

Statement by Mrs. Alta R. Robinson, regarding Wallace Slattery's story about the big Bible:\*

In his book, Slattery admits having "negative feelings regarding the White Estate" (p. 5). He describes the person who worked with him as a "great-granddaughter." In fact, she is a great-great-granddaughter, and I, the person whom she contacted by phone at the White Estate, am a great-granddaughter-in-law.

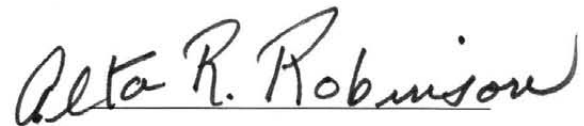
Why did she phone me about the big Bible episode? Because of the constant needling of Mr. Slattery, challenging the validity of the life, work, and writings of Ellen White. Why else would she call me?

She NEVER EVER stated, as Slattery says, "that the event never took place." She probably said, ". . . as *Mr. Slattery insists* that the event never took place." By this time she had already protested his employment to the school board because of his anti-Adventist attitude.

As for my reply, the book quotes me saying, "You should see their faces when they see it!" True. That big Bible was almost literally worn out—visitors to the office wanted to touch it, to hold it, to inspect its pages, and their reactions were joyous. The faces of our visitors were full of joy, hope, and confidence in the work and writings of God's messenger, Ellen White.

Do I believe in her life and work, and in the miraculous way God gave her strength to uphold His Word? Yes, I do. Why else would I have been willing to work for nineteen years at the White Estate, guiding visitors through the office, and especially telling stories to hundreds of visitors, of the life and work of God's special messenger?

Doubters there will always be. Praise the Lord, I am not among them.



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\* "My aide in my last SDA teaching position in Pennsylvania was a great-granddaughter of Sister White. I discussed this supposed event with her, and she agreed that undoubtedly it never happened. She telephoned her mother, who worked at the White Estate in Washington, D.C., and asked her, 'Why do you still show that big Bible to people who come in, when you know that the event never took place?' Her mother answered, 'But you should see their faces when they see it!'"—Wallace D. Slattery, *Are Seventh-day Adventists False Prophets?* (Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, 1990), p. 5