we had come to the time when there would be a separation apparent, and those who held firmly to their christian experience would go forward more rapidly, while those who had no real stability, would quickly fall out.

We are greatly interested in the work in the Australian field, and feel that your going there was in the providence of God, but we shall be glad to see you again in this country when you feel that your duty there is done.

I know you have a great amount of writing in connection with your other work, and so cannot expect any regular correspondence, but should be glad to hear from you whenever you find time to write.

Praying for the blessing of God upon you in all your labors, I remain,

Yours in christian love,

W. H. Prescott.

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