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North Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia

October 31, 1892

Eld. G.C. Tenney

Bombay, India

My Dear Brother: -

Another week has rolled around and I must write you a few lines at least. Things are moving along very quietly here at the office. It is Cub Week, our job work has fallen off and we are looking around to see what tracts and books can be printed. All hands are going to the \_\_\_\_ tomorrow. The school however pays no regard to this celebration. They think their time too precious and their work too urgent to be interfered with.

We have moved the safe into the \_\_\_\_ room and have put a door through from the front office to the store room and are slowly getting things in shape so that we may have a retail \_\_\_\_.

Last week Bro. Michaels went up to \_\_\_\_\_ to train Bro. Saunders and Turnbull on Patriarchs and Prophets. The first of next week he thinks of going to Adelaide with Brn. Fred, Bernie, and H.S. \_\_\_\_ that he may train them on Patriarchs and Prophets and at the same time be training Bro. Constandt and some others in Adelaide. After getting a little experience with Bro. Michaels Brn. Bell and Reekie expect to go to West Australia. Eld. Daniells will be back here tomorrow.

I send you with this copies of several letters. The one to Eld. Haskell because of its reference to Herbert Lacey; the one to J.E. White that you may give some consideration to the question which it involves before you reach Battle Creek; the one to Good Health Publishing Company that you may know what desperate moves we are making; and the one to Eld. Olsen that you may carefully study the plans and propositions which it contains and be prepared to work either for or against them at the Conference as your judgment shall dictate. No features of the plans you are familiar with and I hope you will think these matters over and be prepared to bear a possible testimony in favor of such a development of the printing business as will tend to the rapid growth of our work in countries outside of the United States. Wishing you health and prosperity and hoping to hear from you often, I am,

Yours truly,

W.C. White

P.S. I will mail \_\_\_\_ to you \_\_\_\_\_. W.

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No. 2 Georges Terrace, St. Kilda Road. Melbourne.

October 31, 1892

Joseph Hare Jr.

Kaeo, New Zealand

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My Dear Brother: -

Your very welcome letter of August 17 was received to us several weeks ago, and I thought to answer it at once. But one day I let Eld. Starr take it to read and when he was done with it he could not find me and left it with Mother and it got in with her papers and was carried off to Adelaide. Well, it has just been found and I will hasten to answer it lest it should get away from me again.

About two weeks ago we were delighted to hear from Eld. Israel that your brother, sister, and niece were coming to make us a visit. We kept looking for them for a week, not supposing there was any doubt but they were on their way and then received word that only Margaret was coming. She came Friday morning and already she seems to feel quite at home. She has completed her examination I believe, and will begin regular work tomorrow. She is rooming with Jessie Israel. I asked her this morning if I should tell you that she was homesick, and she said, "No indeed." We are all glad that she is here and we trust that none of you will have reason to regret her coming.

We are writing to Metcalf urging him to come and visit us before he returns home. We shall be sadly disappointed if he does not. And Judith too, we wish she was here. I am confident that she would enjoy it here first rate. It is quite inconvenient for me to board here at the school, but I do so enjoy the spirit that pervades the place that I remain here week after week.

Mother has been in Adelaide four weeks and thinks to stay there two weeks more, and then I go over and bring her back. It has been an unusually wet season both here and there and Mother still suffers much from rheumatism, although she is able to move about more freely than a few months ago. We all \_\_\_\_ and pray that she may be able to attend the next Conference in N.Z. She would like to go via Tasmania and Wellington, but unless she is much \_\_\_\_ when the time comes to go we shall think it is not her duty to go any route except that which is the most direct. She suffers much on the ocean and is in considerable danger of heart disease and that I suppose will be the great barrier in the way of a visit to Kaeo, which she and we all would so much enjoy. We shall pray the Lord to direct us and shall endeavor to know and do His will.

I am glad to hear that Eld. Gilbert A. Wilson from Georgia formerly of Michigan has been chosen by the General Conference Committee to come to N.Z. to labor. Both he and his wife are people that you will love and esteem. They are modest, \_\_\_\_ people, but they are universally esteemed where they have labored and the Lord has blessed their labors to the conversion of many souls. I am sure you will give them a hearty welcome. They are special friends of mine. [page break]



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Well I suppose you would like to hear about the inside working of our school plans; about our hopes and fears, our ambitions and failures, and our successes. In the last Echo you will find my description of the place and a record of the daily programme, so I need not repeat any of that. My boarding at the place has given me a \_\_\_ opportunity to see how things are \_\_\_ and to observe the progress of the students and I can say with \_\_\_ candor that more is being accomplished than we had reason to expect from the first term.

We experienced much anxiety and hard work in getting ready for and in opening the school. We knew not who would come or what studies they would \_\_\_\_. At one time, we expected Prof. C.A. Hughes to come with Eld. Rousseau. We knew of but few students and hardly knew what we should do with so many teachers or how we should be able to pay their salaries. Well, Prof. Hughes did not come and the students did, and we pressed Eld. Baker who had been a teacher in the public schools of Iowa into the service on this branch where we thought he would do the best. Mrs. Rousseau was also a good teacher and although she is not robust in health, she has taken three classes and is doing well with them.

Thus far it appears to me that our faculty has been fully \_\_\_ to the requirements of the students. It is true that the teachers are working very hard and this in \_\_\_ of the Principal. But he and all of the teachers would rather work hard and receive small pay than to increase the rate of tuition or make a large debt for the Conference.

Some of our brethren here in Melbourne are very free and earnest in their \_\_\_ because all the teachers are Americans and would have no understanding that Americans are not fitted to act in that on \_\_\_, but we shall certainly have to use the best teachers we can get and it would be folly for us to go and hire some Colonial teacher with a titled name and at large \_\_\_ for students that are not at all ready for his services. We are now \_\_\_ the advisability of inviting Bro. Herbert Lacey formerly of Tasmania, who completes his course at Healdsburg College this next April to come and take the language classes at the beginning of our next term. He is a Colonial and of course, and we would rather have his help than that of any American who can spell, do the same work. Do you know him and what do you think of the proposition?

Then if our school opens as it surely will if our people \_\_\_ understand its work and if there is a \_\_\_ that we can support another \_\_\_ the Gen. Conf. Com. thinks to send us Prof. \_\_\_ and wife \_\_\_. \_\_\_ Prof. G.W. Caviness has been president of that school for \_\_\_ years and would be great help to us in the business of the school as well as on the \_\_\_ in these decisions. Much depends upon this phase of \_\_\_ which we put into the enterprise. We are \_\_\_ of the central public, \_\_\_ is such a matter that we will \_\_\_ of the Lord on the \_\_\_.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road

Granville, N.S.W.

October 10, 1894

Mrs. A.E. Connop

Victoria Street

Auckland, N.Z.

Dear Sister: -

I regret that your letter of 14<sup>th</sup>, August should have remained unanswered so long, but my time has been so fully occupied with pressing business connected with the purchase of the land you refer to, the Convocation of our Victorian churches which has just closed, and now with the approaching camp-meeting that I have found it almost impossible to attend to your communication until now.

You will probably have heard read in your church the letter which I lately wrote to it, in conjunction with our other churches in these Colonies. In that letter I refer at some length to the school location and state that for present we have suspended operations until the coming camp-meeting that our brethren may have ample opportunity to discuss the advantages or otherwise of the tract of land which we have purchased for a settlement.

For the reasons which I have enunciated in that letter I am at present unable to afford you any further information on the subject, except that it is the intention of the Conference Committee to lay the whole of the matter before the coming Conference for them to deal with and to decide upon our future plans.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are all well and of good courage in the Lord. We are hard at work preparing for the camp-meeting. There are now about 30 on the ground and when the Workers meeting commences tomorrow there will be 40 or 50 present.

We have a pleasant ground and we anticipate a very enjoyable as well as profitable meeting.

With best wishes for the health and happiness of yourself and family,

I am yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road  
Granville, N.S.W.  
9<sup>th</sup>, October 1894  
Mr. S.H. Brittain  
Cobalt Street  
Railway Town, Broken Hill

Dear Sir: -

I am sorry that your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> Sep. should have remained unanswered for so long, but my time has been so fully occupied of late that I have not had an opportunity to reply to it sooner.

With regard to the request which you make for employment on the settlement which our people propose to establish I regret to have to say that for the present our operations are suspended pending the decision of our Conference as to the suitability of the tract of land which we have selected for the purposes for which it was purchased.

Until that decision has been arrived at and we are able to proceed with our project we shall have no work to carry on of an agricultural nature or of any other kind in fact in connection with that scheme.

There are so many seeking employment with us in all capacities that I fear many will meet with disappointment, as we are not likely to be in a position to afford work for anything like the number of persons who are seeking for it. At the same time the claims of all those who are interested will meet with consideration.

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

9<sup>th</sup>, October 1894

Mr. J. Armstrong

Beauchamp, Kellyville

My Dear Brother: -

On Sunday last Dr. Kellogg with Eld. Baker and wife left here in the morning expecting to visit your place before returning but the heavy rain turned them back. We are now all too busy preparing for the camp-meeting to be able to plan with any degree of certainty for another visit before the camp.

We have a good ground and already there are 20 tents erecting and about 30 are camping on the ground and when the workers meeting commences tomorrow there will be 40 or 50 present. We hope and pray that the Kellyville Church will be able to send a strong Delegation and that you or some members of your family will be present.

In our camp-meeting's considerable time is usually given to the educational features of our work, and this time we have devoted more than the usual time to the educational and conventional work. There will be much that will particularly interest you and I sincerely hope that the way will be opened for you to attend.

Please let me know what your prospects are and if there is anything I can do by way of preparation to assist you.

We were pleased yesterday to welcome to the ground Eld. J.M. Cole from Norfolk Island whose arrival was quite unexpected.

The various points respecting the school location will be thoroughly discussed, I trust, during our camp-meeting. We all desire to do that which is best for the largest number and I believe that God will give us wisdom if we ask Him in humility. I shall be pleased that you should be present at these discussions as I believe you are much interested in the question in common with many of our brethren.

Tomorrow we commence the circulation of 10,000 copies of the special edition of the Echo in Sydney and suburbs. Already many are manifesting an interest in the camp-meeting in the suburb which the camp is located and have expressed their intention of being present at our meetings.

With kind regards to your wife and children,  
I am yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road  
Granville, N.S.W.  
9<sup>th</sup>, October 1894  
Mr. Arthur Wade  
Gisborne, New Zealand

My Dear Brother: -

It is some time since I received yours of June 19<sup>th</sup>, and now I write not so much to answer it as to tell you of the progress of our work.

It affords me pleasure to be able to tell you that we are all well and of good courage in the Lord. We are hard at work preparing for the camp-meeting and on all sides we see work being pushed on to that end. Already there are 20 tents erect and about 30 camping on the ground and when the workers meeting commences tomorrow there will be 40 or 50 present. We have a good ground and we look forward to a very enjoyable as well as profitable meeting.

We rejoiced yesterday at the unexpected arrival on the ground of Eld. J.M. Cole of Norfolk Island, whose welcome presence we did not anticipate.

Already there is a growing interest manifested in the suburb in which the camp is located and many have expressed their determination to attend our meetings.

Letters which we continue to receive from Queensland tell us of the excellent progress of the work in that colony and in fact the work is opening up before us on every side.

About ten days ago we sent you a letter called the "Church Visitor". We sent it to you because we did not have the address of your church elder. We hope it will be diligently studied by the leading members of your church and those portions which are of general interest may be read in the meetings.

I shall be very glad to hear from the church clerk as to the use of this letter and its value to the church with questions or suggestions that may come up in connection with it.

A few days ago we sent to Sr. Care Eld. Holser's report of the work in Turkey and we requested that it be sent to you after it was read in Napier. If it does not come soon you can enquire for it.

Bro. Crothers has been with us since Sunday morning. He had a rough passage and is now recovering from the results of sea sickness. We have much heavy work laid out for him during the meeting and we hope that his coming may be a blessing to the work.

Tomorrow we expect 10,000 copies of special Echo from Melbourne for circulation in Sydney and suburbs. Pray for the progress of the work here.

Your Brother in Christ,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road  
Granville, N.S.W.  
9<sup>th</sup>, October 1894  
Mrs. Rebecca Dean  
North Brighton, Victoria

Dear Sister: -

I have your letter of Oct. 2 accompanied by one to Mother which she has permitted me to read and which, as she is unusually busy, she asks me to acknowledge and to thank you for your kindness in writing her so encouraging a letter.

We regret that you do not see your way clear to come to the camp-meeting and we pray that the blessing of God may rest upon you wherever you may be.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are all well and of good courage in the Lord. We are all hard at work preparing for the camp-meeting. Already there are 20 tents erected and about 30 are camping on the ground, and when the Workers Meeting commences tomorrow there will be 40 or 50 present.

We have a pleasant ground and we anticipate a very enjoyable as well as profitable meeting.

Yesterday we were agreeably surprised by the arrival on the ground of Eld. J.M. Cole of Norfolk Island whose advent was quite unexpected.

From letters which we continue to receive from Rockhampton, Queensland we learn that the work is progressing very rapidly there and in fact the work is opening before us on every side.

Tomorrow we commence the circulation of 10,000 copies of the special edition of the Echo in Sydney and suburbs.

Already there is a growing interest manifested in the suburbs where the camp is located and many are expressing their intention of coming to the meetings.

We look forward with hope and courage that the Lord will bless this camp-meeting as he did the one in Melbourne.

With kind regards and wishes, I am,  
Yours truly,

W.C. White

A.C.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road  
Granville, N.S.W.  
9<sup>th</sup>, October 1894  
Mr. D. Lacey  
Glenoroty, Tasmania

My Dear Brother: -

I hope soon to see you here at our camp-meeting. Nevertheless I write you a few lines in answer to yours of Sep. 23.

The points which you have raised about the location of our school will be thoroughly discussed I trust, during our camp-meeting. I think we all desire to do that which is for the best for the largest number and I believe that God will give us wisdom if we seek Him in humility.

Our work at the campground is progressing prosperously. There are about 20 tents erected already and about 30 camping on the ground.

Yesterday Eld. J.M. Cole arrived from Norfolk Island and next we week expect a telegraph from Queensland. Our letters from Eld. Starr report excellent progress there, in fact the work is opening before us on every side.

At this camp-meeting much time will be given to Educational work and I sincerely hope that the Lord will open the way for the Hobar Church to send a delegation to the meeting.

Tomorrow we shall begin the circulation of 10,000 copies of the special number of the Echo in Sydney and suburbs. Your daughter May is on the ground cheerful and busy as usual.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.



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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road

Granville, N.S.W.

9<sup>th</sup>, October 1894

Mr. N. Bernorth

Albert Street or Kent Lane

Rockhampton, Queensland

My Dear Brother: -

It is so long since I received your kind letter of April 29, that I presume you have lost all hope of an answer. I am however, glad to be able to tell you that we are all well and of good courage in the Lord. We are hard at work preparing for the camp-meeting. There are about 30 on the ground and when the Workers Meeting commences tomorrow there will be 40 or 50 present. We have a pleasant ground and we anticipate a very enjoyable as well as profitable meeting. We hope and pray that the way will be opened for your brethren in Rockhampton to send a delegation.

We have been cheered by the encouraging reports made by Elds. Starr and Hickox of the work in Queensland and we thank the Lord for the blessings which have attended the efforts to proclaim the truth in that colony.

We shall miss you all at the camp-meeting and especially Bro. and Sr. Starr, but we know that the work where you are is very important and that it needs your continued labors at present.

The Conference Committee would be glad to receive a letter from you regarding your present work among the Germans and suggesting how and where you could labor to the best advantage in the future.

I have sent to Eld. Starr a circular letter called the "Church Visitor" which I hope you will read. Also a copy of Eld. Holser's report of the work in Turkey which will be of interest to yourself and your brethren.

Praying that a rich blessing of God may rest upon you, I am,

Your Brother in Christ,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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DIARY LETTERS FROM BRO. McCOY OF PITCAIRN ISLAND

Brig Pitcairn, At Sea, June 18, 1894

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It is with pleasure that I write to you again on the wide Pacific Ocean. We left Oakland Creek yesterday, June 17, and are now many miles from there. The wind is fair and blowing quite strong and the ship is sailing at the rate of about nine miles an hour. The passengers are being laid up in their berths or are out on deck over the pile of lumber that we are carrying for the purpose of building houses for the missionaries. Sr. Owen and her daughter Laura are the only ones among the passengers that came to the dinner table today.

You have heard ere this that needed changes have been made on the ship. The improvement is something wonderful. Before leaving Oakland Creek yesterday the ship's deck was just crowded and the wharf was lined with our brethren and sisters who had come to take the last look at the ship and to bid farewell to those who are going out to labor in the islands. I was glad when we left California both because I am tired of the city and because the ship is again on her way to her great field of labor. I feel so glad to be out on the ocean once again. I love the sea more and more each time I sail upon it.

**June 28** – We have had a splendid run from Cal. this week. The wind has been fair and moderately strong and our good Pitcairn has run a distance of over 1200 miles. The passengers are beginning to feel some better and are able to get around on deck occasionally. We have a nice lot of passengers and things are very pleasant on board and we trust it will continue to be so all through the voyage.

You may wonder how so many are packed away in so small a vessel (18 passengers in all). When we first started out Bro. Owen, wife and two children occupied one of the rooms below, Maud Young and Winnie another, and the cook and cabin boy the other. Brethren Buckner, Wellmen, Stringer and I occupy four spare berths in the forecabin, Dr. Caldwell and family, four in all, occupy one room in the cabin, and the others are packed by twos in the other rooms. The Owen family could not stand the hold any longer, so were taken up and every night a mattress was spread over the cabin table and Sr. Owen and Laura her daughter slept there, while Bro. Owen slept on a mattress upon the floor. The boy with our cabin boy was strung up in a hammock under the lifeboat on deck. Sr. Buckner also shifted out from her narrow room and is sleeping on the cabin floor. The poor old cook has taken sick and I have given him my berth above and taken his below, and am standing it well so far.

**June 19** – A ship is now in sight going in the opposite direction. It may be going to San Francisco, if so we shall hope to send word by her. The ships are quite close to one another, but it is so dark I [page break]

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fear we shall not be able to communicate.

