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As you no doubt know, Elder D. E. Johnson retired on July 1, 1953. He and Mrs. Johnson are living at home in a home which they purchased not far from the shopping center and the sanctuary. With the advancement of the Parkinson's disease in his case, it makes it advisable for him to keep close to some center where he can have medical care.

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With Miss Mount, Mrs. Evans, and Miss Grace Johnson, we have a very fine staff, but somehow the work seems to increase with our increase of staff. Now I have been called to a committee.

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and I, and my wife and children

Dear Brother Johanson:

I have your letter written October 28. It was good to hear from you. I shall never forget our pleasant associations together, especially at Singapore a few years ago. Really, we become acquainted with fellow members of the General Conference staff when we are thrown together at some point distant from the office.

I am sorry that I somehow have overlooked replying to your letter of August 4. We have been hard pressed here at the office, and some things have been delayed. I look forward to a day when we will always be able to keep up with our work, but I have been looking for that day for twenty-five years. Maybe it will come some time; maybe it won't.

Now for your question. You ask for the statement made by Sister White concerning the man who must go to heaven without the support of the church. You will find in Testimonies for the Church, Volume 1, page 215, where, speaking of a certain Brother E, who was guilty of the grossest of immorality, he is referred to, and Sister White states: "If he goes to heaven, it must be alone, without the fellowship of the church."

I have asked my father the circumstances of this case. He had no definite knowledge, but it was his impression that it was a case of incest. The chapter itself makes it clear it was a very aggravated case, which had come to the attention of the general public, reflecting very adversely upon Seventh-day Adventists. This is all the information we have on this point, and this is the only statement of its kind anywhere in Sister White's writings of which we are aware.

The Fall Council has just closed. We have had a good meeting. I think every one felt that the presence of the Spirit of God was evidenced in the deliberations and in the plans which were laid for the advancement of the work. A budget of \$20,000,000.00 is no small budget. May God help us to use these funds to the largest advantage in building up His cause.