

*Foreign Work
in America*

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Dear Brother

In your letter of January 27, 1931, you quote from a pamphlet entitled, "The Time and The Work," what is supposed to be a statement made by Sister White regarding the work for the foreigners in America. The reference is given as "Testimonies", Volume VIII, page 16. You tell us that you fail to find this statement on page 16 of Volume Eight and ask us if we can give you the correct reference for it.

We fail to find this statement. We do not have a copy of the pamphlet, "The Time and the Work" so do not know who to appeal to as the author or the publisher of the document. If we had this document, it might help us some in our research.

We found several statements regarding the work to be done for the foreigners in America, while we were looking for the statement you ask for. I will give several of them here:

"You will see that there are foreign countries to be visited, that missionaries must go forth with the spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion, to labor, to deny self, to suffer for Christ's sake.

"And even in our own country there are thousands of all nations, and tongues, and peoples who are ignorant and superstitious, having no knowledge of the Bible of its sacred teachings. God's hand was in their coming to America, that they might be brought under the enlightening influence of the truth revealed in His word, and become partakers of his saving faith. How many have felt any interest for these strangers? How many have been stirred with the spirit of the Master to act as missionaries to those brought, as it were, to our very doors?" Review and Herald March 1, 1887

"There is a great work to be done for the people of all nations in the large cities of America, and such rallying points as this may be a great help in the matter of gaining the attention of the people, and in training of workers. In every large city in America there are people of different nationalities, who must hear the message for this time. I long to see evidence that the lines of work which the Lord has marked out are being disinterestedly taken up. . . .

"To give all nations the message of warning,—this is to be the object of our efforts. A way will be prepared for the faithful worker to labor at all times and seasons for the conversion of souls. Upon all who have received the word of God there rests the burden of doing this work. From city to city and from country to country, they are to carry the publications containing the promise of the Saviour's soon coming. These publications are to be translated into every language; for to all the world the gospel is to be preached. To every worker Christ promises the divine efficiency that will make his labors a success." REVIEW AND HERALD February 9, 1905.

In a talk before the Pacific Union Conference, Mountain View, California, January 28, 1910, Mrs. White stressed the necessity of doing something for our foreigners. I am having this article copied today and will send you a copy with this letter.

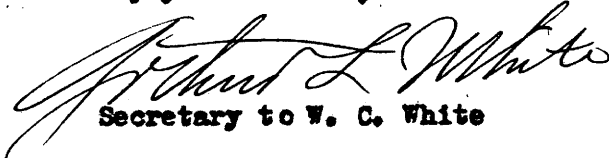
You, of course, have access to what is published in the E. G. White Books, so I will not refer to the statements to be found in them regarding our foreign work in America.

Elder White has been away from the office since the 10th of October, and we do not expect him to be back till about the middle of December.

We ask you to pardon the delay in answering your letter. We have been overwhelmed with several important lines of work and have had to lay aside a great deal of correspondence demanding research.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely your brother,


Secretary to W. C. White

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