

*The End Near*

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Strode Academy, Oswego, Kansas.

Dear Brother

The noon mail brings me your letter of July 13, stating that it is reported that Mother had said, during the latter part of 1913, that the end was near, yes very near, sooner than any one expected, and that His people were not ready.

If you are a reader of Mother's writings, you will have noticed that messages of this import have been given her from time to time during the experience of the remnant church, with possibly this exception, That these warnings usually say, "Sooner than is expected by our people," rather than, sooner than any one expected.

In the latter part of 1913, one of our successful canvassers visited Mother, and made inquiry regarding the nearness of the coming of the Lord, and what Mother said to him has been the occasion of his writing many letters rather magnifying the importance of the interview.

Personally, I know of nothing which Mother has written or said during the last twelve months that is more startling than that which is published in her books. Neither do I think I could find in her manuscripts anything that is more decided and more to the point than that which is written in her books.

As a people, when we look at the great work to be done in the mission fields, we are inclined to put far away, the coming of the Lord. It is truly a great test of faith to believe that the

Lord is coming in this generation, and at the same time to believe that the advent message will go to all the distant parts of the earth. But this is exactly what I believe, and exactly what many of our people are looking for, with clear and unwavering expectation.

The fact that we are rapidly approaching the limit of the time should make us very earnest, and I pray that God may give us Wisdom and guidance and grace, that we may use every hour which is given us in preparing a people to meet the Lord when He comes.

Yours very truly,

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