

September 1st, 1898.

Dear Sister White:-

I will add a few words to my letter before mailing it. The regular mail boat from Australia brought yesterday another letter from you, enclosing a copy of your letter to Philip Wessels. I am glad you have written him and I shall try to do all I can to help him before I leave. His wife is still faithful to the truth and he does not oppose her but does not wish to talk about religion in any way, and yet I am told that he will sit and cry when one of your letters ~~was~~ has been read to the family. I earnestly hope that he may yet be brought back to the truth but he is now very much entangled in his business and it would mean more than ever for him to break away from his present associations. For a time he lost a good deal of money and got into rather a tight place but I understand that he is doing well financially now.

You will see from my letter that I have no idea of remaining in this field but that I am planning to go home to be in America for a time before the next General Conference. I do not know where Eld. Haskell got the idea that I intended to stay here eighteen months, unless it was because I said that personally I would like to do so, but ever since you advised me in Australia that I should leave that field so as to have five or six months here and still be home before the Conference I have had no idea of doing to the contrary. The only question with me since I have been here has been whether I should leave here Dec. 1st or whether I ought to go Nov. 1st, and I have now definitely decided to go Nov. 1st and have engaged passage for that date.

I see that you are quite sure that neither you nor W. C. W. will attend the Conference. Of course I would not have either of you go if that is not best but I should personally be very glad if you could both be there in harmony with the providence of God. Of course you must know that I dread what will have to be met there but I shall go forward trusting in the Lord to give the needed grace and wisdom. I know that we shall have your prayers.

The reason for the ~~unhappy~~ delay in writing to you was on account of my absence making that visit through the colonies. I shall try to be prompt in replying to any of your letters which are always very welcome.

W. W. P.