

Union College, Kenilworth, Near Cape Town, South Africa,
October 8th, 1896.

Mrs. E. G. White,
Cooranbong, New South Wales,

W. W. Prescott

Dear Sister White:-

The last mail from Australia brought your letter to us, with copies of letters sent to various other persons, all of which has been read with much interest. It is very kind of you to remember us with copies of all this matter and I am trying to gain from it all the benefit possible.

I wish I had more time to write you before the next mail leaves but I am kept very busy, using all my strength from day to day. Since Elder Mackell left the burden of the work has fallen more heavily upon me and the meetings which we are conducting in town have rested with much weight upon me. I will send you some printed matter in a separate enclosure which will indicate something concerning the work which we are trying to do. We print eight or nine thousand of the outlines of each address and the workers carry them to the homes of the people. We also insert reports in the daily papers. Our audiences have run from three hundred to five hundred and there has seemed to be a genuine interest. Last Sunday afternoon we held our first Bible reading service with opportunity for asking questions. There was a good attendance and the Lord was present by his spirit. All were deeply impressed and there was a decided expression of opinion in favor of having another meeting of the same kind next Sunday afternoon. One man who was formerly a sabbath-keeper but had gone entirely back, decided at that meeting to take hold again. Many testified to a special blessing. For all this we are exceedingly thankful and give all the praise to God who has wrought for us. We are earnestly seeking him day by day for greater blessings and for a genuine outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I think this work is proving to be the best part of the Bible School, as the workers are gaining a new experience in trying to labor for others. We have had some good seasons in our Bible study and now they are having an opportunity to carry to others what they have themselves received. We meet every forenoon for two hours of Bible study, prayer and testimony, and then they are among the people during the afternoon. There is a great stir here just now on account of the approach of the rinderpest and there is quite an agitation over the food question. We devote our meeting next Thursday evening to the consideration of this question, shall make a display of health foods in the hall, and shall form cooking classes for instruction during the weeks to come, if there is an interest developed which will warrant it. I can see more clearly than ever before how this health question will come to the front and the relation it will sustain to our message for the preparation of a people for translation. A day of fasting and prayer has been proclaimed by this government i:

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view of the threatened plague and this has called out considerable discussion in the papers. We are praying that the Lord will give us wisdom that we may know how to take advantage of all these circumstances for the advancement of the truth.

I suppose you are now in the midst of the Adelaide camp-meeting and I should greatly enjoy being with you, ^{although} but ~~am~~ this cannot be I can pray for the success of the work and I believe that the Lord will bless. I suppose that Eld. Haskell has nearly reached Australia by this time and will soon be at the meeting. I shall be anxious to hear about the work and its results.

I had a long letter from Eld. Olsen this last week and I can see that he is carrying a very heavy burden which is almost crushing him. I feel very sorry for him. The finances are in a very bad way and they seem to be having all they can do to keep out of the most serious difficulty. I look forward to the next General Conference with much anxiety. Are we coming up to a second Minneapolis? There is certainly a crisis just ahead of us and I can only pray earnestly that the Lord will give me the needed grace and wisdom that I may know how to relate myself to it. The Lord has given me a special blessing in my personal experience here for which I am very thankful. I came here with considerable apprehension, fearing lest I should not be able to do what ought to be done but the Lord has wrought for us in a special manner and I am of good courage. There are yet many perplexities to be met but the blessing which the Lord is giving will be the means of helping us out of these difficulties as nothing else could do. I am trusting in the Lord to work here still to his own glory and looking to him daily for his guidance. I praise him constantly for his goodness to us all.

I thank you for what you wrote about my future work. I have committed it all to the Lord and shall leave it with him. My confidence is that he will guide in all these things. Wherever he wants me to be is the place where I want to be and I shall depend upon him for all needed grace. Thus I go forward, not knowing what will come out trusting it all to him who does know. I have received much help about the proper management of the work from what you have written and I shall put whatever influence I may have on the sides of these plans when the time comes for action.

My niece left us last week for London and we shall follow in a little over three weeks now. When this reaches you we shall probably be on the way. If I can get time to write more before the mail leaves I will add some other things, but I must stop now to prepare for the meeting this evening.

I shall hope to hear from you at London and then regularly in America. Remember us to all the friends.

Yours in Christian love,

Please read this to the
others, including Eld. Haskell.
I cannot get time to write them

W. H. Prescott