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3108 Cherryland
Stockton, California

Dear Brother

We are in receipt of your letter asking about a statement attributed to Sister White, and supposed to have appeared in the General Conference Bulletin for 1892.

So far as we know, Brother Knittle, this is not an authentic E. G. White statement. There was no General Conference Bulletin in 1892. The statement cannot be found in any of Sister White's articles or other writings, and back in 1930 Elder W. C. White wrote that it could not be found in the memory of any of her secretaries.

It is a statement which has gained wide circulation, and seems to have its origin in a talk given by Elder Haskell before the Union Conference in Australia, July 13, 1899, and reported in the Australian Union Conference Record. Elder Haskell quoted this statement offhand, giving as the source the General Conference Bulletin of 1892.

It is evident that Elder Haskell did not have the quotation before him, but that it was based upon his memory of some impression he had received, and that this impression was as faulty as his memory of the source of the statement---a source which does not exist.

I am glad you have written us about this matter, for of course it is not wise to make use of a quotation for which a definite source cannot be given. You will do all you can, I am sure, to discourage the use of this statement, since a reliable source cannot be found. There are authentic statements to the effect that the work could have been finished sooner, however. See 2T 194, 9T 29, 6T 450, 8T 22, 23, DA633.

Trusting that this will be of help to you, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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