**Tuesday July 3** – The ship mentioned above came within hailing distance. She was bound for Coos Bay. We asked to be reported. Another large ship passed to windward of us yesterday. Our flags were hoisted, but she did not reply. For this we are sorry for we believe she was bound for San Francisco. We have been becalmed for about four or five days between the north-east and south-east trade winds near the equator. We will be glad to get steady winds again to carry us on our way. We have had heavy showers of rain every day and sometimes all night since coming into this region. At noon a heavy storm of rain came pouring down upon us and was followed by a strong wind which is dead against us. The ship is now amusing herself in pitching and diving into the head sea. The poor passengers are again prostrated on the decks or in their bunks; I think they are worse today than any other day since we left. I try to comfort them all I can, yet at times I cannot help laughing. Yesterday Sr. Buckner said “Bro. McCoy, how good it is to have someone to cheer us up.”

**July 4** – As this is an American holiday I thought I would tell you how we spent it here on ship-board. The day proved to be quite a disagreeable one with heavy rain squalls and shifting of the wind from one point of the compass to another. Yet the seasick yanks tried with all their might to enjoy themselves and to celebrate the day by singing “America”. I was called to come and sing the bass for them, but since they sang of their sweet land of liberty, I was all the time singing “God save the Queen”. I afterwards repented however and joined heartily with them in singing the last verse. They did not enjoy their holiday very long, for seasickness set in among most of the passengers, which made them look as if they thought sure this would be their last Fourth of July or that before the day is ended they would be laying beneath the ocean’s briny surf. They seem to suffer much more than when we first left Cal.

Miss Lillian White is suffering as much as any and eats nothing for two days at a time. She says she will never cross the water again to go home.

**July 5** – We had two ships in sight today; one going north, perhaps to San Francisco. She answered our signal at a distance too far to read the letters. We caught up with the other and passed her out of sight in a short time. She was steering the same course as we. She was a large ship but our dear little “Pitcairn” sailed twice as fast as she could. The name of our companion, “Commonwealth” could be seen distinctly as we passed within a few yards off from her side. She had been twenty-two days out from San Francisco while we only eighteen. The officers and crew stood on the deck as we passed and gave us three hearty cheers. We returned the compliment and both ships dipped their colors and the “Commonwealth” was left farther and farther behind until lost in the distance. The Lord is speeding his ship on with his last great message to me. I have frequently been asked, “Why does the Pitcairn sail so well? Is she built differently from other ships?” [page break]

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It is my solemn conviction that it is due to the fact that she was built for the special work of carrying the third angel's message and that the Lord is prospering her way for the time is short and the work must go with great speed.

**July 6** – The weather is fine with a strong wind and the ship is sailing about nine miles per hour. The passengers are all so very seasick that they are looking forlorn and helpless. I am so sorry for them and wish that I could help them more. Sr. Owen asked me is there is an island near the equator where we could put her ashore, and we expect to be there tomorrow. Sr. Caldwell said we would have a hard time to get any of them to go further than Pitcairn. That they would go ashore and stay there for good. But I think they will go when the ship goes.

**July 13** – A rough day. Bro. Stringer says that he is longing for Pitcairn Island more than the Children of Israel longed for Egypt. The missionaries say if the ship remains in Pitcairn long enough they will take their ploughs ashore and plough my field and sow my corn then can go with them, but this I cannot do. I feel that I must stay at home. I feel a deep interest in them and my heart and my prayers shall follow them in their work. I am trying more than ever to see the hand of the Lord in all things and henceforth I want to do all things as unto the Lord, let Him do what seemeth good. I feel willing to let Him lead me the rest of the way which seems very short. I know that I need more patience and trust that I may not murmur at his dealings with me. I am so thankful that the Lord does not leave me all the time in gloominess and darkness. It is terrible to feel that the Lord has withdrawn his presence from us even for a little while. I cannot afford to lose sight of Jesus a single moment.

**Tuesday July 17** – A dull hazy day on account of which Pitcairn Island did not come in sight until quite late in the day (about noon). When first seen it was looming up high indeed for a little island. This scene for a time cured all seasickness. The wind was blowing hard and fair sending great big waves in quick succession into Bounty Bay and beating against the hard rocky shores, sending great white foaming sheets high into the air. A few moments before all hearts were wrapped in an ecstasy of joy, but now they are beginning to fear that the boats will come off the rough sea. I tried to assure them that a boat will come. At the breaking away of the dull weather the ship was slighted from the island and as they told me afterwards they dropped their work as though their fingers were burnt and ran to places where the ocean could be seen. Baskets of oranges and pineapples and bananas were soon gathered ad away they went bounding over the hills toward the landing place as fast as ever they could run. A boat was launched in double-quick time and with great difficulty went plunging over and into the wave until she arrived safely outside of the bar. After a little while she was seen bobbing up and down the rough surface of the sea and then were the hearts of the passengers made glad again.

Soon the boat came alongside and after the exchange of greeting the welfare of one another was asked. Their reply was, "All well ashore.

Next the baskets of fine fruit were passed into the ship and I will leave you to imagine with what appreciation it was received by the half-starved, seasick folks. One basket was emptied, and then another, till [page break]

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a big sea came over the side where we were sitting and swept some of the baskets from us and drenched us with water. Some tried to scream but could not, as their mouths were full of fruit. The sea threw Dr. Caldwell on top of the lumber with a whole orange between his teeth and he did not let it go. After all was over they enjoyed the heartiest laugh they have had since we left Cal. It was so rough in Bounty Bay that we landed on the west side of the island. It was after sunset when we reached the shore and so dark that we could hardly see to step from the boat. Dr. Caldwell lost his footing and fell into the water, but was lifted out by one of the men. Some had to be carried up the steep ascent. After carrying Bro. Buckner, who has become much weakened through seasickness, up the hill they brought a wheel-barrow and ran him down to the village and were able to sit down and rest. It was quite late at night, yet we indulged in taking the refreshments prepared for us.

You may know that I could not join in the rejoicing of others that night, for the sad loneliness of my home was too keenly felt. After distributed the mail I went to my room and remained alone with my God in prayer. I will be so lonely when the Pitcairn and her missionaries are gone. The ship has become a little home to me.

The next thing to be done was to land our things. Strong wind and heavy seas made the work very difficult. A heavy sea took the boat Dr. Caldwell and I were in with the men a long way from the shore and threw me a number of feet from the boat. I found it most difficult to swim against the strong undertow in my heavy clothing. Wave after wave rolled over me. I felt that it was only the help of the Lord that saved me from being drowned. The boat ran away with Bro. Caldwell and the others and threw them among the rocks. No one got hurt, but the boats were dashed in many pieces.

**August 2** – The Pitcairn has been off to the island Oeno to get the wreckage from the ship “Bowden” and will leave here again tomorrow if possible for Tahiti. They found the things in Oeno that were saved by the men from this island over a year ago. They were in good condition and are now on the boat. They will take them to market and sell them if they can and put the money into the cause. It will bring quite a nice little sum of money. They also brought some lumber for us to build a church and school-room.

Since the ship went off to Oeno, Dr. Caldwell and I held meetings every morning and evening and Sr. Caldwell and others held children’s meetings through the day with great success. The Spirit of God is manifested and they seem to rejoice the heart of every soul on the island. The old American sailor who had left the church came forward and gave himself anew to God.

We are trying hard to get the Pitcairn off today. The boats are hard at work landing Bro. Bruckner and Sr. Andre’s stories. We are sending Sr. Sarah Young to Rurutu with Bro. and Sr. Stringer to help in teaching the natives. I close in great haste with no time to read over and correct this letter.

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Dear Brother Waggoner: -

-----The result of our trial last Thursday was that they fined me Frs.200 and sentenced me to three weeks in prison besides. In case I do not pay the fine it will take forty days in prison to satisfy that. I had much more time than at former hearings and could state our position more fully than ever, though not as fully as I should like. When I opened my Bible to read passages, it seemed like a bitter pill to them.

This being the sixth offense, they did not seem much inclined to hear from us. The President acted as uneasy as though he was sitting over a hornet's nest, but as I had been shut off too short at other times, I pressed harder and succeeded in getting much more time. After I spoke, the states attorney spoke, stating that the law was very plain, that we had been punished repeatedly and still insisted on working instead of appealing to the higher authorities to settle the question as to whether the police authorities were doing us injustice but instead had circulated a pamphlet in the city to bring the police authorities in disrepute. He would not advise imprisonment, for this would only be furnishing us an advertisement: but would propose a higher money fine, Frs.300. He also stated that I seemed to be ignorant of the fact that the state had no creed, i.e. nothing to do with religion.

Time was then allowed me in which I replied to the point which he made showing that Sunday is a religious day and if the religion [page break]

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were taken away our difficulty would soon cease. Sunday is to be found only where Christianity is found. And when the French Revolution rejected so called Christianity, they rejected the Sunday as a part of it. Also that our work in itself was not of a nature to disturb people if they were not influenced by religious prejudices. On the green in front of our house is ten times as much noise as our work makes: there is shooting, football, companies of soldiers drilling, and officers shouting so that the little noise which we make is entirely drowned. Yet all this does not disturb people. This proves that it is not the disturbing noise that disturbs people but it is our religion: it is because we do not believe as they do and their being disturbed on such grounds is purely papal and for us to yield to their demands under such circumstances would be the same as bowing to the papacy. God expressly warns us against doing this, so although Sunday may be called a purely civil day, it does interfere with our religious rights. I intended to make more points, but the judge interrupted me and closed the hearing. After having been out about ten minutes we were called back to hear the sentence. The judge closed with the statement that if we did not stop work he would next order that the house be closed altogether.

The reports in the papers were quite fair. One point they made particularly plain, for which I am glad, and that is we declared that we could never obey Sunday laws as that was the same to us as obeying man rather than God. So our position on this point is before the public generally. They will now observe to see how well we stick to our position. [page break]

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As our pressroom has been the source of all our difficulty we have decided to shut that down entirely and have our press work done in the city and then carry on the other departments as before, working on Sundays as on other days except that we shall do the most noisy work on other days where this can be done as well as not. Should the authorities now come into the house and persecute us for quite work, it will give us a still stronger case. So far they have only come in when they heard the noise on the street; but often passed by when they knew we were working.

We have decided to shut the pressroom on the grounds that it is right to flee when persecuted. It is not our duty to remain in one place and there endure repeated persecution when we can go to another place. We consider that the matter has gone far enough so that it is really persecution. We have been robbed of our goods in the name of a pious law and now have the prospect of 61 days in jail. For this reason we feel justified in closing our pressroom.

Last Friday Bro. Revilly and I visited the leading printers in the city and explained our situation fully. They had all read the tract circulated and knew of the last decision: but this seemed to make less impression on their minds than when they learned that we had decided to close down our presses. With scarce an exception, they made about the same line of suggestions as to how we might avoid the difficulty. This gave us the better opportunity to make it plain how it would be a violation of our conscience to not work on Sunday. We were much [page break]



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surprised to see with what interest they received us and talked about the matter. It was encouraging to meet something of this kind for to the present I had heard nothing but the contrary. -----

I believe that our course will be a testimony that the people of the city need. They have had to do with the Jews. This people have little by little given way to the pressure till now they send their children to school, close the stores on Sunday, etc. and they have ever been pointed to as an example for us. The fact is that very few people have a conscience in religious matters and this very fact has undermined the faith of many. The lost ground must be recovered and a true testimony borne. Under the circumstances it will be hard to convince people that there is something real to religion: something very unusual must take place and this closing of our pressroom will doubtless be a more convincing testimony to many than imprisonment would be (While I was writing this a policeman passed slowly by, scrutinizing the house quite closely, looking especially at the window where the blinds are open and where we are working. As he did not come in he will probably not report us as so far they have come in each time). -----

In every case the men we met more in sympathy with us and believed that we were treated unjustly. One man that had no place to take in our work proposed in case of necessity to rent another room or put up a small building where he could get power from another building and set up a press there to help us out. All were ready on the first application without time to consult with others or see how they would feel to help us. We decided to shut down now for although they could not [page break]

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touch us for running while the appeal is sending they could, in case it were decided against us; come on to us for every offense in the meantime. It did not seem to us prudent to knowingly run such chances, it has been plainly intimated that this is what would be done in case our appeal fails.

In the meantime we shall circulate the matter as much as possible and thus seek to spread the light. While every advance step will deepen the rage of the dragon, it will also bring the truly honest to the surface. Our appeal will bring the matter before the higher authorities and although they may decide against us, they will know what our position is and we can but hope for good all the way along the line. Switzerland will find in the Adventists quite a different element from anything they have heretofore had to deal with in modern times. We are just now in the beginning and they having had no experience with us in this line think that we are like other people and will back down if they bring the pressure to bear on us. But when they find that they will have to support us in prison or drive us from the country, or allow us to work on Sunday, it will doubtless cause some to reflect. As our people are in all parts of the world and have many publishing houses and journals at their command and all act in concert in giving the greatest publicity possible to such things, it will mean something to Switzerland to drive us out of the country for keeping the Ten Commandments. Our people are everywhere known as industrious and honest people and the reasons for this is that they keep the commandments of God, now if a nation oppresses them for this very reason it will be put that nation in [page break]

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the catalogue with oppressive Russia. -----

If the case is lost in the Supreme Court and it proves true that they cannot touch the property of the association, it will be 61 days of prison. As the appeal may require two months, this would bring the imprisonment about the month of Nov. and Dec. Personally I care not a straw about the inconvenience of a little of prison life. This is so little in comparison with what others have suffered that I would be ashamed to mention it as a hardship. Many here envy me and would gladly be in my place. This going to prison is not the worst thing that will come on us. When it comes to that, many have courage; but it is quite another thing to stand true and faithful in small things when no such pressure is brought to bear on us and such quiet tests will doubtless be the manner in which many will be tested and to me, this is really a higher test of character than burning at the stake. The anarchists meet death very bravely. The last generation will stand the highest or have the privileged place in the kingdom of God and we know that they will not be martyred hence the test which places them the highest will be something else than martyrdom and I believe that this test will be firm adherence to principles of right in the midst of a lukewarm and indifferent so called Christianity in the midst of people that would not at all notice it if we did not adhere firmly to principles, yes in the midst of people that will call it folly to do so.

It is our daily prayer at the office that God may lead us to take the right steps in all that we do. --

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A further letter dated Basle Aug. 30, 1894 states: - This morning our case came off in the court of appeals of Basle. As it was difficult for me to express my ideas clearly and forcibly in German, I decided to write the appeal and have it translated, thus I would stand a better chance to bring out our position. Heretofore they have always interrupted me, making it impossible to bring out as much as was desired.

This morning our hearing was all that we could have desired so far as opportunity to bring out our position was concerned. There were six judges on the bench. After the clerk read the accusation and the fine of the police court, the president asked me what I had to say. I hereupon read what I had written, 9 pp. of ms. written with the typewriter making 12 points and in addition a number of extracts from speeches of leading Sunday law advocates in Europe, showing that it was a religious day that the wanted and then an extract from a printed speech of Basle Pastor in which he declared first that the Sunday law advocates regarding themselves as the public conscience for those what are indifferent about Sunday.

During the reading, which occupied about 35 minutes, all paid close attention and kept very quiet. Not many people were present. There seemed to be a good spirit present. When I had finished, the state attorney spoke in a very indecisive way and did not seem to have any clear point to present. Most of his time was devoted to sort of an apologetical presentation of the reasons for the fines. He made scarce any reply to the points which I had made and closed with the statement that he believed the fine just and that it should be sustained. His [page break]

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speech was very cloudy; he seemed to talk as though he had a hard dry time of it.

When he finished, the president asked if any of the judges had questions to ask me. One of them that had been a Jew asked me if we held to the modern translations or to the original of the Bible and then without giving opportunity for reply continued to argue that in the original it was not a command to work six days, but is more in the sense of a simple statement or fact. Or at most, the permission to work and then quoted from Gen. 6:16 “In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children” stating that the shalt here is the same as in the commandment and has the same meaning, and concluded with remark that our whole mistaken position was due to our misconception on this point. Without giving time for reply, another asked the question if we knew which was the seventh day. Then continued to argue that as we did not know, all of our assertions were of no force. He sat next to the president and as soon as he began on this point, the president interrupted him asking him to confine himself to questions and not to discuss points. But the old gentleman made the remarks that he desired to make nevertheless. Again, without giving an opportunity to reply, a third began, stating that he understood that our headquarters were in England and desired to know how it was with our working there, then proceeded to remark that his own experience in England showed that Sunday was well observed there.

I now had opportunity to reply and beginning with the last, stated that our headquarters were in America, but that we had publishing houses in London, Norway, Australia, and America and in every one we [page break]

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worked on Sunday. Then replying to the second stated that we knew exactly which was the seventh day by all history, by eight millions of Jews and could prove it by astronomy as compared with the records of history for by astronomy we could prove the accuracy of dates to a minute from the time of Ptolemy and knew that since his time there could not have been a day lost that we were certain that the Jews had the right day in the time of Christ, for Christ being the Creator kept the Sabbath that he had commanded in the law and showed us how to keep it.

Then replying to the first I stated that laying aside the question of command to work six days the gentleman himself admitted that there was a permission to work, hence we had the right from God to work and men had no right to rob us of it and that all could readily understand that the laboring man could not exist under present conditions without working six days in the week. Hence this Sunday law certainly did make it oppressive to those that exercise their rights of conscience in keeping the seventh day and virtually taxed them 16 per cent for this privilege.

I then replied to the arguments of the state's attorney that our people could write at home all day Sunday and hence were not forced to refrain from labor on this day by asking what would be the object of their sitting at home writing all day? Their regular work was in the factory and it was clear to all that the factory hand had no business by which he could employ his Sunday in writing and that should he sit and write all day, it would not bring him his living.

One question of a judge I omitted and that is if we do not [page break]

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keep Good Friday and other similar days when they did not come on Saturday. My wits came too late or I would have stated in reply that I never yet knew a Friday to come on Saturday and perhaps it is best as it might have seemed light and spoilt the good impression. But I did reply that we kept none of those days, because they rested wholly on human authority and were given as by the Catholic Church and that God expressly warns us in his words against these papal institutions.

