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Permanent Address:

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Just now at 250 Lafayette Avenue, Passaic, N. J., U. S. A.

Dear Sister White:-

I have felt for some weeks as though I would like to write you but I have been extremely busy in closing up my work here in America and getting ready to return to England. We left Battle Creek last week and I have had a little opportunity while here to attend to some neglected correspondence and to close up some business affairs as well. Mrs. Prescott and Lewis are visiting her relatives in New Hampshire, but will return tomorrow and we shall sail for England next Wednesday.

I know that you are deeply interested in the Conference and its results, but I suppose that you will have learned from the Bulletin, and from other correspondence before this reaches you, more than I could possibly tell you, and so it will be of little use for me to try to enter into details. I think that all present felt that in many ways it was the best Conference which we have ever held, and yet I am sure that it might have been much better if all had been prepared to receive what the Lord was plainly ready to bestow. The attitude of the Conference toward the fields outside of America was quite hopeful, and if no backward steps are taken it seems as if more would be done during the coming two years to extend the message in other fields than has been done in the same time in the past.

The Lord seemed to open the way for some good help to be sent to England and for this I am thankful. Three workers (Dr. Kress, Mrs. Dr. Kress, and W. E. Cornell) will sail with us next week, and a month later six others with their families will come. We are planning to hold a general council meeting of all the workers, old and new, just as soon as the second party arrives and we think this meeting will have a marked influence upon our work for the coming season. I have had the privilege of seeing some of the instruction which you have sent to the brethren in America dealing with plans and methods of work and I am sure that it will of much help to us in our field. We have ordered a tent 60 by 90 feet which we propose to use in the large cities, as well as for our annual Conference, and by uniting medical missionary work and gospel work for all classes, we hope to see many brought to a full knowledge of the truth.

Bro. Waggoner showed me the letter which he received from you last November in which you invited him to come to Australia, and since that time I have more than half expected that he would go. This feeling seemed to grow upon him and when your second letter was received at the Conference, just as we were considering the work in Australia and raising some money to assist in the work there, he seemed to be decided that he ought to go and the Conference approved of his decision. Of course I feel very sorry to have his

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save the work in England, and it seems to us as though there could hardly be a more needy field than we have there, with so many people and so few workers, but after reading your recent testimonies about the work in Australia and what the Lord intended should be accomplished there, I have felt like doing nothing which would hinder the work there, and so I have told Bro. Waggoner to be free to follow his own convictions of duty in the matter. I am sure that his testimony will do good in Australia and we shall do the best we can in his absence from England, hoping that the Lord may send him back to us when his work there is completed.

You will be glad to learn that the circulation of our paper, The Present Truth, is rapidly increasing, the last report placing it at 15,900, which is 5000 more than it was last Spring. For this we are thankful and shall try to keep the list growing. This paper is our chiefest agency for the spread of the truth in ~~MMMMMM~~ England, and Bro. Waggoner has done more than any other one to make the paper what it is. For this reason we feel and he feels that he ought to continue to write for it, even after he goes to Australia, although this makes almost double work for him. But if he should not do this, I fear that the paper would greatly suffer as the result. If he should feel clear to remain with us until after our next annual conference, it would be a great help to us in our work. Bro. Loughborough is expecting to go over ~~at~~ that time to remain as the Lord may lead him, and so after that we shall have the benefit of his counsel and labour.

Since coming to America this time I have received a letter from Bro. J. J. Wessels of South Africa, in which he states that he has felt as though it might be his duty to come to England next year and to assist us in starting a Sanitarium there. His brother Francis, who is now studying medicine in London, wishes to join him in this enterprise. I have often thought that he could be of great help to us in this way, but I have never felt free to write him about the matter because I knew that he had received an invitation ~~to~~ from you to come to Australia. In writing to him since I have received this offer from him I have told him that if the Lord ^{led} him to England we would give him a hearty welcome and would try to co-operate with him as far as possible, but that I wanted him to go where he could do the most good with his money. Thus I have left the whole question for him to decide.

I think this is my fourth letter to you since I have heard from you. I know that you have much writing to do, but I should be glad of even a short letter, and also of any instruction which you send out, which you think would be profitable for our work in England.

With kind regards to your family and all the friends, I remain,

Yours in Christian love,

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