

Battle Creek, Mich., November 8th, 1893.

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Mrs. Ellen G. White,
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Dear Sister White:

Since writing to you by the last mail, I have received the two testimonies for the college which were sent to Brother C. H. Jones, and, later, a copy of your letters to the Caro boys, and the missing page from one of your letters to me.

In accordance with Sister Campbell's request, I send you here-with a type written copy of your letter to me, which came in your own handwriting.

The two testimonies from Brother Jones reached me one Sunday, and on my first reading of them, there seemed to be nothing but the severest rebuke, but the more I read and read them, and prayed over them, the more encouragement I found in them, and by the next Friday night, when we held our regular devotional meeting of the faculty, I had received already much help from them. I read them to the teachers, all the teachers and helpers being present, with the earnest prayer that the Lord would use them to accomplish just what he knew ought to be accomplished. The Spirit of God came into the meeting, and the reproof had a very marked effect. We appointed special meetings to consider these matters, and received much blessing in submitting our ways to the Lord's reproof, and good results followed immediately. One of the most marked cases is that of Professor Barnes. He has taken a very decided stand with us, and the change in him is remarkable; he is enjoying a genuine Christian experience, and feels more drawn to our work than he has ever been before. He has a desire now to give up his connection with the outside world, and devote his whole time and ability to our own work, and I think the experience which the Lord has given him will prepare him for this, so that we can give much more time to the study of music and the proper cultivation of the voice, and that too, on a proper basis. While we as a faculty were seeking the Lord, the same spirit took hold of the students, and without any special meetings, but simply on the plain statement of the fact that we had received plain rebuke to which we would endeavor to give earnest heed, the Spirit of the Lord came into our meeting, and five or six at once made a start in Christian life. Next Sabbath there will be fifteen or more students baptized. Among them is Mr. W. J. Bruce with whose past history you are perhaps quite well acquainted. He had practically decided to return home, and had written to his father for money. The money came, with his father's permission to return, but some of us felt a special burden to help him, and after many talks with him he decided to remain, and since that he has, I think, experienced a genuine conversion. It has made a marked change in him.

Some things that are said in the testimony concerning the diet question have puzzled us a good deal, but we are trying to do as there instructed: "Study up on these subjects." There has been a very decided change for the better since last year, and we shall do all we can to put matters on a proper basis. I have been trying personally to give more attention to the care of my health, especially in the

ter of diet and exercise, and I have already begun to realize the benefits of so doing. For the last two months I have carried more work than ever before, and yet I am getting on very well. Of course I am sometimes extremely tired, but then try to take extra rest, and am feeling as well now as I have before for some time, and much better than usual under such a pressure of work. During the last two or three weeks I have given special study to the principles underlying our educational work, as found in Christian Education, and those testimonies which have come since that time, and am fully convinced that we are far from conducting the work as it ought to be done. The frequent references to the schools of the prophets have drawn my mind to a study of those schools and the plans followed in them. As a result, of this study I have become fully convinced that there ought to be radical changes in our plans of work, and that some of the subjects which have been occupying a prominent place and taken much time, ought to be either omitted entirely, or relegated to a secondary place. With much prayer for wisdom and guidance, I have brought these matters to the attention of the teachers at special meetings which we have held during the past two weeks. This has resulted in developing quite a spirit of opposition on the part of a few, and at present I do not know just how it will turn. There are some who have a fear that the plans which I suggest will result in narrowing down our educational work, and that students will not be able to receive at our schools "a liberal education". You can readily understand that this opposition comes from those who have obtained their education in other colleges, conducted after the worldly plan. I do not know just how it will turn at present, but I hope the Lord will so overrule that good may come. I am now fully convinced that we must employ as teachers in our schools only those who have such an experience in the things of God, and such a knowledge of his work for this time, that they will be prepared to lead out in all these lines. Unless the Lord by his Spirit works powerfully for some of those who are now connected with the work, it seems inevitable to me that they must soon be separated from it.

I expect that some definite conclusion in these matters will be reached soon, and I shall probably be able to write you by the next boat of what has been done.

You will be interested to know that the recent positive statements concerning the question of moving out of Battle Creek have had a decided effect upon the people. We have had several meetings over this question, and I think there are between one hundred and two hundred who are planning to leave just as soon as possible. We have organized these persons into a class, which meets three evenings each week for special instruction, with a purpose to prepare them, as far as possible to do the most good wherever they may go. Some who have the means with which to pay the necessary expenses, are thinking of leaving this country, to go to the islands of the Pacific, or to New Zealand and Australia, many others will go to different portions of this country, and some will not have sufficient means to go out of Michigan, but will move to some place where there is a struggling church needing help. I can hardly understand how any one should care to stay here who is not kept here by actual duty. I feel sure that, when my work is done here, I should be very willing to respond to a

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call to labor elsewhere.

Brethren Corliss and Colcord will go to Australia on the same boat which carries this letter, and I hope they will be able to render much valuable help in the work there. They can tell you much more about the situation in this country than I could possibly write, and with what you gather from the Review, and what they tell you, you will have a pretty good idea of the situation here. Bro. Olsen will, I suppose, be with you before this letter arrives, and I know you will be glad to see him, and to talk with him concerning the work.

I shall be glad to hear from you again as opportunity offers, and to receive such counsel or reproof as our work demands.

We are all usually well and of good courage.

With kind regards to all the friends, I remain,

Yours in Christian love,

H. H. Prescott

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