Here the president declared the hearing closed and asked us to retire. The whole proceedings lasted about 45 minutes. The judges did not manifest the least disrespect; they were quite old men and had a kindly appearance. For a few moments after my reading it seemed as though we were engaged in a theological discussion. And I would not be surprised if the matter took more of this turn after we retired, for they were about three quarters of an hour in reaching a conclusion then we were called in to hear the sentence, which was that the decision of the police court was sustained and ten francs added for costs.

We now have sixty days in which to appeal to the Supreme Court. It is our intention to print the arguments presented to the Basle Court of Appeals and circulate as extensively as possible, in the meantime instructing our churches in the principles of religious liberty and get them to work as much as possible and then near the close of the sixty days make the appeal to the higher court.

Just now the Catholics are bestirring themselves and are beginning to call for the return of the Jesuits, so this may prove a very favorable time for bringing out our principles.

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EXTRACT from letter of Eld. R.B. Craig

Casilla del Correo 481

Buenos Ayres

August 3, 1894

Eld. W.C. White

Granville, N.S.W.

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Dear Brother: -

I trust you will not interpret my delay in answering your most welcome letter of May 10 as a lack of interest on our part.

My wife and little boy are with me and are a great help to me in making a home for the canvassers when in the city, as well as demonstrating the principles of healthful living to the people here. The idea prevails here that it is very necessary to eat meat two or three times a day if life and health are maintained any length of time. But we have been able to demonstrate to them that it is not the case as we have not had meat on our table but once since coming here, and that was fish. It is no uncommon thing here to see both children and adults with their faces covered with sores. Also the slightest wound to the skin is liable to become very troublesome to most people who live here. Some think it is the air that poisons the wound. They never seem to think it is the bad blood in their veins.

Our co-laborers are E.W. Snyder, A.B. Stauffer, C.A. Nowlen, L. Brooking, A. Bachmeyer, E.L. Read & wife, and J. Goutoudier. The three brethren first named came to this country in Dec. 1891. They were practical canvassers and began to work with G. Con. [page break]

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Buenos Ayres

August 3, 1894

Eld. W.C. White

Granville, N.S.W.

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Soon after their first delivery of books in this city, Bro. Brooking embraced the truth by reading Great Controversy. He was at once impressed that the Lord had called him to work in his vineyard and left the R.R. shops at once where he was working and entered the canvassing field. He has a good knowledge of the Spanish and is a diligent, devoted worker.

Bro. Bachmeyer is a young German who accepted the truth at Rio Janeiro. Bro. Stauffer has worked with the German people almost ever since coming here. The two last named have been in Brazil the past year and have had many difficulties because of the revolution.

Bro. Read and wife are the only Sabbath-keepers in this city beside ourselves. He canvassed principally on the ships which call at this place. Bro. Nowlen is now in Chili opening the work there. Bro. Goutoudier is a French Waldensian by birth but speaks the Spanish well. You may have heard of John McCarthy who attended the Bible school at Battle Creek the past winter. He lives in Montevideo. While he is not spending his time directly in the work, he is doing what he can to hold up the light while he makes a living for his family.

So you see there are seven adults who are keeping the Sabbath since the work started here and there has not been a sermon preached except by the canvassers and the silent influence of the books left in the homes of the people. But we are now looking with interest to the arrival of Bro. Westphal, who we expect at the end of this month. His help is greatly needed now among the German Sabbath-keepers located about 200 miles north of this city. There are 20 or 30 Germans there [page break]

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who keep the Sabbath but they need instruction badly, as you will realize when I tell you the only attempt at preaching the Message they have ever heard was by L.C. Chadwick more than two years past, when he visited these countries.

There are French Sabbath-keepers about the same distance from here to the north who speak Spanish also. You may remember the way these people first heard about the Sabbath. A number of persons who had just accepted the truth were baptized in Lake Neuchatel in Switzerland. This baptismal scene was reported in a Baptist paper and in connection with the report it was stated that these people kept the Seventh-day Sabbath. This at once attracted the attention of some of the Baptists in this country and soon after, three families began keeping the Sabbath. One of these (Bro. Mathieu) is a native of Belgium and has lately returned to that country to do what he can to sow the seeds of truth as there seemed to him to be a debt of love to his own countrymen.

The principal book we are using here in the various languages now is Patriarchs & Prophets. We have been pushing this book among the Spanish and English speaking people ever since the Spanish edition was issued. We find it one of the best pioneer books we have ever used. It is a great mistake to suppose that the masses of the people are not interested in the contents of this book. Of course I do not mean to say that we can sell the book to everybody we meet. But I am sure it can be sold as well as any book we have ever handled.

My principal object in writing you before was to solicit your aid in getting the Life of Christ translated into the Spanish language [page break]

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as soon as possible. We will need another book to follow up Patriarchs and Prophets and if the Life of Christ is ready within a year we think it would be the proper book.

We have some cases of interest here amongst the Spanish and English. The Captain of the “Allen Gardener” has lately commenced to keep the Sabbath. Bro. Nowlen first formed his acquaintance in the Falkland Islands last Dec. Since that time he visited our office at London and manifested a decided interest in our work.

A young Portuguese colporteur in Rio Janeiro has lately commenced the observance of the Sabbath also. We have a Sabbath and Sunday school here in the city of more than 20 members. The Lord is good and we rejoice in his work and that it is so rapidly going to all parts of the Earth.

Your Brother,

R.B. Craig

A.G.M.

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Camp Ground, Ashfield

Oct. 16, 1894

Mr. J.H. Woode, Miss E.J. Burnham, & Mr. J. Smith

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Dear Friends,--

I suppose by the time that this reaches you that brethren Muckersy, Faulkhead, and Salisbury will be on their way to this place and you will be ranking officers in the most important department of the Echo Co.'s business.

We can report that much prosperity is attending our work here although we have suffered much from unexpected delays in getting the necessary articles to fit up the ground; and although we have been greatly hindered and delayed in getting our goods through the customs, yet the work has gone forward on the campground quite well. There are now nearly forty tents erected and half as many more will go up during the next few days. I think there are about sixty camping on the ground already.

Our students from the Bible School with six or eight others have been doing valiant work in the circulation of the camp-meeting Echo. During the two days they were out last week, about eighteen hundred were sold and we think they will put out nearly a thousand today. They report much curiosity on the part of the people and we hope that the meetings may be so managed that this will develop into a healthy interest. The Starr and the "News" come out with excellent reports this evening and we will try to send you copies.

The principal object of this letter is to lay before you the outlines [page break]

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of a plan which is developing in our minds for the bringing out of another special edition of the Echo, which shall contain the synopses of several of the addresses given at this meeting with outline reports of some of the sermons.

That which first called our attention to this matter was a desire on our part to place in the hands of the people of Sydney a brief outline of the work which our people are doing in carious lines accompanied by reports of some of the most interesting sermons. The rapid sale of the special edition of the Echo has given us courage to believe that if we bring out another number near the close of the meeting contain illustrated articles regarding the meeting and the work of our people that this would receive a wide and rapid sale and that it would be the means of calling the attention of thousands of people to the truths which we are proclaiming.

As we have discussed this plan it has occurred to us that the same matter would be interesting and beneficial to all the readers of the Echo and as there will be more matter than can be contained in this one special number, we may be enabled to issue two or three illustrated numbers before all our reports are worked up.

What I have proposed to our brethren is as follows; -- We will ask Eld. Rousseau to prepare a written address with which to introduce his work on the educational question, and in this address we suggest that he shall treat the historical features of our educational work in such a way as to make place for the cuts of our schools. [page break]

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I will endeavor to treat the publishing work in the same manner and we will ask someone to treat the medical missionary and Sanitarium work in the same way. The principal difficulties to be encountered in this work are first to get time to prepare the addresses in that brief, comprehensive, and readable style that will be essential to success and second to secure the proper cuts.

First of all we wish you to send us immediate proofs of all the outs you have at the Echo Office; and secondly we desire to know what it will cost to have good photo engravings made from some pictures that we shall send to you. If you have received a copy of the Year Book for '94, you may ascertain what the expense would be of furnishing us copies by the photo engraving process of the Union College, the Orphans Home, and the Ladies Dormitory of Battle Creek College, each of these to be brought to the size of four inches by six, or thereabouts.

Hoping to hear from you by return mail regarding the cuts on hand, I am,

Yours in haste,

W.C. White



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EXTRACT from letter of Eld. G.B. Starr

Rockhampton

October 2, 1894

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Dear Brethren: -

A letter received today from Bro. Costello. He considers there is a good opening at Charters Towers for meetings also at Townsville.

We wish we could divide ourselves so as to go to Marybourough and Bundaberg and Charters Towers at once at the close of our work here. But unless you can send us another man or two, we do not see our way to do so. And this raises the question, could you not send help here, that could assist the church in Tract Society work and instruct them in Health Reform and "Christian Help Work" at the same time be of assistance on their building enterprise which we hope soon to see on foot and so release us sooner to go on to one of these fields that are calling so loudly for help? It would rejoice us greatly if you could see your way to send Dr. Kellogg or Bro. & Sr. Semmens, and now that fares are so low, £1:15:0 steerage (which in the large boats they say is quite good) may not something of this kind be possible? Please consider it.

We have just received "The Church Visitor" No. 1. Think it will be of service to us in church organization here.

The interest seems to be as good as at any time since we came. The former manager of the Daily Argus here and his wife who was for years head-teacher in the girls school here are both diligently studying the Truth. They reside 5 miles from town, but we visit them weekly. They both acknowledge the truth on the Sabbath and state of the dead. [page break]

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Rockhampton

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He asked us when he could get something on the other side of the Sabbath question, so I loaned him a £50 prize essay from the London Lord's Day Society. He read it and remarked that it was surprising how much of our argument and how many of our proof texts the author used to try to sustain Sunday.

Last Sunday morning he told me he wished to purchase Thought on Daniel and Revelation, Great Controversy, and History of the Sabbath all in half Morocco and Prophetic Lights and later Patriarchs and Prophets.

Another family of 5 adults and their children are deeply interested. They kept me up until after midnight a few nights since answering questions on the truth. One of the young ladies is a nurse at the Children's Hospital. She is much interested in the Health Reform and would like a training at the Sanitarium. Two of the ladies spoke at our meeting last Sabbath, but we do not know that they are observing the Sabbath yet.

There are now nineteen new Sabbath-keepers not counting any of the above interested ones. 64 were present at Sabbath School last Sabbath and after preaching we had a really good Testimony meeting, short, pointed, intelligent statements.

Next Sunday, weather permitting, we have arranged to have baptism at a stream 3 ½ miles from town. We shall take our dinners and have two outdoor meetings in English and one in German. About twenty will be baptized, others will wait two or three weeks, when we are planning a second baptism.

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Campground, Ashfield, N.S.W.  
18, October 1894  
Capt. George Masters  
G.P.O.  
Madras, India

My dear Brother: -

We were glad to receive yours of Sept. 14 from Adelaide posted as your steamer was weighing anchor. We are glad to learn from this and from Fairley's letter just received that you have gotten on very nicely.

We shall soon be in the midst of camp-meeting. There are now 40 tents erected and we hope for an attendance of 250.

The people of Sydney manifest much curiosity regarding our work and we hope for a large attendance.

Last evening, the "News" and "Star" gave us good reports. I will try and send you copies.

I will enclose a copy of a letter recently received from Eld. Starr in which you will be interested.

We hope to soon hear that you are comfortably located and that you have begun work.

Your brother in Christ,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Campground, Ashfield, N.S.W.  
18<sup>th</sup>, October 1894  
Mr. Fairley Masters  
G.P.O.  
Madras, India

My dear Brother: -

Yesterday's post brought me your welcome letter of Sept. 22 announcing your safe arrival at Colombo. We are very glad to know that you were so near your journey's end and that your sufferings had been comparatively light on the trip. We shall wait with interest to hear of your arrival in Madras to learn what your first impressions are of the country. I am especially interested in first impressions because I often laugh over my first impressions of affairs in Europe.

We are hard at work preparing for the camp-meeting, which will begin day after tomorrow. The camp is very quiet today because about 20 are out selling the Echo's. I think I will send you a copy of my letter to Eld. Starr which tells most of the news.

I spent a greater part of the forenoon with Brn. Rousseau, Michaels, and Corliss laying plans for the readjustment of our Book business. We desire that from the close of this year arrangements shall be made for the Tract Society to control all the Territory and the Echo Compy. do all the shipping. I think this plan will be adopted and put in operation.

With kindest regards and wishes for the prosperity of your work, I am,  
Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Campground. Ashfield, N.S.W.

18<sup>th</sup>, October 1894

Eld. A.S. Hickox

Albert at Rockhampton

My dear Brother: -

I have received tow or three letters from you which still wait for answer. I have often planned to write to you, but it is hard to get at it.

As regards the coming of someone from the States who could bring your little girl, I will say as yet no one is coming and I am somewhat at a loss to know when the persons will come whom I had expected. We are now talking of requesting E.M. Morrison and wife to come from California and I shall write to them about bringing your child. As you are well acquainted with them I will suggest that you write to them also. I think you will be in time for the Mariposa, which sails the 29<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to write you a long letter today, but time is limited and as I sent most of the news to Eld. Starr yesterday, I will close this right here and will endeavor to write more later on.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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18<sup>th</sup>, October 1894

Eld. G.T. Wilson

Wellington, N.Z.

My dear Brother: -

We are now hard at work preparing for camp-meeting which will commence day after tomorrow. There are 40 tents erected and 20 more will go up in the next two days. The work of the Canvassers Institute moves slowly yet some important work is being done and well done. There are about 20 in the canvasser's class, but they are principally engaged in advertising the camp-meeting by the sale of our special edition of the Echo. They are able to put out about 50 copies per day. Tonight we shall have gotten out about 4000 copies and there are 6000 yet to be circulated.

Our Tract Society Directors and the ministers of the Conference have had several profitable meetings to discuss the present status and future prospects of our Book business and we are making some progress in the adoption of plans for future work. We shall recommend that the Tract Socy. shall take supervision of the entire canvassing field and that the Echo Co. shall do all the importing and shipping. We also talk of asking the Mission Board to send Bro. E.M. Morrison to be Genl. Agent for the Tract Society. With this I send you copy of a lengthy letter from Eld. Holser; also copy of my last from Eld. Starr and my answer.

As this contains most of the news to day, I will close hoping this will find you in good health.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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WHEREAS, Our subscription book business is primarily a missionary enterprise which seeks opportunity for the propagation of spiritual truth and,

WHEREAS, To carry on this work most successfully the canvassing agents should be directly connected with, and under the control of the Tract Society, our missionary organization,

WHEREAS, The management of the subscription book business by the Tract Society in other countries has proved successful and has demonstrated the wisdom of this course, therefore,

Resolved, That the Echo Publishing co. and the Australian Tract Society be requested to make arrangements at once whereby the latter shall have entire control of the retail book business in Australia and Tasmania, and that said arrangements go into effect Dec. 20, 1894.

WHEREAS, The Echo Publishing House is located in Melbourne, which is a convenient centre for all the Australasian Colonies, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that early arrangements be made to constitute the Echo Publishing House a general book depository and distributing point for the Australian Tract Societies and that we request the Foreign Mission Board to use its influence in securing for the Echo Publishing Co. such discounts on books from other publishing houses as will enable the said societies to secure their supplies in Melbourne at London prices.

Resolved, That we advise that the Sydney subscription book depository be discontinued as soon as practicable and that pending the action recommended in the foregoing resolutions arrangements be made with the Echo Publishing Co. for the shipment of books to the Society's agent's in New South Wales and Queensland on the terms recently offered by the Echo Co.

Resolved, That we request the Foreign Mission Board to send Bro. E.M. Morrison to Australasia to assist the Australian Tract Society in managing its subscription book business; also to labor for the extension of the work into mission fields and further that we suggest that Sister Morrison might be employed in the school work as soon as it opens; and that we request the Mission Board to meet the traveling expenses of the trip because of the extent of our field and scarcity of funds.

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Mr. Joseph Hare Jr.

Kaeo, N.Z.

My dear Brother: -

It is some time since I received your kind letter of August 7<sup>th</sup>. I had just returned from a trip to Melbourne and a few weeks later I was there again. We had a splendid Institute in connection with the closing of the school. I wish you could have been with us for you would have enjoyed it. No doubt Metcalfe and your daughter Julia have told you something about it but they could not fully appreciate the general effect of the meeting because Metcalfe's time was broken by his preparations to return to New Zealand, and Julia with many others of our people was largely occupied with thoughts of parting with school-mates and preparations to return home. I need not tell you how sorry I am that matters have so shaped our plans for the continued working of the school have been broken, but we know all things work for the good of those who love God and we will wait His time and plans.

It would do your soul good to see how our Brethren and Sisters in the little companies around Melbourne were encouraged and strengthened by our Convention. I think it will be our duty to hold similar meetings in different parts of this Conference and I am sure that such meetings would be profitable in New Zealand.

With this I will send you copy of one of my letters giving the latest news regarding our work here in camp. I will also send copy of some resolutions which we have prepared to present at the business meetings of the Conference and Tract Society. You will see that we contemplate important changes in the subscription book business. I think that the changes will meet with your approval.

Have you anything to suggest about additional ministers for New Zealand? Eld. J.M. Cole from Norfolk is here and he thinks that if we could send a good substantial layman to Norfolk as a self supporting missionary that he could be free to work in New Zealand or Australia.

What do you think of our proposition to have E.M. Morrison to come over here? What is your mind about our sending a delegate to the next General Conference? It seems to me there are many reasons why we should be represented.

I shall take the liberty to send you a newspaper occasionally containing reports of our meetings.

With kindest regards to Sr. Hare and the children,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.



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Dear Sister,--

It is about two months that I have been promising myself that the next mail should carry you a letter and now I must write you a few lines if no more. I will send with this copy of my last letter from Eld. Starr and my answer to it, therefore I need not repeat what is contained in it. I also send copy of a lengthy letter from Eld. Olsen which you will be interested to read. All of these may be forwarded to Eld. Wilson, and he is at liberty to pass them on to others. I think I will also enclose copy of my last letter from South America as I know our New Zealand friends will be interested in the work over there.

We are now comfortably located on a most beautiful campground. Everyone admires it and I hope to get a good photograph before the meeting closes from which we can make a wood cut to use in future advertisements. There are fifty tents up, and about seventy-five camping on the ground. Today and tomorrow will bring almost as many more and tomorrow night, our meeting begins in earnest.

