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N. A. W. I.,  
Madison, Tennessee.  
December 4, 1932.

General Delivery,  
Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Brother:

I hold in my hand your brief letter of November 20, which has been forwarded to me from St. Helena. Before endeavoring to answer your letter, allow me to call attention to the fact that you addressed me at Sanitarium whereas the Yearbook shows that my address is St. Helena.

Furthermore, let me call your attention to the fact that your freak signature is unreadable, and the only way one can get it right is by knowing who you are from the whereabouts of the letter. I have submitted this signature to several persons, none of whom can give it a proper reading. In my letter from Arthur he tells me the signature means R. B. Spear. This is not the first time that I have been perplexed by this freak signature, and I am confident that others are perplexed also.

Permit me to suggest that any person who delights in a freak signature which can not be deciphered readily should either write upon paper which has his name printed at the head or should instruct his stenographer to write his name under a dash line at the close of the letter, leaving the author of the letter an opportunity to write his name above the dash.

Regarding the questions asked in your letter, I will say:

1. Our ministers of the early days did not make and baptize converts in a day.
2. They did not give to the converts an extended course of instruction in the fundamental doctrines of the message.

Most of the converts made in early days were from churches where the fundamental truths of the Gospel were accepted and taught; and when the Third Angel's Message came to them and was adopted heartily, they were soon considered ready for baptism. I think I have already answered your No. 3.

4. It is a serious error for anyone to say that Sister White had her converts baptized the day they came forward. I do not know of any such experience.

Sister White did not count herself the responsible party in the acceptance of converts. She trusted to the judgment of ex-

perienced ministers.

I think you have already received from Elmshaven a communication from Elder Robinson or my son Arthur, which gives you a copy of those articles regarding baptism that they think will be a help to you.

One more suggestion about form. Let your stenographer put the separate propositions in separate paragraphs and make your letter more presentable in appearance and more easily handled in the matter of reply.

Sincerely your brother,

  

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W. C. White

WCW/s