

W. W. Prescott

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Mrs. Ellen G. White,

Clyde Cottage, Ascot Vale, Adelaide, So. Australia.

Dear Sister White:--

We were very glad to receive your letter of Sept. 25th. I had thought of you several times during the month, and perhaps half hoped that I might hear from you, although I knew that I had given you no reason for writing, as it is true that I had not written you a line since you left this country. I had sometimes thought of writing you at considerable length to lay before you some things in connection with the work, but then it would occur to me that you were already heavily burdened with the work in Australia, and that your health was poor, and that it would be almost an imposition to add anything more to your cares.

It is pleasant to know that you think of us, and I am sure we should enjoy stepping in to see you, as we sometimes did when you were here.

You were thoughtful enough to inquire about that baby; and I am glad to report that he is a nice, strong boy. Within a week he has begun to go alone, and now trots around our rooms at will. He is of course much cared for, but has also brought much happiness to us. Mrs. Prescott thinks that she will send you his picture, as she has just had some taken.

I have been glad to receive so favorable reports about the school work in Australia. I have hardly felt able to be of much help in the plans, as the circumstances are so different from what they are in this country, and have therefore only made suggestions of the most general nature. With such counselors as Bro. Rousseau has had right with him, it has hardly seemed necessary for me to do more than I have done.

With reference to our work here, I can say that there are many encouraging features, and we are hopeful for good results. You can readily understand that there are some things which we would be glad to have different, and it seems that there is a painful lack of that zeal and earnestness and that consecration to the work which the times and the work demand. But we try not to get discouraged, but to labor on with such strength as we have, hoping that something will happen soon to give a more favorable turn to the work.

I have read with much interest and profit the instruction which you have sent from time to time, and have tried to get the most benefit possible from it. I am glad of the suggestions and counsel which you give in your letter and shall try, by careful study of the instruction given, to make it of practical value in my own work. I have thought, of late especially, of the importance of rousing everyone who could do anything to zeal and earnestness in the work. These are times of thrilling interest, and with such solemn events just before us, it certainly seems that there rests upon every one who has received the light of truth the strongest possible obligation to give that light everywhere.

Mrs. E. G. W. 2.

We are looking forward with great interest, and perhaps with some anxiety, to the next General Conference. We earnestly hope that there will be at that time such an outpouring of the Spirit and such a baptism of the power of God that those who go out from that meeting to carry the message will be indeed clothed with power. It seems as though the effect will be to widen the separation between mere professors of the truth and those who really desire to carry the message with power.

We have at times indulged the hope that you might feel it duty to return by that time, but it seems from present plans that we can hardly look for this. We believe, however, that the Lord will send such instruction as we may need, and we pray for wisdom that such plans may be laid as can be approved of God and result in the more rapid advancement of the work.

You may be sure that we should be glad to hear from you at any time, and are deeply interested in all the plans for the work in the field in which you are now laboring. We both send much love, and shall be glad to welcome you back home when you feel that your work in Australia is done.

Yours very truly,

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