

Battle Creek, Mich., September 7th, 1893.

Mrs. E. G. White,  
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W. H. Prescott

Dear Sister White:

I have just received a note from Sister Emily Campbell, dated August 10th, enclosing article dated August first with reference to the work in Australia.

My mind is greatly exercised by what you write, and I hardly know what my duty is in the matter. I shall bring this article before the Foreign Mission Board, and before the Battle Creek Church Committee, and if it is thought advisable by them, I shall present at least a portion of it to the church. I have of late felt more deeply than ever how slow we are to appreciate the needs of the work in other fields. And as I have recalled the fact that this message is to go just as thoroughly to other countries as to the United States, I have felt that we must change our plan of work. I have personally felt a more earnest desire of late than ever before to go out with the message., And it has seemed to me that unless our school this year can improve over its record of last year and can more nearly meet the purpose of God in its establishment, ~~that~~ I should almost feel it my duty to leave this place and go where I could be the means in the hands of God of bringing light and truth to those who are now in darkness. In the mean time, so long as my duty seems to be here, I shall try to do all I can in shaping plans in this direction. I certainly regret that we have used any means in building up the work here, which ought to have gone to other fields. I have no desire to build up any local work, and only wish to carry out such plans as, with the blessing of God, will result in the most rapid advancement of the message everywhere.

I suppose Brother Olsen is just leaving England for South Africa and that he will finally visit Australia. I hope his visit to these fields will result in the much more rapid extension of the work.

Just now we are waiting for a cablegramme from Australia, having given them a choice of several of our best workers, and we expect to send one, two or more, as they may call for just as soon as we receive their decision as to their choice.

We are passing through a financial crisis in this country, which is seriously affecting many matters. The attendance at our various schools will be reduced, because of the inability of the people to secure the necessary money to pay their children's expenses. We open here next week and the prospect is that we shall have a very fair attendance, but I do not look for so many as we had last year.

I have furnished all the matter for the book Christian Education, and it is now being printed. It will make a book of 256 pages, the same size of page, and the same style of type as Testimony No. 33. The paper will be somewhat heavier and better quality and the margins a little wider. I have used your articles quite freely, as you will see on receiving copies of the book which I hope to send next week. The last article which you sent me I used almost wholly. Not having had any experience in editing your articles, and not knowing how much at liberty I was to

make changes, I only made such changes as seemed to be necessary for clearness.

In her note just received Sister Campbell requests me to send you a copy of the manuscript as edited, but not being certain of your address, I have sent it by this mail in a letter to Brother Rousseau, with a request to have it forwarded to you.

I returned about a month ago from my visit to New England, where I used most of my time in preparing a series of Sabbath School lessons, in attending to my correspondence, and doing some public work there. Since my return I have been very busy with the work here and attending camp meetings in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Mrs. Prescott and the baby are both quite well. He is nearly two years of age, and is a strong healthy child.

We hold our first Faculty meeting this afternoon. I am very anxious over the work the coming year, and daily pray that we may have much of the blessing of God with us.

I am always glad to hear from you, and have been interested in letters to others which I have been permitted to read, giving an account of some of your personal experiences. You may be sure of our constant prayers that you may have grace and strength for all your labor.

With kind regards, in which Mrs. Prescott joins me, I remain,

Yours in Christian love,

W. W. Prescott