Up to the present time, three lines of work have been carried forward; first the preparation of the ground; second the advertisement of the meetings by the sale of the Echo; and third a series of consultations regarding the future of our subscription book business, [page break]

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which as you know has been perplexing us for quite a period and which we hope at this meeting to see arranged on a basis by which the most good will be accomplished at the least expense.

Brethren Crothers and Michaels are doing good work in the limited time they have to instruct our young people in the canvassing work. I hope we may be able to send you with this a memoranda of some of plans we are preparing to lay before the Conference, the Tract Society, and the Echo Publishing Co. Brother Crothers is good help to us in these plans because he understands the work in all its relations and can appreciate the probably results of the various changes proposed.

We have been watching with deep interest the progress of your work in New Zealand. I have read some numbers of the Bulletin and have been much interested in them. I hope the time is not far away when the Australian Tract Society will issue a similar sheet.

We have been glad to know that you have given considerable attention to the work of correspondence and we are thankful that this work has met with such a hearty response. Please give us from time to time all the encouraging items you can, for we are impressed that it will be helpful to our people if we can keep them posted regarding the efforts made and the success which attends them in this line.

A few days ago Eld. Israel permitted me to read your last letter to him, and it was a real pleasure to hear from you so fully. Every item of home news was interesting. I am glad that your brother will be so pleasantly located, and I am much pleased to know that Sister Hill [page break]

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is now a member of your family.

A few days ago I received the Year Book for '94 and am reminded by this that it is time for us to prepare our statistical reports for the next General Conference. Up to the present time our Conferences and Tract Societies for Australasia have been more delinquent in reporting and therefore have been most poorly represented of any part of the world in the reports of our Year Book, but I most earnestly hope that we may struggle to the front rank. I may not have time to write to all the secretaries in New Zealand, and I shall therefore ask the privilege of laying upon you the burden of corresponding with them and asking them to send in the latest statistical reports regarding the New Zealand Conference and S.S. Association. To this you may add full information regarding the tract society and send all to me so that we may file it with our Australian reports and send it with Eld. Daniells to the General Conference.

No doubt Eld. Wilson has explained to you fully the financial arrangement proposed by Eld. Olsen regarding the tithes and missionary money from the Australasian Conferences being sent hereafter to the treasurer of the Union Conference. It is desired that each Conference shall send its General Conference tenth quarterly as soon after the close of the quarter as is reasonable. The missionary society is also requested to forward at the close of the quarter any missionary funds which it has.

In order that we may be properly represented at the next General [page break]

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Conference, it will be necessary to ask the Conference secretary to send me a statistical report based upon the returns of the same data and I will ask you to give us a report of the workings of the Tract Society to that date. There are some things which are usually included in the annual report that you could not furnish at that time without great labor, but there are many items which you could prepare and send to us then.

Could you not also compile from your letters received an interesting report showing the hearty response and the good accomplished by your work of correspondence. If there is any point that I have not made clear, I shall be glad to receive your questions or criticisms. There are no doubt many points that I have overlooked and I will beg of you to give this matter as much thought as you can and to secure for us as complete a report of the progress and present standing of our work in New Zealand as you can.

Mother came on to the ground today. She is having some difficulty to sleep and get the necessary rest, otherwise she is pretty well. With kindest regards to Sister Charlton and with best wishes for your prosperity and that of your fellow laborers, I am,

Yours truly,

W.C. White

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My dear Brother, --

The Vancouver Steamer brought me two letters from you dated Aug. 19 and Sept. 3. Accept my hearty thanks for the two volumes on physiology. I like their general appearance and know that the contents must be orthodox. I shall endeavor to give them an examination soon. I am quite confident however before examination that we shall wish to use them in our school. Just now our school is closed. We feel much encouraged as we view the results of the three short terms. When we shall open again, I cannot tell. I earnestly hope that some definite plans may be laid during this meeting.

I am glad to hear that Mary Mortensen has been working into the kindergarten, taking the mother's course, and I wish to thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness in giving her so many unusual opportunities in connection with your educational enterprises.

In your letter of Sept. 3 you refer to our great need of an inexpensive and specially prepared cook book for Australia. We are heartily glad to know that Mrs. Kellogg is at work on a small book to be called the "Cooking School." It seems to me that an English and colonial edition of this work might be very useful. I think as you say it will not take the place of a larger book, but it will go into thousands of homes where the larger book is not likely to enter.

We have been talking for a year about trying to prepare such a work. We have a number of persons who could assist in criticizing the large book and show what parts of it were impractical and what parts cannot be understood here. We also have a number who could furnish good receipts, but we have no one prepared to do the literary work; yet we have felt that something must be done and at a recent meeting of our book committee we appointed Jas. Smith, M.G. Kellogg, and A.W. Semmens a special committee to give this subject consideration. I am glad that you have written to Dr. M.G. Kellogg and to Semmens about this. Their first impulse is sit down and write you lengthily about the difficulties of the situation; but I maintain that you know that already and that the only thing which will be of real service is to suggest things that can be done. I shall endeavor to assist them in working together as a committee and shall encourage them to correspond with all those who could possibly make helpful suggestions for the collection as soon as possible of material from which you may be able to select something. As regards the size and price of the book, I will suggest that for this field we would prefer a book of one hundred sixty to two hundred forty pages, something that would sell for eighteen pence in  
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leatherette, and half crown in oil cloth, or three shillings in muslin.

I am sorry about "Christian Temperance." It does not seem to be fully satisfactory to anybody, and yet we are all so busy that it is difficult to make any improvement. Mother does not wish to have it reprinted without change, and you have suggested additions and improvements which would no doubt double its value. The last time you wrote me at length about it you intimated that Mrs. Whitney would soon give the matter consideration and make suggestions about additions. I expressed myself much pleased with this, but we have never heard from her about it. If she could make a compilation under your direction of such matter as you would like to add to this book from Mother's writings, or of such matter as you would like to put into a companion book, we would use our best efforts to give it a careful criticism and would gladly meet all the expense of the work. But at this distance and without complete files of our publications and with all the work that is pressing upon us of various kinds, we dare not undertake it.

When "Christian Temperance" is reprinted I think it would be well to bring it out more in the style of "Gospel Workers" or "Christian Education" that it may have a large sale and be more profitable to the publishers. It may be that if you and Mrs. Whitney should undertake the compilation of the smaller work which you refer to, that Mother would relinquish her share in the profits of its sale in behalf of the Orphans' Home. You might ask her and perhaps this would open the way for the work to go forward; but in any case, she would wish to examine the manuscript or proofs before the work was published. This would not take long because when manuscripts were copied for the printer, manifold copies could be taken and forwarded to us and we could telegraph approval if there was hurry toward the last.

Fore sometime I have desired to write you regarding the sending of young people from this country to take a course in your Training School for nurses. There are very many here who wish to go and it frequently occurs that some of our colonial brethren get hold of your advertisements in Good Health or the Medical Missionary and without fully understanding the difference between your various courses, they go from family to family and stir up our young people about going to the Sanitarium. Some of your advertisements for persons to enter the special courses have been misunderstood, and many minds have been stirred up without going to Battle Creek.

There are several classes who offer themselves. Much the larger number is wholly unqualified from lack of general education and lack of thorough training which would fit them to endure your severe discipline. A few have means to go with and only wait for our approval or for your consent. Mess Helen Holder represents this class. A few weeks ago a young man by the name of Stewart joined us in North Fitzroy. His mother has been a Sabbath keeper for some years and he has been head clerk or manager in a branch store of a large grocery firm. He is physically strong and of an active mind and possesses a good degree of self-confidence. I desired to encourage him, but one of our [page break]

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leading brethren opposed his going and so the matter was dropped.

There is another class of persons who have not been long connected with the message, but who have been active and influential workers in the Sunday schools and churches to which they formerly belonged. For years they have had their minds made up to devote their lives to mission work and have been trying to do what they could at home. Some of these share to a large degree the confidence of their acquaintances and could bring any number of recommendations but they have no money and would need to be assisted. There is still another class represented by those who we have already sent t you, such as Semmens, Shannon, Reekie, and Ruth Jones.

I do not desire to take large responsibility in the sending of workers to the Training School till I hear from you again about it. If I could know what you think regarding the wisdom of our action in each of the cases where we have encouraged young people or assisted them to go to Battle Creek, and if I could know your present wishes regarding colonial recruits in you school, I would be pleased to act in harmony with your plans.

If you could use some second class material, we could furnish a lot. But after taking the position that we can send only the best, it is difficult to get a unanimous vote to send away from us the very ones who can help most if they remain. Please tell us if you can use to advantage persons like Brandstater and Ruth Jones.

I am much surprised to read Semmens article in the August Medical Missionary. Much of it is absurd and misleading. I shall write to the editor more fully about this after I have heard his explanation.

I will enclose with this copy of my last letter to Eld. Starr which some of your friends may like to read if you have not time.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

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Elder W.W. Prescott

College, Battle Creek, Mich.

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My dear Brother, --

The Mariposa has just brought me your letter of Sept. 12 and I hasten to reply. We are truly glad to learn that the outlook for the school work in America is so encouraging. There is certainly more need for our making special effort in this line in these hard times than before; but the question of finance is a very difficult one both with school managers and the families who wish to send students. We shall be very thankful if you will give us an account of every economical measure that is devised with its results.

I am quite anxious to hear about the work of Healdsburg College and I most earnestly plead with you to give that institution as much of your personal attention as is possible. I know quite well the spirit and feelings of the California people; and for years I have regretted our inability to attempt a gradual remolding of that institution because I feared that the sweeping change would offend them and almost break up the school for a time. I am sure that our people on the coast have much confidence in you and I believe that if you will spend some time with them that you can help to carry them over this crisis in a way that will save the Conference from falling into a state of discouragement and criticism which will be detrimental.

We are heartily glad that you are not loaded with so much of the [page break]



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work in Battle Creek, and that you can spend more time with our other schools. I very much wish that you would come over here and give us a life. In fact matters are getting somewhat complicated and we greatly need some help from those who have had broader experience in the educational work. Please consider this matter and see if you cannot plan to make us a visit after the next General Conference. You could go on to South Africa and then spend some time establishing schools in Europe.

Our camp-meeting work opens up encouragingly here. We have a beautiful location and there are now fifty tents and about seventy five people on the ground. As many more people will be coming in today and tomorrow and before the meeting is done I hope to see two hundred encamped here. Our method of advertising the meeting is somewhat different from that followed in the States. We have printed ten thousand copies of a special edition of the Echo, with covers giving particulars about the meetings and some general information about our people. These Echo's are sold from house to house by our young people who also carry some of the covers to give away where they think best. This method was followed last year in Melbourne and to this we attributed a large influence in securing so good an attendance. I will endeavor to send you a few copies of the Echo and the cover. Brother Crothers who is with us from New Zealand thinks they will adopt a similar plan for advertising their meetings. I will also send you two of our evening papers which give us fair notice.

Yesterday Mother moved onto the ground. She is not strong and [page break]

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does not get sufficient sleep, but is of fairly good courage and hopes to be able to take an active part through the meetings.

With this I shall endeavor to send you copy of a letter just written to the G.C.A. You are aware that we have for some time been struggling to get our subscription book business arranged, and I think you will read with interest our present plans.

I wish I could write you something about our school enterprise; but as I have nothing new to say I will wait till our meeting is over. With kindest regards, I am,

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

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Eld. Geo. C. Tenney

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My dear Brother, --

The Mariposa brought me your welcome letter of Sept. 11 which I read with special interest. I am heartily glad that I have one correspondent in Battle Creek besides the members of my own little household who sometimes steps outside the ordinary business routine and give me a little news. I thank you for your invitation for me to write more frequently for the Review. My delinquency in this has not been from bashfulness, but because of lack of time or physical weakness. Some of the time since the Melbourne meeting I have been so worried and perplexed that I have not been fit for work, and I have sometimes feared that the chronic congestion of my head which is slowly increasing would force me to run away from work for a time.

My last letter from Eld. Olsen gives me much courage. It intimates that the Mission Board desires that I shall have suitable help and that I may be free to select someone to assist me. I am now employing Brother A.G. McKenzie, who was for years head clerk for a large firm of lawyers and real estate dealers. He has mastered the type writer and is making a hard fight to master shorthand. I think a few more weeks will enable him to do fairly well in correspondence.

I thank you most heartily for calling my attention to the report published in the August Medical Missionary. I shall have a talk with the one who wrote it before I say much more. I am exceedingly sorry that such an article should have been written. I cannot imagine any good to come from it and I can see lots of harm to the writer, to our people here, and to their friends in all parts of the world.

I am glad that Hibbard will spend a year or two in Battle Creek. It will do much to perfect his education and I trust that he may be the right man in the right place.

We follow with interest the record of calamities in the States. It is very sad as we think of the suffering of the people; but it is also an indication that we are near the close of the battle, the end of which we desire to see.

I am much surprised at what you say about Sister Burnham and at the letter just received from the Mission Board to her. I shall talk with her at the first opportunity and endeavor to ascertain her mind. She has been working hard and is worn and wearied, but she persistently resists every effort I have made to secure for her a vacation. I think we should miss her much if she left the office, but we will try to do that which is best for her if we can learn what that is.

I need not repeat what I have written in previous letters about the use of Mother's furniture. She freely offered it for your use, and until she gives definite instruction otherwise you may be free to use it. I note with interest what you say about the size of the Michigan [page break]

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and Californian Conference, but I will not venture an opinion at present. We are glad that you can write such encouraging words about the men bearing responsibilities in our institutions at Battle Creek.

We are getting on nicely with our preparation for the Sydney camp-meeting. Fifty tents are up and ten or fifteen more will be required. Seventy-five or eighty of our people are on the ground and we hope as many more will be coming in today and tomorrow. About twenty of our young people are engaged in selling the special edition of the Bible Echo. This is their fifth day out. They have already sold about four thousand. We had ten thousand printed in all. I will send you a copy of this and also a copy of the News and Star containing notices of the meetings. We think that this plan for advertising our meetings is one of the best that has ever been adopted. You may have heard that the Echo bindery has been enlarged and that the Federal Hall has been cut down in size and is now being fitted up as an office for the corresponding secretaries of the Australian Tract Society. We are also considering the advisability of having the tract society take charge of all the canvassers and arrange with the tract society take charge of all the canvassers and arrange with the Echo Co. to do all the shipping. I will enclose with this some resolutions considered by our tract society directors and ministers of the Conference and the representatives of the Echo Co. which will be presented for adoption when our business meetings come on. Please tell me what you think of these plans and propositions.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

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Executive Committee of General Conference Asso.

J.N. Nelson, Sec.

Battle Creek, Mich.

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Dear Brethren: -

The Mariposa brought me your communication of Sept. 13 accompanied by Eld. Olson's letter of Aug. 23. These letters will be read to my associates on the Union Conference Committee, the Echo Board, and to the Tract Society Directors; and after giving the matters brought to our attention full consideration we shall write to you more fully than I can write today.

We can appreciate to some extent perhaps the pressure which is brought upon the General Conference Asso. by its efforts to extend the work and its desire to deal liberally and leniently with all its agencies and agents. And I desire to express my appreciation of the kindness and consideration with which you have treated your Australasian agencies from the beginning and also my appreciation of the kind and considerate manner in which you have expressed to us the necessity of our pay for the books which have been sent to us from America and London.

I thank you for the cautions expressed in your letter and it would have been gratifying to me if you had so fully understood our present situation and plans that you could have made your advice to us more definite. [page break]

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Heretofore we have not maintained a separate correspondence with the G.C.A. for we cannot readily understand where the lines are drawn between its business and that of the Mission Board, but we have submitted to the Mission Board from time to time propositions and questions regarding our work here to many of which we have received no answer and we have endeavored to place for the Board a full and simple statement of our financial standing, including the most discouraging features and confessing our perplexities. We still cling to the hope that if the Mission Board could find time to give these matters some attention that they would give us counsels that would help us in our present efforts to rearrange our book business and other branches of our work upon more economical and effective lines.

As regards the matter of promptitude in payments for books and the diverting of funds to other enterprises, I will say that we will do our utmost to meet your wishes in this matter.

As regards the credit to be received from the London office I greatly desire that there shall be a clearer understanding between us all, regarding this matter. We are so far away from you and it takes so long to get answers to our letters and you are so much nearer to the London office and understand so much better than we can the plans and policies to be followed that we have supposed there would be a full and perfect understanding between the G.C.A. and the London office. We have also taken it for granted that when you send us drafts on the Echo Co.

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Echo Co. for considerable sums of money to be paid to individuals for labor to the church building fund and to the Bible School that you would notify Gibson of this fact or send him the equivalent to use in carrying on the London business. Your advices would reach him inside of two weeks whereas the shortest time that letters can reach him from here is five weeks.

Further, after the General Conference Assoc. has voted \$12,500.00 to the Australasian Bible School \$3000.00 of which it has received for us from Africa and after receiving letters from Eld. Olsen stating that what has been voted for our school is subject to our order but expressing the hope that the money received from the sale of subscription books will come in fast enough to meet the payment on the work we are prosecuting and after having sent to the Mission Board for some funds with which to meet a payment to which application there has been no word of response we have thought that we were acting according to the plans outlined for us in notifying Echo Co., Australian Tract Soc., and New Zealand Tract Soc. that they might forward to the treasurer of the Union conference moneys due to the G.C.A. for books and that we would send you orders to cover the same.

As regards the matter of making reports to you at stated intervals I will be obliged to confer with the accountants before making answer. I do not think our business is so arranged that we could make satisfactory reports every thirty or sixty days without considerably increasing our clerical force which is now already too large when compared [page break]

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with the volume and profits of our business. We are now striving to rearrange the business so that more work can be accomplished by a few competent workers and at less expense.

Your are no doubt aware though our letters to the Mission Board that for some months we have been studying various plans for the rearrangement of our Sub. Book Business on more economical lines. At the same time we desire to secure greater efficiency and more influence with the people to whom we sell books. There are many ways we could economize by crippling the work and there are many ways we could strengthen the work by increasing our expenditure. But we shall not be satisfied until we have arranged that business so as to have less expense and greater efficiency. I will enclose with this a copy of my letter of Sept. 28 to the F.M.B. Since that letter was written we have given some thought to the question of closing our Sydney depository and arranging to have books shipped by the Echo Co. to all our Australian agents. This and several kindred matters were brought before our brethren assembled at the Workers Meetings. Below I will give you an abstract of the minutes of these council meetings.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL HELD ON AHSFIELD CAMPGROUND

for the

CONSIDERAION OF THE SUBSCRIPTION BOOK BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.

