

First page sent to Reussmann.

should be taken by the school board and copies of the minutes forwarded, and that in case workers are desired for the Conference work, definite action should be taken by the Conference of Conference Committee and copies of the minutes forwarded to us? This would put the matter in such a way as to leave little room for mistakes.

You will readily appreciate the fact that we are sorely pressed by the demands made for workers for foreign fields. Personally, I have no desire to keep workers in this country, nor to build up the work here as against any other field; but with demands constantly made from other places, and the growth of the work in this country, we find the greatest difficulty in supplying suitable help, especially on short notice. We will do the very best we can in every line. I hope the school interest will receive due attention while Elder Olsen is with you, and that definite plans may be devised so that we can move understandingly in reference to future plans and not get mixed up by any conflicting demands. I shall, in the meantime, be looking for a suitable teacher to send for the work next April, in case your School Board make the request, after further consultation and counsel with Elder Olsen.

The work here is going very much as usual and we are all very busy.

The new book, "Christian Education", has been issued and I have ordered twelve copies sent to the school, and have also forwarded six copies to your mother.

I suppose Brother Spicer will write you fully about the actions taken in the Foreign Mission Board, as we have held special meetings with reference to getting the matter off on this mail, so I will not refer to it at any length.

I hope the brethren in Australia will have some charity for us in our apparent slowness and will try to give us the credit of endeavoring to do the very best we can under the circumstances. It seems to me that some different arrangement must be made in reference to managing the work at such a distance. After one has done the very best he can, it is impossible to put the situation on paper in such a way as to be fully appreciated; and before mail can come from such a distance and be acted upon and a reply returned, the whole situation may be changed so as to render the counsel entirely worthless. I believe matters will have to be managed more by those on the ground, without referring so many details to the Foreign Mission Board. If those upon whom such responsibility is placed can not properly carry on the work, they would then be responsible directly to the General Conference, and the responsibility would not be divided between the Foreign Mission Board and the managers in the foreign fields, with the chance of each laying the blame on the other. I hope this matter will receive some consideration in your council.

I must not stop to write more this time. We shall expect new light upon the Australian work within the next few months.

Remember me kindly to all the workers, and accept best wishes for your ^{own} prosperity.

Yours very truly, *W. W. Prescott*