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Dear Brethren,--

At a meeting of the directors of the International Tract Society Ltd. held yesterday, your letter of March 28 and the copy of your letter of March 26 to the Review and Herald, were considered. It was the unanimous opinion of the directors that it would be extremely difficult to arrange a plan involving so much detail, and affecting so many different interests without the opportunity of personal conference between all the parties. It would take so long a time to correspond with the Review and Herald, the Pacific Press, and the Echo Office, and to consider the propositions and counter propositions which would doubtless be made by the different parties, that we are reasonably sure that this proposed plan of cooperation would be brought about as quickly by deferring the matter until the next General Conference, when all these interests will be represented. We understand that Brethren W. C. White and A. G. Daniells will be at the Conference, and they could certainly be trusted to represent the Echo Company. The other publishing houses will doubtless all be represented, and the whole matter can then be fully considered. For these reasons it did not seem best to us to enter upon any consideration of the merits of your proposition, but to suggest that Brother White be prepared to represent your Company at the Conference, and that the matter be allowed to wait until that time.

With reference to your proposition that we should unite with you in adapting and bringing out "Prophecies of Jesus," our directors are of

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the opinion that there are other books which we should prefer to push in this field. This book was prepared especially to be circulated in the Scandinavian field, where they did not have so many books in their own language treating upon these different themes. It is to quite an extent a compilation of other works already in print in the English language, and deals with the same subjects, and in much the same way. As I wrote you in my former letter, we are now getting out several books, which we think we should prefer to push in preference to taking up "Prophecies of Jesus." I have already sent you a copy of ~~it~~ with the request that you examine it with reference to ordering books or taking a set of plates for Australia. We are also just ready to bring out an edition of "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing" from new plates, and have in mind two or three smaller books or pamphlets. In view of all these considerations, I hardly think we should care to bring out an edition of "Prophecies of Jesus."

We are still waiting for a reply from you with reference to the general basis for the conduct of our business, and also with reference to prices quoted upon the sheets and plates for "Christ our Saviour" and the sheets for "Coming King." We hope we shall hear from you in reference to these matters at an early date.

We are endeavouring to make preparations with reference to future editions of books which you are ordering, so that we can supply you without delay, in case matters are so adjusted that we can continue to send books to Australia. With kind regards and best wishes for the prosperity of your work, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

W. W. Prescott.

Dictated.