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At that time very careful study was given to "Special Testimonies, Series B, Nos. 2 and 7," but because they were dealing primarily with a situation in Battle Creek which had changed materially, and we were not confronted at all with the problems with which these articles in the main dealt with, they were not drawn from for Testimonies to Ministers. From time to time since then it has been suggested that these two "Special Testimonies" should be reprinted. In each case, a review of the matter leads to the same conclusion. They were prepared to meet a special situation. They were called "Special Testimony." Some of the articles are quite personal. Persons are named, and used in the restricted way intended when they were issued in the areas where the crisis existed, this was understood. They helped in meeting that situation. Decades have passed since that time. Most of our people are not at all familiar with the historical background, and to attempt to apply the counsels in any specific way today, which some would do, leads to a misuse of E. G. White materials, except the more general statements, and these are of a character no different than we find in the books which present the testimonies to the church.

It has been reported that the "Special Testimonies" we have been discussing have been suppressed or are being withheld from the public, or that they have been destroyed to prevent their circulation. This is not true. The fact that certain materials issued as "Special Testimonies" to meet local or special situations are not continued in print for all time in their original form cannot be construed to constitute a suppression of such materials. In addition to including those articles of lasting general value to the church in permanent E. G. White books, we in our office have supplied copies of the original pamphlets until our stocks were exhausted. These have gone to either institutional libraries or to workers in key positions. Most of this was done many years ago when copies were more plentiful than they are now. Our appeal to all is to study carefully the abundance of counsel to be found in the forty-five* E. G. White books available today.

Old Books Not Destroyed

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*(In 1959, there are 53 books available.)