Oct. 15, 1894.

Present: - A.G. Daniells, S. McCullagh, L.J. Rousseau, A. Reekie, J.O. Corliss, C.P. Michaels, W.M. Crawthers, Jessie Pallent, M.G. Kellogg, A.G. McKenzie, W.C. White, John Collins, W.A. Colcord, George Teasdale, Miss A.L. Ingles, and Miss Rose Goodey

The Chair was occupied by W.C. White who introduced the subject by a brief history of the book work in Australia, noting the management of [page break]



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the work, first, by the Echo Office and the subsequent decision of the territory with the Australian Tract Society. An extract was read from the minutes of the last meeting of the shareholders of the Echo Pub. Co. recognizing the fact that it would be for the interest of the general cause to have the canvassing work in all the Colonies under the management of the Tract Society and to have the wholesale handling of all the books for Australia done by the Echo Co.

The Chairman stated that one item of business under consideration is the question of transferring all the business of the Aust. Tract Society from Sydney to Melbourne, thus giving up the Sydney Office.

The advantages and disadvantages of closing the Sydney Office and employing the Echo Co. to do the shipping at the rates proposed were quite fully discussed and also the financial gain or loss to the Tract Society. It was voted that the Chair appoint a Committee to furnish a careful estimate of the financial bearing of this move on the Tract Society. The Chair appointed as this Committee: Brn. Crothers, Rousseau, Michaels, Corliss, and Reekie.

Bro. Daniells moved that Brn. Crothers and Michaels act with Chairman in the consideration of the question of Colonial agents.

This meeting was adjourned to 7:30 P.M.

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#### SECOND MEETING, 7:30 P.M.

The Chairman spoke to some length upon the advantages and necessities of local supervision of the agents in the field. Bro. Michaels expressed himself in favor of company leaders. Bro. Crothers defined duties of General Agent and of company leaders.

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#### THIRD MEETING, Oct. 16, 1894 7:30 P.M.

The Chairman stated three question before the meeting,

1. It is advisable that the Tract Society take control of all the territory in the canvassing work.
2. Is it best to advise that the Echo Co. shall be the importers of all subscription books and do the shipping for the Society?
3. Shall we request the Foreign Mission Board in taking pioneer trips in the surrounding islands to ascertain the openings for work?

The Chair stated that he believes that there is territory to the north of us in which the sale of our books could be made profitable. The report of the Committee appointed to make an estimate of the comparative cost of operating the business in Sydney and in Melbourne was given; (See report on another page). [page break]

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Comparison by estimate of saving in the transfer of the business of the Australasian Tract Society from Sydney to Melbourne.

<u>SYDNEY</u>	-----	<u>MELBOURNE</u>
Wages one year ---- £166.0.0		Wages one year, -----£104.0.0
Tram fare, etc. ---- 4.0.0		Trams, ----- - - -
Cartage, etc. ---- 29.4.0		Cartage, ----- - - -
Rent,----- 52.0.0		Rent ----- - - -
		Shipping ----- 60.0.0
£252.4.0		£164.0.0
Difference in favor of having the business done in Melbourne, £87.4.0.		
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Bro. Crothers said that he at first thought that the work of passing the customs would be a barrier, but upon investigation he found that as far as Queensland was concerned the work was the same with books shipped from Sydney as if shipped from Melbourne, also that there was no grave difficulty or risk in doing the business through shipping companies. It was also ascertained that the plates from Melbourne to Queensland are but little more than from Sydney to Queensland ports.

Bro. Michaels expressed the belief that it would be beneficial for the agents to be under the Tract Society. Bro. McCullagh, although sorry to see the work centered in Melbourne, thinks the proposed change a good one. Bro. Corliss expressed himself in harmony with the proposition to have the territory controlled by the Tract Society and the shipping done by Echo Co. and cited experiences of how this was worked in America. Bro. Rousseau is in favor of having the canvassing work done under the control of the ecclesiastical body. Eld. Colcord thought it not necessary to burden the F.M.B. with what they in principle have approved again and again. Bro. Crothers believes the principle to be a right one and stated that the canvassers themselves would prefer to work under the Tract Society.

Bro. Daniells stated that over two years ago the Tract Society took over two Colonies and when he considers what has been accomplished the number that have embraced the truth, he is confident that the move was a providential one. The transfer of the work to Melbourne at this time does not necessarily imply that a mistake was made in coming to Sydney. He believes that the transfer should be made.

Those present who believed that the canvassing territory should [page break]

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all be in the hands of the Tract Society and that the time had come for such a transfer were given an opportunity to express themselves by vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of the change.

The matter of inviting Bro. Morrison to come to this country was then considered. Bro. White would like to see Australia a missionary training ground. In pioneering fields around us and in the training of the workers for them he thought that Bro. Morrison would be of assistance. The questions of territory, shipping, general agent, etc. were submitted to a committee who were asked to bring in recommendations at the next meeting. Committee appointed, Brn. Rousseau, Corliss, and Michaels. Adjourned.

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Oct. 17, 7:30 P.M.

The committee appointed at previous meeting submitted resolutions which were considered separately and after some revision adopted as follows, -

WHEREAS, Our subscription book business is primarily a missionary enterprise which seeks opportunity for the propagation of spiritual truth and,

WHEREAS, To carry on this work most successfully the canvassing agents should be directly connected with, and under the control of the Tract Society, our missionary organization,

WHEREAS, The management of the subscription book business by the Tract Society in other countries has proved successful and has demonstrated the wisdom of this course, therefore,

Resolved, That the Echo Publishing co. and the Australian Tract Society be requested to make arrangements at once whereby the latter shall have entire control of the retail book business in Australia and Tasmania, and that said arrangements go into effect Dec. 20, 1894.

WHEREAS, The Echo Publishing House is located in Melbourne, which is a convenient centre for all the Australasian Colonies, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that early arrangements be made to constitute the Echo Publishing House a general book depository and distributing point for the Australian Tract Societies and that we request the Foreign Mission Board to use its influence in securing for the Echo Publishing Co. such discounts on books from other publishing houses as will enable the said societies to secure their supplies in Melbourne at London prices.

Resolved, That we advise that the Sydney subscription book depository [page break]

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be discontinued as soon as practicable and that pending the action recommended in the foregoing resolutions arrangements be made with the Echo Publishing Co. for the shipment of books to the Society's agent's in New South Wales and Queensland on the terms recently offered by the Echo Co. (On ordinary trade books 15% advance and on trade books with close discount from publishers and on all subscription books 10% in advance on invoice prices.)

Resolved, That we request the Foreign Mission Board to send Bro. E.M. Morrison to Australasia to assist the Australian Tract Society in managing its subscription book business; also to labor for the extension of the work into mission fields and further that we suggest that Sister Morrison might be employed in the school work as soon as it opens; and that we request the Mission Board to meet the traveling expenses of the trip because of the extent of our field and scarcity of funds.

The meeting then adjourned.

W.C. White, Chairman

A.C. Ingles, Secretary.

During the discussion of the above resolutions there was an unusual degree of unanimity of opinion and considerable enthusiasm except the last resolution. And to this there were raised some objections. Our brethren here realize that the Mission Board has been too much expense until it is clearly shown that the laborers now in the field cannot do satisfactorily the work desired and they also wish to be very certain that the work required can be done satisfactorily by those we would send for. Some who were acquainted with Bro. Morrison years ago and who know how much he used to enjoy a jolly time with the young people felt misgivings on that account and some who had heard criticisms of those receiving instruction in his recent classes raised the objection that his teaching had not advanced with the development of the message, but that he gave his class the same old lessons and in the same manner as he did before he went to Europe.

Some of the brethren asked, "Have you made inquiry regarding his present efficiency and what do our brethren say?" I had to reply that I had made inquiry but that my brethren had ignored the question and that Brn. Jones and Mead had both omitted to say a word on this point.

Outside of the meeting the opinion was expressed that the style and method of Bro. Crothers work was just what we needed and some thought he would be of more service to us than any other man we might bring from America. To this I made answer that when Eld. Olsen took steamer from New Zealand he wrote me a letter intimating that it would be well for Crothers to spend some time in Australia and that we had hoped to arrange for this until the recent visit of Eld. Wilson. While he was with us the matter was discussed by the Union Conference Committee and [page break]

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the Australian members made numerous proposals for the exchange of general agents which we hoped would result in some plan by which Bro. Crothers could take a general supervision, but Eld. Wilson did not favor any of these proposals and seemed to think that the absence of Bro. Crothers from New Zealand for a few weeks would be detrimental to their work and that any longer absence would be disastrous. Under these circumstances I abandoned all hope of securing help from Bro. Crothers beyond what he may give us at this meeting and in our councils for a week or two following it. It is of great importance that in all our negotiations between the two conferences that a most generous attitude be maintained to the smaller one. When there are more conferences in this field the work of the Union Conference Committee will be easier in some respects than it is now with only two.

The resolution to invite E.M. Morrison and wife to come to this field was adopted with the understanding that I should place before you clearly the situation, leaving you and the Mission Board to decide whether he is prepared to do the work which we have outlined for him and asking you to take more responsibility and to act more promptly than if we had been furnished with the information asked for in our letters of inquiry.

Whatever you do should be done at once and the results telegraphed to us, because all our arrangements for future work must be completed before Eld. Daniells leaves us to go to the General Conference. This letter will reach you by the 20<sup>th</sup> of November and Eld. Daniels expects to sail the 26<sup>th</sup>, therefore we ask that this matter be considered and that your decision be telegraphed within three days after the arrival of this letter.

Before leaving the subject I will give a summary review of our situation.

1. Bro. T. Whittle who has been the general agent for the Tract Society in its work in Queensland and New South Wales is a kind, intelligent man of fair education and good judgment, very sympathetic and a man who secures the confidence of his customers and of his subordinates. For years he has been separated from his family for the truth's sake. His wife and children are now in Germany. His wife is losing her eyesight and Bro. Whittle has proposed several times that he go to England to work that he might be nearer his children. For some years he has send his wife one pound a week for the support of herself and their two little girls. His principle weakness as a state agent would be lack of force, but in a territory of moderate size like one of our Colonies, he would do very nicely with the advice of a good general agent.

2. Bro. C.P. Michaels who was trained by Bro. Morrison to be state agent for the Echo Co. is a man of remarkable executive ability. He is a hard worker and pushes things as few men can. He is also a good financier, and has done much to make the work of the Echo Co. a financial success, but like many others having the same temperament and ability, he is self-confident and does not appreciate the necessity and advantages of consultation with his co-laborers. [page break]

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In his dealing with canvassers Bro. Michaels has been considered rather arbitrary and is often hasty and inconsiderate in his decisions. During the last two years while we have felt the necessity for making changes in our work that would bring it in harmony with the economical and advanced methods in the states, he has been a most earnest advocate and defender of the old methods, apparently feeling that the most original plans introduced by Bro. Morrison with some improvements of his own were as good as anything that could be devised. This disposition has been so marked that we have become discouraged and have abandoned the hope that he will be able to work the reformation necessary among our agents until he himself shall work under someone who will exert their best efforts to remold and reform the work.

Under these circumstances we feel that we must have help from abroad, and therefore we have appealed to you. Brn. Olsen and Tenney can speak more fully of matters that I have referred to but briefly.

#### THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

Mother is doing her best to complete the manuscripts for her Life of Christ, and it is time that we began to plan for its publications and especially to provide for its illustration. When Eld. Olsen was here he intimated that it would be well to have this work published by the G.C.A. and I told him that this would be pleasing to us. We cannot tell exactly how much matter there will be, but there is likely to be sufficient to make one thousand pages if put in the same type and size of page as P. and P. There are now about sixty chapters which could be put in the hands of the artist or the art committee who will have charge of illustrating the work. It will be our plan to select a publisher for this work soon and to give the publisher full charge of illustrating the work, as I told Eld. Olsen our first choice would be to have the G.C.A. publish this work and we therefore offer it to you first asking on what terms you will publish and sell it. Please give us an early reply that we may know how to act; for if we should not arrange with you we ought to lose no time in making arrangements with someone else.

I have sometimes thought that it would be well to bring the work out first as a trade book in two volumes without illustrations or with a few which could be obtained without much expense. This would enable our own people to get the work at once and at a low price. And it would be convenient for the translators and would facilitate the bringing out of the subscription edition simultaneously in all languages.

#### OUR SCHOOL ENTERPRISE.

I ought not to close this letter without calling your attention to the present situation of our new school enterprise and to the necessity of your giving a power of attorney to someone who can act for you in this field.

You are aware that we have purchased fifteen hundred acres of land near Morrisett for £900. One third of this has been paid and according to the original agreement we were to give mortgage for the balance on two years time at 6% interest. [page break]

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In the first contract for the place I stated that we were buying for the General Conference Association supposing that someone would be authorized to represent you long before this and the vendors of the property now take advantage of this refusing to accept our mortgage and give us a deed until we show that we are authorized by the General Conference Asso. to act for them.

During this camp-meeting, we expect that the question will be settled as to whether we go on with this place or sell it and select another. If we reject the place as a school location and offer it for sale it will be much better to mortgage than to tie up more capital. If the place is approved by our brethren and we go on with our work there, we can by paying the balance secure a title in the name of W.C. White and A. Reekie and they will be free to sell to others. But within the last week Bro. Reekie has bought a farm in another part of the country and it would be much better to have the whole property transferred to the G.C.A. and the business done in its name.

At one time we thought it would be an easy matter to secure an act of Parliament authorizing the Union Conference to hold property and transact business in New South Wales. But the arrest of Shannon for Sunday labor called to public notice our attitude to the Sunday question and the present prospects are that we shall have a hard fight if we succeed in getting a special act. Our solicitor, Sir Joseph Abbot, who is Speaker of the House told us frankly that he doubted our success and that if he was on the floor of the House he would vote against us having any recognition.

We watch with intense interest to see what influence our camp-meeting has upon public sentiment and while there is so much uncertainty regarding results of this effort, we feel that there should be no longer delay in arranging to have the business done in the name of the G.C.A. until such time as the Union Conference can take it over.

If it should be decided at this camp-meeting to go forward with our school work on the place purchased near Morrisett we shall need the greater part of the money which we have been reserving for that purpose to complete the payment for this property, but we find that we can spare £500 and that amount will be sent forward to John Gibson by next Monday's steamer.

We shall endeavor to send with this a code of words which you may find useful in communicating to us your decisions.

Hoping to hear from you soon on all the important matters referred to in this letter, I am,

Yours faithfully,

W.C. White

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Eld. J.A. & Mrs. Burden

Health Retreat, St. Helena, Cal.

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My dear Friends, --

The Mariposa brought me your very welcome letter of Sept. 19 enclosing twenty-five dollars to be applied on our Melbourne and Prospect church debts. Let me express to you our most hearty thanks in behalf of these enterprises and of the many friends who will be encouraged by this contribution.

Our camp-meeting opens up encouragingly here. We have a beautiful location and there are now fifty tents and about seventy-five people on the ground. As many more people will be coming in today and tomorrow and before the meeting is done I hope to see two hundred encamped here.

Our method of advertising the meeting is somewhat different from that followed in the States. We have printed ten thousand copies of a special edition of the Echo with covers giving particulars about the meeting and some general information about our people. These Echo's are sold from house to house by our young people, who also carry some of the covers to give away where they think best. This method was followed last year in Melbourne and to this we attribute a large influence in securing so good an attendance.

We find it necessary to put forth great exertion to secure an attendance at this meeting of those who are in the greatest need of its blessings. [page break]



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Eld. J.A. & Mrs. Burden

Health Retreat, St. Helena, Cal.

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The financial depression weighs very heavily upon many of our people. Those having small properties bought at a high price and mortgaged in prosperous times are some of them losing their places and others are in peril. Those not owning property are much of their time without work and poverty stares them in the face. Under these circumstances so novel and expensive affair as camp-meeting looks to be an unnecessary expense. We are doing all we can to help the poorest families to secure the benefits of the meeting and I look for much good to be accomplished.

Some ways I feel as though we had reached the crisis and that financial matters will somewhat improve after this meeting. We never saw a time when so many people were willing to listen to and accept the truth and we pray for wisdom that we may fight manfully the battle that is set before us.

I was real glad to hear something about your work. In fact I have heard from time to time about your health, labors, and prosperity and we have been glad to know that you were at the Health Retreat. How pleased I would be to make a visit, but it is not likely to be this year. My children are asking if I cannot come to the General Conference and Eld. Olsen has given me a hearty invitation, but I think my duty is here for the present at least. With kindest regards and best wishes for your work, I am,

Yours truly,

W.C. White

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C.H. Jones

Pacific Press, Oakland Cal.

My dear Brother, --

The Mariposa brought me yours of Sept. 19 and I write a few lines to go by the Vancouver's Steamer. I note with interest all you say about the Healdsburg property and I thank you heartily for giving this matter such thorough attention. I shall present these matters to Mother at the first favorable opportunity and after I have obtained her decisions I will write you again.

We are glad to learn that you have so much work in the office and we pray that your prosperity may be continued. When I get time to write to Brother Lockwood I will send you copies. I think our perplexities will clear up after a little.

I will endeavor to enclose with this some copies that will give you the latest information regarding our work. I may also be able to send some resolutions considered by a joint committee which we shall present for adoption during the Conference. With much love and in haste, I am,

Yours truly,

W.C. White

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Ella and Mabel White

Battle Creek, Mich.

My Dear Daughters: -

The Vancouver Steamer brought me your welcome letters of September 4 and 5 telling us that you were well and that Ella is back in school again. We have been made very sad to hear of the death of Lena Kilgore Howell. How lonesome Bro. Howell must be.

I am glad that Addie can have a little vacation from her work and I hope her trip to Mexico will be beneficial to her health and profitable in many ways. I should be glad to hear how she finds things there and about Miss Osborn's health.

