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Dear Sister

Your letter of October 7, 1980 addressed to the Review and Herald has been turned over to me to answer. In it you mention a publication entitled "Nuts Among the Berries," which alleges that Ellen White predicted the burning of Battle Creek "13 times."

I am not acquainted with the publication to which you refer, however, I am acquainted with the fact that several times during the 1890's Sister White warned that God might punish the Review and Herald Publishing house with fire, unless they stopped printing Spiritualist literature. (They were doing this because it was profitable to the house, and excused themselves by rationalizing that they were not propagating this literature, and after all, the money was going into the Lord's work.)

If indeed the Lord warned His people 13 times, it simply shows his longsuffering mercy. He sent prophet after prophet to His people Israel before He finally rejected them. Why should it seem strange that He should warn His modern people 13 times before carrying out His threat? (Read 2 Peter 3:3-10, especially verse 9.)

As to your question regarding Dr. J. H. Kellogg humiliating the denomination by taking its business, (I suppose you refer to Battle Creek Sanitarium), one might just as well ask the question: Why did the Lord allow Israel to be humiliated by the people of Ai? (See Joshua 7.) Or, why did the Lord allow the ark (the visible token of His presence) to be captured by the Philistines? (See 1 Samuel 4.) God frequently permits His people to suffer temporary defeats in the hope of bringing them to their senses. Apparently this was his purpose, not only in the case of ancient Israel, but in the case of Modern Israel as well.

I think I have answered your queries,

Sincerely,



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