

Q. & A. File No. 43-C-17

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Elder C. G. Cross  
Central Union Conference  
4547 Calvert Street  
Lincoln 6, Nebraska

Dear Brother Cross:

You have written concerning the first publication of Steps to Christ and Christ's Object Lessons. Steps to Christ was first published by Fleming H. Revel in the year 1892. The reason for this was that it was hoped that this book of general value to all Christians would have a wider circulation if published by a general religious publisher. The book ran through several editions from Revel's presses. There were among Seventh-day Adventists some who felt that it was unfortunate that an E.G. White book should be published by a non-Adventist concern. To satisfy everyone, Ellen White purchased from Revel the publisher's rights and turned them over to our houses. She had anticipated giving other books to Revel, but this plan was abandoned.

Christ's Object Lessons was first published in 1900 by the Review and Herald. It was never issued by any non-Adventist publisher.

As to the authorship of these books, they both were the product of Ellen White's pen. Documentary evidence is available that parts of Steps to Christ appeared in E.G. White articles in our periodicals years before Steps to Christ was published. The chapter on "Confession" is largely a re-arrangement of a similar chapter in Volume 5 of the Testimonies.

If further documentary evidence is needed on these points, feel free to write to me again. I am leaving tonight for Jamaica and Trinidad, and will be back in the office about the middle of August.

With the best of wishes, I am

Sincerely your brother,

Arthur L. White, Secretary  
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