I am glad to hear that Mrs. Vince is back in the College again and that she will be Ella's teacher. I am glad to hear that Ernie Hubbard and Vernie Mann are still with you. I received the bundle of papers which Mary sent telling about the strike and have read some of them, but I do not get much time to read nowadays. I have also received some papers telling about the great fires. It is wonderful and terrible. I am glad that you do not live in that country where the fires were so bad. I am glad to know that Ella can iron and that she is learning to mend, and I suppose Mabel will soon be big enough to help her. The pansies Mabel sent came very nicely; I think they are very pretty. I should like to see her playhouse which has been fixed up in the grape arbor. I often think of that old grape arbor and of the tent-fly and of the hammocks where we used to take so much comfort and of the Sabbath afternoons when we went out in the woods together. This campground makes me think of the beautiful grove where Dr. Kellogg has built his house. The trees are just about as close as they were in the old fair ground and the grass is thickly sodded. There will be nearly sixty tents up before sundown and more than one hundred people on the ground. I hope we may get a good photograph of this ground before the meeting closes, and if so I will send you one. Your Grandma has a large cottage tent close to the speakers stand. A little farther away stands my tent, and beyond it the dining tent. Grandma has a room in the house also, where she is staying today because it is raining. Our old white cow is in a paddock nearby and one of the horses and the phaeton stay here on the ground.

The people of Sydney think the camp-meeting is a curious affair. It is a new thing to them and they hardly know what to make of it.

We have taken much trouble to advertise the meeting. Ten thousand copies of the Bible Echo were printed for this purpose with a cover containing a picture of the camp-meeting and giving particulars about the meeting. Our young people from the Bible School and some others have gone out day after day selling these Echo's from house to house. Sometimes they meet nice people and enjoy the work very much, and sometimes they meet those who walk to them roughly. Today they are having a hard time because it rains. I will enclose some letters from the Pitcairn which you may read and send to Uncle Ed.

Your Father,

W.C. White

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J.E. White

Southern Missionary

My Dear Brother: -

I must write you a few lines to accompany the enclosures which will tell you more of our situation and plans than I have time to write today.

It is now the middle of Friday afternoon. It has been raining nearly all day and now there is a cold wind which chills up through and through. Mother has retreated to her room in the stone cottage where she has a good fire. Just now I found Eld. J.M. Cole who is here from Norfolk visiting with her and shivering over the grate. In Norfolk the temperature is very even, and he feels both the heat and the cold.

There are about fifty-five tents up and by sundown I think there will be a hundred and twenty-five people on the ground. Today they have been tumbling in from the country weary and wet with rain and from the steamers seasick from the voyage. Our representative from Queensland has just come in from bringing good news from Elds. G.B. Starr and A.S. Hickox. We shall not have a large number of delegates at this conference, but each Colony will be represented except Western Australia.

We are still having quite a struggle to get our Subscription Book Business arranged to suit us. I will send you a rough draft of the minutes of a recent council held that will give you some inkling of our situation and plans. We are anxious to get matters adjusted before Eld. Daniells goes to the General Conference. We think he will sail November 26.

I cannot help wishing sometimes that it was I that was going. Eld. Olsen has given me a very cordial invitation, but I do not feel free to leave Mother for the six or eight months that should be occupied by this trip. I cannot say much about our future plans and prospects except that my great anxiety is to see Mother complete the Life of Christ. I wish that you and Emma were with her to make a pleasant home and to help forward the book work, and I should then feel free to undertake some of the work naturally devolving upon a district superintendant which at present I cannot touch.

Harmon Lindsay has visited Denver to see Mr. Boal, Mother's attorney; he also hunted up Walling and had a talk with him. He thinks Walling is a monomaniac and he believes that the suit pending may hang fire for a long time. We hear that Addie has gone to Mexico. I am rather sorry for poor May. She will feel that her trip home was unnecessary.

Our camp-meeting is quite a novelty here. We are trying hard to make the grounds attractive and the people of Sydney seem to be favorably impressed. Write us how you are.

Your brother,

W.C. White

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Eld. F.M. Wilcox

Review & Herald

Battle Creek, Mich.

My Dear Brother: -

It is four o'clock Friday afternoon, and time is too short for me to answer properly your interesting letters of August 17 and September 12, but I must write a few lines to acknowledge their receipt. In fact I do not need to write much to you at this time, because I have written so fully to the Executive Committee of the G.C.A., a copy of which you will find enclosed.

I notice that you are having a serious time to select workers for some of the mission fields and I know how not only to sympathize with you, but also how to sympathize with those in the field who are waiting for help. I am glad that two of the Japanese have reached Battle Creek and I hope that others will be encouraged to follow.

I sincerely believe that it would be for the interest of the cause to have Eld. E.H. Gates spend some time in the Sandwich Islands. Honolulu is an important point and the interest arising there now should have careful attention.

I am somewhat surprised at what you and Eld. Tenney write about Sr. Burnham's desire to return to the States. I have not known that she had any such desire. She is not very strong and ought to have some seasons of rest, but has strenuously opposed every effort I have made to secure her a short vacation. We not with much interest what you have written about the question of education will be quite fully considered and if we find ourselves in agreement regarding the work to be accomplished then we shall appoint a large committee of practical men to consider the matter of location and to pass judgment upon the place we have purchased.

If there is some part of the matter which I have written to the G.C.A. which more properly belongs to the F.M. Board I hope you will pick them out and bring them to the attention of your Board.

I am much pleased with your proposition about correspondence and I think you take the right view regarding the warnings lately sent to the Battle Creek Church. I will place before Mother your request that copies of the special letters be sent to you.

What is the outcome of our effort to secure another preacher from New Zealand? We have waited so long for an answer to this call.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

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Eld. O.A. Olsen

Battle Creek, Mich.

My Dear Brother: -

I have but a few minutes to write to you; for it is Friday afternoon and the Sabbath is near. I have spent most of the day in dictating a lengthy letter to the Executive Committee of the G.C.A. A copy of this I send to Wilcox that he may read it and hand to you. We send a copy of the same to John I. Gibson. It has been written in the hurry of our camp-meeting preparation and I fear it is very incomplete. I therefore appeal to you to cover its deficiencies as far as you can with explanations which by your acquaintance with the field you will be able to make.

I will send you with this copies of some letters that I have received and some that I have written and I enclose an extract from Gibson's letter to Muckersey that you may take note of his style of correspondence.

There is much I would like to say in answer to your very kind letter of August 13 written from Hamburg and there are some points in your letter of August 23 regarding finance, which I have not fully covered in my letter to the G.C.A., but I must postpone this until the departure of the San Francisco Steamer.

There are many questions regarding our work over here which we have submitted to the Mission Board to which they have made no answer. It would be a personal favor to me and a great blessing to the work over here if these might receive early attention and if we might receive some intimation regarding your plans and our prospects.

Is there nothing more to be done to supply New Zealand with another minister? After months of waiting we have heard through unofficial sources that Hiram Robinson does not intend to come. If I can take time to do so I will try to give you quite a full report of our business proceedings.

I hope you will understand our attitude and the matter of inviting E.M. Morrison to come to this field. If you think him the right man for the place, we want him to come and the sooner the better, but the Board thinks it is not best for him to come; we need to know it at once that we may make other arrangements. I do not know what those arrangements will be. The prospect looks discouraging. If we cannot have any help from those who have had the benefit of frequent institutes and councils we must do something before Eld. Daniells starts for the Conference and we very much desire to have the advice of the Board on the many points we have submitted to them for consideration.

I will now close this and try to prepare a code that you may telegraph your opinions.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

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19<sup>th</sup> October 1894

Eld. O.A. Olsen

PRESIDENT

Gen. Con. Assoc. & F.M.B.

My dear Brother

We send you the following code hoping it will be useful to you in communicating the decisions arrived at regarding our work.

1. "Corne," We approve of your proposal to close the Sydney office and have all the books shipped from Melbourne.
2. "Delire," We approve of your proposition to have Australian Society take charge of all the territory and direct the work of the canvassers in Australia and Tasmania.
3. "Ferex," Same as number one, but expressing disapproval.
4. "Impos," Same as number two but expressing disapproval.
5. "Mellis," We approve your plan to make Echo Co. Depository for all Australasia and will assist you by giving and securing for you lower prices on books.
6. "Minium," Numbers one, two, and five combined.
7. "Narro," We think best for Morrison to go and will send him as requested.
- 8 "Nebis," We do not think best to send Morrison.
9. "Obsto," We send Morrison and advise you to employ him continuously.
10. "Occano," Numbers six and seven combined.

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#### The Ashfield Camp-Meeting

The camp-meeting at Ashfield, N.S.W. has not been progressing a week. There are at the time of writing sixty-two tents on the ground which shelter 170 campers and many visitors.

The camp is beautifully located in a grassy paddock of five acres near the main road from Sydney to Parramatta. It is ten minutes walk from the railway station at Ashfield, one of the beautiful suburbs of Sydney. As will be seen by the accompanying picture the ground is studded with stately trees which shelter many of the tents and furnish convenient shade for the large number of visitors who daily visit the grounds.

#### The Workers Meeting

For two weeks before the opening of the public meetings, there were twenty-five or thirty persons busily engaged in pitching and flooring the tents and fitting them up for occupancy. Daily meetings were held for consultation and instruction about this work, and for the study of the canvassing work.

As a means of calling the attention of the public to the camp-meeting a special edition of the Echo for October 16 had been published with a cover which contained advertisements and information about the meeting. About twenty of the young people at the workers meeting volunteered to go to the various suburbs of Sydney and systematically distribute these papers and other advertisements of the meeting. They called at the homes of the people, gave them a hearty [page break]

invitation to attend the camp-meeting and sold copies of the Echo to those who wished to read it. In this way about six thousand copies of the Echo and more than 800 copies of the cover have been disposed of.

Generally the workers met with a kindly reception and they were encouraged by the deep interest manifested by many to learn about the meeting. Many pleasant acquaintances were formed and day by day there are persons inquiring for those who brought them information about the meeting.

#### Attendance

During the workers meeting we were pleasantly surprised by the arrival from Norfolk Island of Elder J.M. Cole who accompanied the Pitcairn on her second cruise through the Islands and who for the last year has been stationed at Norfolk. Bro. W.M. Crothers, the field agent of the New Zealand Tract Society, has been with us from the beginning of the workers meeting and unites with Bro. C.P. Michaels in conducting the meetings of the canvassers. Bro. M. Bernoth comes as a delegate from the new church in Rockhampton, Queensland and brings encouraging reports from Elders Starr and Hickox whose work in the North does not permit them to attend this meeting.

Elders Israel, Daniells, Baker, Colcord, Hare, and Rousseau are present from Victoria. And Elders Corliss, McCullagh, and White from New South Wales. These with Dr. Kellogg and Mrs. E.G. White are the principal speakers.

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Oct. 30, 1894

Eld. A.T. Robinson

28 A. Roeland St., South Africa

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My Dear Brother: -

I discovered this morning that the direct mail to Cape Town closes this afternoon and I hasten to send you a few lines and some enclosures which will give you the latest news in regards to our work in this part of the world. Just before dinner I posted a letter to Eld. Haskell or rather some copies of letters and had not time to write a word and since that was posted a brother has kindly offered to take to the train what I now write to you.

Among the enclosures to Eld. Haskell I sent a copy of a report written for the Echo. With this I send copy of our report written for the Review and I will request you to let Eld. Haskell, Sr. Druillard, Prof. E.B. Millar, and other of my old friends read it. I also send you a report of an experience meeting held Oct. 23 which you may think is worth reading. I am sure Eld. Haskell will be glad to see it. If you busy folk do not have time to look at it please post it to some of my old friends who are up in the country and who have more time.

I also send you copy of my letter to the G.C.A. of Oct. 18. This copy as you will see is intended for the reading of our brethren in London. I would like to have you and Eld. Haskell read it and then I wish you to forward it to your brother. [page break]

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28 A. Roeland St., South Africa

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In the early meeting this morning Mother read us quite a lengthy manuscript, bringing out the importance of our working in the large cities and the necessity of doing something at once. I will endeavor to obtain a copy of this for you and also copies of several of her morning talks.

We are making quite an effort to conduct a number of meetings in the form of convention, in which four or five persons will take part, each occupying fifteen or twenty minutes. I am taking some pains to have these short talks reported and shall try to work in the best of the matter with other articles into our circular letter called the Church Visitor. I think I will endeavor to send you one of each of these letters hoping that the material may be of service to your corresponding secretary. But if you find it difficult to get the copying done and if you think that your church officers would be benefitted by receiving the whole letter, you may send us a list of your churches and we will send them copies of the Visitor as often as it is issued.

I will try to send you number two of the Australian Sentinel by this steamer and we should be very happy to receive an order from your society for four or five hundred copies. I will consult my colleagues and see how low a price we can make. We will also ask you to correspond for the Journal and to appoint one of your confreres to act as corresponding secretary and to keep us posted regarding the development of the Church and State problem in South Africa.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

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F.M. Wilcox Sec. F.M.B. writing under date July 19<sup>th</sup> says “We held a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board this afternoon. That portion of your communication relating to the location of the school and plans for the same was brought before the Board for consideration.”

“from the report of the Fruit expert regarding the tract of land you have purchased and also from what you state in your letter to the Board it did not seem to some of the members here that the outlook for the school was the very best. The Brethren felt inclined to believe that it might have better to have secured another tract even if the original cost was considerably more than what was paid for the purchase you have made. With more fertile land as stated in the report of the expert quicker returns would be secured and it would be much more satisfactory all the way through. The question came up in the Board if it might not be best for you to delay further operations at least so far as any further financial outlay was concerned in connection with this tract until such time as a full meeting of the Board here might be able to consider the matter and advise given with reference to the same. The brethren requested me to suggest this to you.”

Prof. W.W. Prescott, Educational Sec. writing under date July 18, 1894 says,

“I will pass over that part of your letter to the F.M.B. which relates to the general work in the Australasian field in which however, I will say that I am deeply interested.”

“It is difficult at this distance to enter into all the circumstances, of course, and I would be slow to criticize the acts of those who are upon the ground and who, I know, are just as much and very likely more interested in the work than I can be. But I must say that from your letter and from the report on the land which you enclosed I can but feel some grave doubts as to the wisdom of your purchase. It is possible that if I were on the ground I should at the matter somewhat differently but from such information as you forward to the Board it certainly appears to be a somewhat doubtful case. I fear that it would not tend to inspire confidence in the enterprise, if the Benson report should be submitted to our brethren at large. But I will say no more. You have doubtless done what you thought to be the best thing and it is now too late to offer any suggestions. I will therefore not add to your burdens by any criticism.”

“As clearly as I can express the mind of the Board in the matter, as the subject was talked over yester it is as follows: - In reviewing the communication you sent to the Board under date of June 10 and also in re-reading the report of the fruit expert, a copy of which you enclosed with your letter, the brethren did not see how in view of your presentation of the matter, they could have looked upon the question any different than they did in the meeting held July 18. In fact, some of the brethren entertained the idea from some expressions in your letter that you yourself felt that a mistake had been made in the purchase of the location! For instance you say: - [page break]



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‘Nearly all of the men of influence with whom we have come in contact shake their heads when we speak of the district. The Department of Agriculture, after examining samples of the soil said it was sour and would require a ton and a half of lime to the acre. Then the government’s fruit expert was sent up to examine it and his report I will enclose with this. True it was a rainy day and we were short of time and he did not see the best places. Yet it sometimes makes me feel blue to hear all these men who know a great deal condemn the place.’

“Taking this remark of yours and also the general presentation you gave of the matter in connection with the judgment expressed by the Department of Agriculture and then by the government fruit expert as contained in his report, the brethren could not feel otherwise, judging according to the best light they had than that perhaps a different site might have been chosen to good advantage.”

“After further consideration of the matter the Board appreciated this fact, that it is very difficult to judge of such things at such a long distance, especially where they are totally unacquainted with all the circumstances in the case. They also appreciate this, that the brethren in Australia with yourself at their head have looked the field over very carefully and critically and have spent a long time in so doing that naturally in your search you would take into account all of the different sides of the question and would make such selection as presented the best inducements everything considered.”

“The Board also appreciates this fact, that the enterprise has been entered upon after much prayer and seeking of the Lord and that what appears to our natural senses insurmountable obstacles may be through God’s providence a blessing in disguise. They were perhaps more impressed with this phase of the question after reading the letter written by Sister White than they were before.”

“In view of these considerations and of the correspondence with Bro. Olsen and of the letter in question from Sister White, the brethren felt that they could do no more than to leave the matter of the school with you and the brethren in charge of the same.”

Eld. O.A. Olsen writing from Hamburg under date August 13<sup>th</sup> says: -

“It is certainly unfortunate that the government fruit expert should find it necessary to give such an unfavorable option concerning the land that you have purchased. You say it makes you feel blue many times when you stop to consider the situation and to think of these unfavorable comments. Well, you can appreciate, Bro. White, how others at this distance feel over it when you express the feeling that you do. But I am not inclined to express any judgment in the matter, As I stated to the Board, I know that you and the other brethren over there have given the matter of selecting land for your school careful and prayerful attention and that you have visited a large area of country and looked at many different places.”

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From January 23 to August 29, twenty-eight meetings were held by the committee. W.C. White was present at 28 meetings, A.G. Daniells at 27, L.J. Rousseau at 21, James Smith at 20, H. Muckersey at 19, A. Reekie at 16, S. McCullagh at 14, G.T. Wilson at 4, and Joseph Hare at 4, Eld. O.A. Olsen was present by invitation at 9 of the meetings.

The first work undertaken by the committee and that which has received the most attention in its meetings was the selection of a suitable location for the Australasian Bible School.

Early in February seven members of the committee viz. White, Daniells, Rousseau, McCullagh, Muckersey, Hare, and Reekie, accompanied by Eld. O.A. Olsen went by train to Sydney N.S.W. for the purpose of visiting certain parcels of land which had been offered to us in Euroa and Badignna, Victoria and Ourimbah, N.S.W.

