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Why were changes made in the new baptismal certificates?

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Dear Brother

Brother Delafield has asked me to answer questions you raised, in your letter of April 19, 1959, to Elder A. L. White, regarding certain changes made in the new book of certificates for baptism.

The committee that dealt with this matter felt that it was proper that the wording be made more specific in certain instances. For example, if you were preaching on the question of alcoholic beverages, tobacco in all its forms, and unclean foods, you should, according to the definite feeling of the committee, specifically mention these in the baptismal vow.

It was also felt that the time had come for including an article regarding the Spirit of Prophecy as one of the identifying marks of the remnant church.

Then, in order not to leave the impression that the few items in the baptismal vow are the only items of importance that need to be understood by the candidate, Article No. 12 was inserted, so as to make it clear that the candidate must be in harmony with the principles set forth in the statement of fundamental beliefs.

Trusting that this will help to clarify the matters you have in mind, and wishing you the blessing of the Lord, I am

Sincerely your brother,

A. V. Olson

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