After examining these pieces of land it was found by the committee that neither one was suitable for our use and a greater part of the time for three weeks was spent by 4 or 5 members in looking at other pieces that were offered to us. The most favorable place before Eld. Olsen's departure February 19 was the Boone's Hill Estate near Picton. Afterward we spent some time in examining the Woodburn Estate between Thirlmere and Picton and still later, our minds were directed [page break]

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to the Lakelands estate at Dapto and the Brettville estate near Morrisett. The Woodburn estate was visited by Brn. Daniells, Muckersey, Rousseau, Reekie, and White and was finally pronounced unsuitable because of its distance from the Railway the possibility of being troubled to secure a full supply of water, and because £8 per acre seemed more than we could afford to pay for land of ordinary quality and unimproved. In the Lakelands estate we found some of the land of excellent quality but it was so situated that we could not sub-divide to advantage or find a suitable place for school buildings and at the same time secure an ample supply of water without purchasing a larger area than was needed and investing a larger amount of capital that we could afford. This place and the Brettville estate near Morrisett have been visited by Brn. Reekie, Daniells, Smith, Rousseau, McCullagh, and White of the committee and Wesley Hare of N.Z.

At a meeting of the committee held at Dora Creek May 23, Brn. White, Daniells, McCullagh, Reekie, and Smith being present, it was voted to purchase the Brettville estate consisting of about 1500 acres for the sum of £900; in June we paid £300 on this purchase and arranged with L.N. Laurence to act as care-taker.

Early in August the care-taker was instructed to rent Healy's Boarding House building of 12 rooms in Coorangbong located about 10 minutes walk from the estate, a horse and trap were purchased and a boat that will carry 6 or 8 persons.

The work of surveying and subdividing the estate was assigned to Mr. P.S. Nott of Sydney. While the work of surveying was in progress [page break]

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L.J. Rousseau and W.C. White visited the place to assist in the sub-division and while their letters were received from the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and the Educational Secretary of the General Conference acknowledging receipt of the description of the place sent to them by W.C. White and intimating their fears that the place was not suitable for our work. The same fears were felt to some extent by W.C. White, L.J. Rousseau, and A.G. Daniells, therefore at a meeting held in Sydney August 27, White, Daniells, McCullagh, Reekie, and Rousseau being present, the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas the Mission Board had expressed its doubts and cautions regarding our school location therefore,

Resolved, That we delay further proceedings at Coorangbong until we have time to consider the question of location.

In accordance with this the work of surveying was stopped and all action regarding the property has been delayed until we should receive further instructions from the Mission Board or should arrive at some conclusions as the result of counsels held in connection with the Ashfield camp-meeting.

The following extracts from the letters of the Foreign Mission Board show their feelings and attitude towards the question of our school location: -

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The Primary Teacher

The office of the Primary Teacher in the Sabbath School is one of the highest and noblest that is on earth. To this teacher is committed the work of laying the foundation of biblical knowledge and Christian experience. Before ten years of age the mind is most susceptible of impression. How easily the feelings of children are touched. They laugh or cry according to every slight variation of circumstances. Surely at this time is the golden opportunity for the teacher to introduce the children to the Good Shepherd and show them his wondrous charms.

In order to do this the teacher must possess and manifest a love for every one of his scholars. He can only obtain this power by having his own heart filled with the love of God; in other words he must be converted. Suppose we want to study music. Here is a person that loves to hear good music, is delighted with it, but he does not know the names of the keys on the piano, cannot tell one note from another. Should we have him for our music teacher? Certainly not. So if we desire the children to study the Bible we must secure a teacher who knows by experience something about what he Bible teaches. His work will then be permeated with love and since love begets love and only love can answer to love; the main object of the teacher is by this means secured in obtaining the sympathy and thereby the confidence of each member of the class.

This gained we have in a large measure the interest so important. The great Teacher by this rule won first the hearts and then found it was easy to make impression.

Does the Primary teacher need to prepare just to teach little children? If he would so build that not one stone of truth shall be taken from its bed in the heart but that each child may be brought to the Saviour, he must prepare for so important a work.

He must study to get his lessons so perfectly that his attention will not be divided between his scholars and a lesson sheet, but given wholly to his class. He will study to get the main points in his mind and to cluster the minor ones around these central truths forming a beautiful picture in the minds of the children. He will study to draw from each lesson some practical point that will help his scholars just now, study to give something that will help each one to overcome his peculiar temptation. To do this he must study the disposition and surrounds of each pupil.

Yes he must prepare his lesson so that he can demand thought as the coin which the child must pay for the lesson he receives and yet the whole must be so simple that it can be easily digested by his young scholars.

Paul said he would rather speak five words intelligibly than ten thousand in an unknown tongue. To speak to the little ones in their own language but with words beyond their comprehension is the same as speaking to them in an unknown tongue.

“Children are simple, loving, true,  
Tis heaven that made them so,  
And would you teach them? Be so too,  
And stoop to what they know.”

Brother Hoskins, were you out? Yes I was out, out here under the trees, hard at work making seats for the lord and the people were out canvassing and came back and sat on them.

Brother McKenzie, you said just now that you would like us to speak of our feelings in regard to the work we did. If I should speak of my feelings I should take a half an hour. I am so joyful; I feel I would like to tell everybody about it. I cannot say I am sorry I did not go out with the Echo's because that would not be true. I went out bill-sticking. Some may look at that as a shade below canvassing for Echo's, but I did not because I had by far the most enjoyable of the two; I was driving about at my work. But even in bill-sticking you can canvass. I experienced that yesterday. I went out with Brother Martin and we rode through Newtown and cut to Malville Road and we not only posted up where we could find suitable places on the fences, but following the example of Brother McCullagh the first time I went out I asked permission in several places to stick up posters where I saw suitable places for them and in doing this, I had an exceeding amount of pleasure in telling the people about our camp. One man said he had been to our meetings and "you are heartily welcome to put up as many as you like on the side of my shop." It was in such a position that thousands of people could see the posters. He said, "I remember you, you were singing in the choir." I asked him how he enjoyed the meetings. "Very much," he said. "My family is coming out; we want to take advantage of these meetings as much as we can."

In conversation with two gentlemen, one said to the other, "You [page break]

ought to go out and see that camp.” I got in conversation with him and he said that Christianity is a farce, that the Buddhists are as good as any Christians today. After talking to him a while he desired to come to the camp. Afterward we went out to Waverly and saw a man I knew by reputation though not personally and I got down and took one of my little bills and asked him if he would kindly place this in his window; we wanted the public to know all about our camp-meeting and we wanted to invite them there. He said, “You are welcome, I will place it in the window for you.” I was not satisfied with that because sometimes they will not put it in. He said, “You leave it there, I will put it in for you. I intended to come to your camp last Sunday, but I could not get away, but I will come this Sunday.” I left a bill and went further on. On my way back, I found that he had stuck it up in the window according to his promise.

I went to the Waverly tram terminus and went into a labor shop there and asked them if I could put a poster up. He said, “Put up a half dozen if you like. We have heard a lot about you and we are coming to see you.” Wherever I went, I was more refreshed in canvassing with this poster than I was in canvassing in Daniel & Revelation. My heart is lifted up this morning as it has not been before. It shows to me that it does not matter how trivial the work we do for the Lord, if we do it in the spirit of the Lord, we can get a blessing from it and be a blessing to others. [page break]

Sister Hellier. I am thankful I went out at all. I never did anything of the kind before. I asked the Lord to bless the work before I started, and I know He did. I went into several houses and they took them very rapidly for the first hour and a half, and after that it was not so easy. Some would push the door to, saying, "No, I don't want anything of the kind." One green grocer where I went said he would like to have them regularly every week. I told him if he would give me his address, I would have them sent to him. But he said he would get them of Mrs. Hardy, Darlington Road, so I told him that would be better. Another lady said she would come to the meetings every Sunday. I had a good many rebuffs, and it was just about dinnertime, and I saw some children and I said, "Go and tell your mamma here is a nice paper for a penny," and four of them brought me back the money instead of the Echo's. I went to one young lady, a Wesleyan. She said, "I take the Methodist paper, and I don't stand need for it." I had a little conversation with her about the truth and she said, "I will look the paper over; I have been going to the Methodist Church, but I will these things up. I got rid of forty-two, so I must not complain."

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Sister Brown. I am glad that I could go out yesterday. I feel that the Lord went before us and that he is opening the hearts of the people to receive this truth. He is raising inquiries in their minds and they seem deeply stirred; and when we go to the doors they receive whatever we have to present. They make all sorts of inquiries about this camp-meeting and the faith we hold. If we had the time, we could [page break]



have spent an hour at each place; but I just gave them the paper and left them to get instructions from that. I expect to see a great many of the people we visited yesterday at the campground on Sunday.

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Sister McKenzie. When I first started out I prayed at every door that the Lord would help me to show the people the light not only to sell the Echo. And I believe he did, for every Echo I sold, people wanted it explained to them. So many have heard of us through the papers and they think we are Jews, and it took some time for me to explain to them that we were not Jews, and so I got them to search for themselves. One old lady said she had been living by herself for several years and that she had been studying the Bible and praying to God to give her a knowledge of his truth. She said she wanted to live a true Christian life and she believed God had sent me to her door. I went in with her and had a season of prayer, and she is coming to the meetings and she wants to see the ministers. She broke down and she kissed me when I left and she said she believed the Lord had sent me to her door.

Another lady I called on said she was wrapped up in Spiritualism that just fascinated her. I tried to explain to her about it and she seemed so taken up. She said she was open to the truth and she did not want anything to do with Spiritualism if it were not the truth. She asked me to pray for her, and I asked if she would like to have a season of prayer, and after she said she was so thankful. I asked her to come out last night, but she said she could not leave her business. [page break]

We prayed that God would open up the way for her to come to the meeting. I promised to meet her at the Ashfield station, and there she was. She said to the last moment, she did not know how she could come. After the meeting she seemed very thankful that she had come. She said it seemed as though the Lord had snatched her from the burnings and she saw light in what she had heard. Sister Bolton took her to the book store and gave her a lot of tracts and she is coming again Sunday. Her husband does not believe that the Bible is an inspired book, but he believes in God and that he is a God of love. She is going to bring him on Sunday and hopes that he may see differently.

I was so surprised to see so many looking for the truth and I do thank God that I have received it. I felt so sorry for those who were inquiring for God's word, and there are many who do profess Christianity who are uneasy in their minds.

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Sr. Chandler. I had conversation with many. One in particular told me she had seen much of religion and she would have nothing to do with it. After speaking with her a few minutes she said, "I will take one after all that talking." I went to several doors where they said, "The Bible Echo? I have heard a great deal about that, but have never had the chance of getting one," and they took it. Others shut the door in my face, but I smiled at them all the same. But I met many poor creatures who were anxious to know the truth and the poor dears with tears running down their eyes said, "I've never heard anything like that." I told them they must come and hear and several promised to do [page break]

so. I asked them to come and spend the day with their children. I promised to go Sabbath morning and meet them at the station (I don't know whether I did right or not), and also on Sunday. My feelings toward them seemed to melt their hearts. I promised to take a perambulator and help them down with their children. I would like to have given a good many Echo's away, but I could not afford it. I gave three away and the leaflets. It was not selling the Echo's I thought of but it was the opportunity of talking with souls who might receive the truth. I could tell you a lot but there is no time.

One lady is coming out on Sunday who ran away from her home and got married, as things were not the most pleasant; she had a stepmother with whom she could not agree. She said she believed the Lord had sent me to her with tears running down her cheeks. She invited Sister McKenzie and me to come and eat our dinner at her house. She said it was very humble, but we told her we were humble people too. They were in poor circumstances, so I gave her an Echo on leaving. She used to be a Sunday-school teacher, but she married a man who is not a Christian. I look to see her out to the meeting Sunday with her children.

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Bertie McKenzie. I am very thankful for what the Lord did for me yesterday. I took out fifty Echo's and sold twenty-nine of them. I met one lady who was a little bit intoxicated. She said she often had not a crust of bread in her cupboard, but the minister visited her sometimes and gave her something to eat. But she said there was nothing in religion at all and she would turn a Catholic.

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Sister Craddock. I met very many yesterday who had not heard of our truth at all and it made me feel the necessity of going ahead more earnestly. While I was talking with one lady I discovered her husband was interested in the truth, but that she did not look at it favorably. I stayed with her sometime and overcame her prejudice and got her promise to come out to our meetings. Sister Hellier and I met a Salvation Army officer. He was very bitter and he said we were breaking the law of the land in not observing Sunday. We showed them that they were breaking the law when they were marching down the streets. He said they were doing that to the glory of God, so I told him we were keeping the Sabbath to the glory of God. He said we could not know which was the seventh day. I asked him if he knew which was the first day. He said, "Yes, decidedly I do." So I told him the day before was the seventh. A great many have promised to come out to these meetings and a great many seem deeply stirred. It gave me more interest and when I get back to the work in the field, I will work more earnestly to get the truth before the people.

Sister Edwards. One place I went to yesterday the lady like the Echo very much. After canvassing her, I asked if she would give me a drink of water. When she brought it, a little one came to the door and said, "Get a paper for auntie Bessie." This was another person out in the kitchen and I am sure she had not two minutes to look at the paper before she sent for another one for herself.

Another place I canvassed a young person, and she said, "That is just the reading I like, and I will come out to the meetings and bring [page break]

some friends with me.”

I canvassed three men in the back yard of a blacksmith’s shop, one of them busy at the anvil. But they shook their heads, so I went to the back door of the house. The lady was in the yard hanging out clothes, and I canvassed her. She said she would like to take the paper, but she did not think she could. Her husband whispered something to her to the effect that she was not to take it. I felt sorry that she was hindered from taking it, but left a leaflet with her.

Some places they opened the door about two inches and I could not canvass them as I ought to have done and they shook their heads. But in most places they were greatly pleased to hear the different parts I read from the Echo, and I know it will do goo in their homes if they cannot come to the camp-meeting. Many of them said it was too far or that their husband was at work or that they were too poor. Some took the paper so that their children might read it to them.

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Sister T. Judge. I went out yesterday to Molaria. We finished work there about one o’clock, when we met Brother McKenzie and he advised us to go to Wrenwick. The people seemed very pleased to get some reading matter and thought it was very cheap. At a chemist shop, the gentleman asked how much the paper was. I told him a penny. He said, “I am surprised at you selling such printed matter on such subjects for a penny. I will have two please.” And he took two.

A lady in another place said she was troubled about the habit she had of grumbling and she said, “I think I ought to be contented for [page break]

I have plenty, while many have nothing to eat.” She seemed glad to have me talk with her. I feel thankful I had the privilege of working this way for the Lord and I want to take every advantage of the kind.

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Brother Baron. I feel thankful that I went out yesterday. I called at a large house just before dinner and I did not think they would take the paper, but when I offered the gentleman the paper he took it. He had been a subscriber for the Good Health. He is the editor of a young people paper issued in New South Wales. He had received many of our books. I tried to persuade him to attend the meeting and I think there is a very probability that he will come and that the truth may receive a large piece in his heart. He is an honest man and had the young people especially at heart.

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Brother Daniells asked for good, bad, and indifferent, and I think mine comes under the last two. I started badly when we got to our territory, we found someone had been to several of the houses before us, and of course they did not want another Echo. We found the canvassers that had preceded us and got directions where to go. Where I went the population was rather scattered and I had to walk about a mile to get to three houses, and two refused of those, so I did not get on very fast with selling; but I thank God I have been brought to a place where I could work a little though it is but little and it is my desire to do more. I took fifty and managed to dispose of twenty-four. I tried to speak with those who first refused to [page break]

take the papers, and I received a blessing in that way. I made mention of several passages of Scripture in which I have seen light since I came into this truth although it is a very short time. One man said, "If you have anything to do with the Bible, you will go where a friend of mine has gone, in the asylum." He said that all Seventh-day Adventists ought to be in the lockup, and that I was mad, too. I told him he had made a mistake in the work; instead of mad I was glad. I found very much encouragement in speaking the few words God put into my mouth. It is my desire to work more for him.

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Brother Michaels. I took some of the covers with me yesterday as I was going to town. I did not have any opportunity of distributing them until I got on the train. It was one of the early cars and the people were all reading papers except the man next to me. I gave him a cover, on which he soon discovered the words "Eternal Life." He said, "They are grand words, and we want to realize the meaning of them." Another gentleman nearby looked up as though he would like a paper, and different ones began to look up, and I saw fingers behind me and fingers all around me some motioning here and some there, and I passed the covers around until everyone in the car had one and then I got off.

[#5 – WCW – 103]  
Campground, Ashfield  
Oct. 29, 1894  
Eld. M.C. Wilcox  
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Brother, --

I thought to write you a report of our meeting for the Signs, but have no time. I enclose with this a copy of what I send the Echo.

In about three weeks I shall endeavor to send you by the Vancouver's Steamer a complete condensed report of our meeting and also electrotypes from our photograph of the grounds.

My purpose in sending you this copy of the Echo report is that you might know what is going on and extract any items that you may wish to present to your readers.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White



[#5 – WCW 104]

Campground, Ashfield, N.S.W.

29<sup>th</sup> October, 1894

Mr. C.H. Jones

Pacific Press

Oakland, Cal.

My dear Brother: -

We are in the midst of camp-meeting and I can write but a few lines. The camp-meeting has now been in progress a week. There are at the time of writing 62 tents on the ground which shelter 170 permanent campers and many visitors.

The camp is beautifully located in a grassy paddock of 5 acres near the main road from Sydney to Parramatta. It is ten minutes walk from the Railway station at Ashfield, one of the beautiful suburbs of Sydney. The ground is studded with stately trees which shelter many of the tents and furnish shade for the large number of visitors who daily visit the grounds. The camp-meeting was opened the evening of October 19 by a discourse from Eld. J.M. Cole from Norfolk Island.

Sabbath morning despite the heavy showers there was a good attendance at the camp. When the hour for Sabbath School arrived the gathering multitude were soon organized into classes and the regular Sabbath School programme was followed with all the ease and enthusiastic earnestness of a school whose members were accustomed to work together. In the senior division there were one hundred and twenty-five grouped in 21 classes. In the primary division which occupied the children's tents there were 75 grouped in 9 classes.

The evening meetings have been well attended. The large pavilion which will accommodate from 600 to 800 people is filled every night and sometimes there are 200 or 300 standing outside.

The chief object of this letter is to request you to be on the watch regarding anyone coming over here and encourage them to bring Bro. Hickox little girl. She is with her grandparents Otis, and Hickox has communicated with them about her coming. He wants her to come out with the first party that is suitable to bring her.

I now request you to furnish ticket and charge to my account and I will collect from Hickox.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

[#5 – WCW – 105]  
Campground, Ashfield  
1<sup>st</sup> November 1894  
L.N. Laurence  
Cooranbong

Dear Brother: -

We are drawing to a close with our camp meeting, and as the time approaches for us to break up the camp we realize more and more the blessed privilege we have had in being permitted to take part in this gathering. The attendance throughout the whole time of the camp has been fully maintained and has proved good, and we are rejoiced with the many evidences of interest in the truths of God which have been manifested.

We are now planning for some of our brethren to go down to Dora Creek on Monday next. I don't know just now how many will go but you may prepare for about 20 and arrange as well as you can for shake downs from that number. I shall be pleased if you will also make arrangements for conveying the party about that they may see the district and form a good estimate of what it is like. Bro. Sherwin has promised to let us have the use of his horse and cart and might see if you can get any others for our use including Russel's rig out. We have also the promise of Sherwin's boat and that with our own may help us out. I should like you to make all the arrangements that you consider necessary for our brethren.

If you are short of provisions for so large a number you can send me a wire and let me know what you stand in need of as there are some stores here which we can obtain after camp-meeting if the prices are as low as you can purchase them at. We can obtain the following: -

Tinned Salmon 8 ½ per tin, Kipperd Herring 8 ½ per tin.  
Haricot Beans, 3d per lb. Dried Peas 1d. per lb. Split Peas, 2 ½.  
1 Bag Rice. 2 ½ per lb. 1/8 Bag Sugar. Barley, Tapioca, 1 2/2 per lb.  
Sago, 2 ½ per lb.

If any of these stores are needed by you, wire up at once how much you need and I will see to sending them down. If there is anything else you require you might let me know as soon as possible.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Campground, Ashfield, N.S.W.

1<sup>st</sup>, November 1894

Mr. James Smith

Echo Publishing Co.

North Fitzroy, Vic.

My Dear Brother: -

I have at last managed to find the list of subscription books left at Wellington, N.Z., which is as follows: -

Name of book	: F.M.	: Lib.	:Cloth
Daniel and Revelation, English	:	116	: 146
“ “ , German	: 50	:36	: 15
“ “ , Danish	:	: 38	:
“ “ , Swedish	: 20	: 4	:60
Great Controversy, English	: 4	:	:215 74
“ “ , German	: 1	:76	: 55
“ “ , Danish	:27	:30	:11
Bible Readings, English	:7	: 195	: 86
“ “ , German	: 16	: 42	: 69
“ “ , Danish	:	: 5	: 41
“ “ , Swedish	:	: 37	:
“ “ , Dutch	: 32	: 195	: 58
Two Republics, English	: 27	: 50	:
Home H. Book, Complete	:	: 72	:
“ “ , 2 Volumes	: 20	: 90	:
Man Masterpiece	: 32	:120	: 55
Ladies Guide	: 80	: 156	:
History of Sabbath	:	:	: 50
Eden to Eden, English	:	:	: 22
“ “ , German	:	:	: 57
“ “ , French	:	:	: 22

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Our camp-meeting closed with a praise service early Monday Morning, Nov. 5, then followed by hasty goodbyes, and in a few hours the larger part of the people were gone and most of the tents taken down. Although the meeting had continued a week longer than the appointment there was a general feeling that it was none too long and that our next annual gathering ought to be quite as long as this one. Many went to their homes rejoicing in light and freedom beyond what they had formerly experienced and with thankful hearts for the blessings received by themselves and their children.

Looking back over the experiences of the meeting our hearts rejoice and especially in the work of the last four days. On Thursday, Nov. 1 a special effort was made for the unconverted. And on Friday evening shortly after the commencement of the Sabbath a number repaired to the Baptist Chapel, which had been kindly offered to us by the deacons, and witnessed the baptism of sixteen persons who thus testified of their death to the world and their new life in Christ Jesus. The chapel was filled to overflowing and a short discourse by Elder Corliss was much appreciated. [page break]

The last Sabbath of the camp-meeting was but another of the precious days in which the lord came especially near to his people. In the early morning meeting Mrs. White gave a very impressive talk on "Consecration." Many responded to her exhortation in a manner which showed that the Spirit of God was deeply moving the congregation.

After the usual Sabbath-school services which moved off in almost perfect concord, Elder Corliss spoke from the words, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Following this a call was made to the sinners and backsliders when between forty and fifty, mostly youth and children, came forward. Some very touching testimonies were borne in the appeals for help to get free from sin and we know that quite a number there found the Saviour precious to their hearts.

In the afternoon Mrs. White spoke taking the text, "Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance," etc. Following the discourse which was characteristically solemn and impressive, the congregation was divided, those who came forward in the morning going to another part of the ground for an inquiry meeting and for personal labor while the main portion of the audience remained and participated in a most excellent testimony meeting. Quite a large concourse of people was present from the city at this service. Dr. Kellogg spoke at night on "The Necessity of Gospel," which closed the services of a memorable day.

Sunday morning at nine the Australian Conference held a meeting in which fields of labor and finance were profitably discussed. This [page break]

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Close of the Ashfield Camp-Meeting

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was followed by a discourse on “The Spirituality of the Law,” by Elder S. McCullagh.

At 3 P.M. an audience of fully 1,500 people listened to a discourse by Mrs. White on “Christ Riding into Jerusalem.” The closing sermon of the camp-meeting was given that night. Elder Corliss spoke to an audience of about 1,000 on the “Glory of the Second Advent.” Although the street next to the pavilion was thronged with a promiscuous crowd of people and seemed hushed and subdued. Many remained after the meeting to talk and seemed glad to know that meetings were soon to be opened again in the vicinity.

During the week the tent was removed to a beautiful spot on Liverpool Road, Ashfield, about a mile from the camp-ground where services were to begin Sunday night, Nov. 11. The meetings have been well advertised and the indications are that they will be well attended. [page break]

#### Fields of Labor

As a result of several consultations regarding the future labors of the ministers it is proposed that Elder Israel and Hare work in Victoria, that Brn. Baker and Teasdale go to Tasmania, and hold a tent meeting in Launceston, that Elders Corliss and McCullagh continue the work in Sydney, that Dr. Kellogg work for a time in Parramatta and vicinity, that Elder Colcord give his principle attention to editorial and publishing work, and that Eld. Daniells divides his time between editorial and publishing work and labor among the churches.

#### The Canvassing Work

A very profitable Canvassers Institute has been in progress since the close of the Camp-Meeting. A class of seventeen, mostly beginners, have been diligently studying under the tuition of Brn. Crothers and Michaels. Careful attention has been given to both the spiritual and the business interests of the work and the workers. The study of practical Bible subjects has occupied a large share of their attention and we believe that these workers who will soon enter the field will do so with a solemn sense of the sacredness and importance of their work.

#### The Union Conference

The Executive Committee of the Australasian Union Conferences are holding a series of consultations about the Missionary enterprises entrusted to its care. Plans are being devised for encouraging workers to engage in labor in the interior and some of the Islands which are reaching out to us for help.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville

16<sup>th</sup> November 1894

Mr. A.R. Sherwin

Dora Creek

Dear Brother: -

Yours of November 14<sup>th</sup> just at hand and read with interest. I suggest that you try a free use of Eucalyptus oil for the discouragement and dispersion of the fleas.

As regards tents, when your telegram to Bro. Hare was received he was away from the ground so I took it, it was some time before he returned and then I had forgotten all about it so that he has gone to Melbourne without your message and has probably taken his tent. If not I will try to retain it.

I am sorry that I failed to get Mother's tent over on Friday as I promised. I hope it came in good condition and that you had no difficulty pitching it. There is much I would like to write but how to see you before many weeks.

We have enjoyed profitable counsels during the week that is closing.

Yours in Christian love,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville

16<sup>th</sup>, November 1894

James Smith

Echo Office

North Fitzroy, Vic.

My Dear Brother: -

Yours of Nov. 13 read this morning. I am heartily glad to learn that our African friends will make us a visit; the information comes just in time so that we may plan for Eld. Baker to meet them in Hobart. I suppose they will wish to sail for San Francisco Dec. 24, therefore their visit will be short and we must plan to make it profitable. I shall suggest that they go from Hobart to Launceston by rail thence to Melbourne for a few days visit and then by rail to Sydney. I would like to be with them throughout the trip but do not think it possible as there is so much work pressing for immediate attention.

There is much I would like to write about our meetings but other work forbids. In a few days our brethren will be with you and can tell you all.

Please send to me by return mail the Report of Mr. Benson, Fruit Expert regarding "Brettville." I cannot find my copies.

I will endeavor to trace the Church Visitor sent to North Fitzroy. Am sorry our illustrated article on school work is delayed, hope it may come next week. I will send you the '94 yearbook fearing yours may have been delayed.

I may be able to enclose with this some committee reports in which you will be interested.

Yours in Christian love,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville

16<sup>th</sup>, November 1894

Capt. H. Muckersey

Echo Office

North Fitzroy, Vic.

My Dear Brother: -

Your postal card received. The matter you mention has been much on my mind, but there has been as yet no opportunity of getting the views of the committee. I will therefore request you to hold the draft for a few days longer. It would be well if we could decide some questions regarding school work before sending it away.

we have enjoyed very profitable meetings of the Union Conference Committee and the ministers. There was not a quorum of the committee but the presence of the ministers has enabled us to conduct some very interesting counsels of mission work. We are sill pressed with work and some of our number is becoming very weary. Tomorrow is Sabbath, for which we are all thankful.

With kindest regards to yourself and Sr. Muckersey,  
I am yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

P.S. I think it will be desirable for us to hold our annual meeting as early in January as possible.

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TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

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Nov. 10, 1894. Held at Ashfield, N.S.W.

Members present; W.C. White, A.G. Daniells, L.J. Rousseau, S. McCullagh, and H. Muckersey. Also by invitation, Brn. W.M. Crothers, J.M. Cobb, C.P. Michaels, and the ministers of the Australian Conference

An open meeting was held for the consideration of the Religious Liberty work. Meeting was opened by prayer by Eld. S. McCullagh

The Field Secretary, W.A. Colcord, gave a verbal report of the work during the year. Most of the work accomplished has been the publishing of the principles of Religious Liberty. Beside this, some public meetings have been held in different colonies, principally in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

The Field Secretary has been assisted in his work by the Corresponding Secretaries for different colonies as follows; G.B. Starr, Queensland, S. McCullagh, N.S.W., W.A. Colcord, Victoria, A.G. Daniells, South and West Australia, W.L.H. Baker, Tasmania, and G.T. Wilson, New Zealand.

W.C. White outlined the work of the Corresponding Secretaries. They should watch the action of Parliament in their respective colonies. Men should be invited to read closely the daily papers and forward to the District or Corresponding Secretaries any clippings that they think have an important bearing on Religion and the State.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

W.C. White, President,

L.J. Rousseau, Secretary.

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THIRTIETH MEETING

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Nov. 14, 1894. Held at Ashfield, N.S.W.

Members present: W.C. White, A.G. Daniells, L.J. Rousseau, S. McCullagh. Also by invitation, Brn. J.O. Corliss, M.C. Kellogg, J.M. Cole, W.L.H. Baker, W.D. Salisbury, C.P. Michaels, W.M. Crothers, and others.

This was an open meeting held for the consideration of the distribution of labors. Meeting was opened by a season of prayer.

Voted that we request the New Zealand Conference Committee to consider the advisability of holding their camp-meeting early in 1895.

After considerable discussion over a proposition for making W.M. Crothers District Canvassing Agent for all Australasia, it was voted that the chair appoint two others to act with himself in drawing up a resolution to be presented to the Foreign Mission Board and to the New Zealand Conference Committee, requesting this change. The chair appointed L.J. Rousseau and C.P. Michaels.

Voted that the request of Eld. J.M. Cole regarding Norfolk and Lord Howes Islands be referred to a committee composed of the L.J. Rousseau, Dr. M.C. Kellogg, and W.L. Baker for careful consideration and recommendation.

The chairman requested Jesse Pallant to read a paper on New Caledonis. The condition of this Island is not very promising for immediate missionary work. No action was taken.

The needs of Lord Howes Island were presented by J.M. Cole and others. It was suggested that a young man and his wife be recommended to move to this island.

Norfolk Island was also considered and it was suggested that two families be sent there to make this island their permanent home.

Adjourned till nine o'clock, Nov. 15,

W.C. White President.

L.J. Rousseau, Secretary

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THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

Nov. 15, 1894. Held at Ashfield, N.S.W.

Members present: W.C. White, A.G. Daniells, L.J. Rousseau, and S. McCullagh. Also by invitation J.O. Corliss, W.M. Crothers, J.M. Cole, W.D. Salisbury, C.P. Michaels, and Dr. M.G. Kellogg. Prayer by Eld. Cole.

Minutes of preceding meetings read and approved.

The Committee on Lord Howes and Norfolk Islands presented the following report; -

Whereas Eld. J.M. Cole has petitioned that the work on Norfolk and Lord Howes Islands be placed under the supervision of the Executive Committee of the Australasian Union Conference, and,

Whereas these Islands are so remote from the headquarters of the S.D.A. Foreign Mission Board that several months are required for communication and,

Whereas, It is our conviction that it would be to the interest of the cause to have the work in these fields directed by the Union Conference Committee, therefore

Resolved, That we request the Foreign Mission Board to consider the advisability of placing the work in these islands under the supervision of the Union Conference Committee with authority to appoint, exchange, and remove laborers as the interest of the work may demand.

Whereas, the work on Norfolk Island has developed to the extent that Eld. Cole might labor elsewhere if suitable lay workers were encouraged to locate there, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that two families be selected for Norfolk Island, and that Eld. Cole remain in Norfolk only so long as is necessary to get them initiated in their work.

Resolved, That we suggest Bro. S.T. Belden and wife as one of the families for Norfolk and that another family for Norfolk and also a family for Lord Howes Island be selected by Eld. Cole with the approval of the Union Conference.

The report was freely discussed and unanimously adopted.

Adjourned to call of chair.

W.C. White, President

L.J. Rousseau, Secretary.

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THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

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Nov. 15, 7 P.M. 1894

Held at Ashfield, N.S.W.

Members present: W.C. White, A.G. Daniells, and L.J. Rousseau. Also by invitation, Dr. M.G. Kellogg, M.C. Israel, W.L.H. Baker, J.M. Cole, W.M. Crothers, and C.P. Michaels.

Meeting was opened with a season of prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Island Mission Work presented the following report, -

Your committee finds that in Queensland there are thousands of natives of the Islands of Mellencis working on the sugar plantations, many of whom have learned to speak and read the English language and have capacity and desire for more culture and education; and that there is a mixed population on Thursday Island and at Port Darwin representing many nationalities.

Further to the northwest we find that Java has a population of 16,000,000; Sumatra, 4,000,000; Borneo, 3,000,000; Celebes, 3,500,000. In these islands there is a large Dutch speaking population and several thousand who speak the English language. Further north in the Phillipian Islands there are 7,500,000 natives and among them many Spanish, English, and Dutch settlers.

We also find that Batavia at the northwest end of Java, Singapore at the southern extremity of the Malay Peninsula, and Manila in the Phillipian Islands are important commercial centers of more than 100,000 inhabitants each. In Batavia there are thousands who speak the Dutch and English languages. In Singapore several thousands who speak English. And in Manila many speaking Spanish, Dutch, and English. In each of these ports scores of vessels may be found at anytime, and often in Singapore several thousand at anchor.

In view of these facts your committee recommends that two men be selected by the Union Conference Committee and that plans be submitted to the Foreign Mission Board for them to make an extended tour of the countries name and of such adjacent isles as they think best for the \_\_\_\_ one of carrying the glorious gospel of Christ to as many as possible, it also of becoming acquainted with the opportunities for missionary effort so that other workers may be encouraged to enter the fields that are most in need of help.

Your committee suggest that one of the persons selected for this [page break, see page 120 for conclusion of folio]

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Ashfield, N.S.W.

Nov. 16, 1894

Eld. G.T. Wilson and Members of the N.Z. Conf. Committee

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Dear Brethren: -

Our camp-meeting closed ten days ago and since that time we have held on the campground a most profitable Canvassers School of eight days. At the same time we have held many meetings for consultation of the Aust. Conf. Com., The Tract Society Board of Directors, and the Union Conference Committee. Many of these have been open meetings to which all of the Conference laborers and as many Church Officers as were present were invited to attend.

We have greatly appreciated the presence of Eld. Cole, Brn. Michaels and Crothers, and Dr. Kellogg. These with our canvassers from the distant parts of Australia and some of them having knowledge of the regions beyond have made our councils exceedingly interesting and very profitable.

Much thought was given to the "Region's Beyond" to the northwest of us, and you will see that an outline of a plan has been prepared to present to the Foreign Mission Board. We think that you will see light in this. Please tell us how it strikes your minds.

The presence of Eld. Cole has led us to give much attention to the work in Norfolk and Lord Howes Islands and to request the F.M. Board to unite that field to the Union Conference. What say you to this?

The question of school location is still in suspense. But I hope that a few more weeks will suffice to settle our future policy. We have received councils regarding this work from the Lord during these meetings that lead us to give up many of our cherished ideals and we are hardly settled yet as to how our policy... We desire to wait and be led, rather than to make hasty moves to be afterwards regretted.

We have thought as much about your work in the N.Z. Conf. and have tried to make plans by which we could send you an able laborer for the present season. I have studied and planned and proposed various things, but to all my plans there is some grave objection. And the only step that promises to give entire satisfaction is that we or you telegraph to the F.M. Board to send you an able minister from the "States" as soon as possible.

I shall send letters by the Vancouver's Str. that sails Nov. 19 stating my convictions regarding your immediate need and telling them that they must not let you lose all the opportunities of this tent season. If you wish me to send the Cablegram, you may write or telegraph. But I think it would be just as well for you to send it.

You will see that in one of our meetings we gave some thought to the time of your meeting. It has seemed to us that the greatest argument in favor of holding your camp-meeting in Auckland was that it might prepare the way for other labor which should result in the building up of a strong church in that important city. [page break]

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Nov. 16, 1894

Eld. G.T. Wilson and Members of the N.Z. Conf. Committee

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If this important result cannot be accomplished it does not appear clear that the meeting should be carried so far away from the part of the colony where most of our people reside.

If we are to seek a place where we can hold a meeting at the least expense and at the close of the summer it seems to me that Palmerston North offers many advantages. But if the meeting is to be conducted as an introduction to continuous labor, and if this is the plan for Auckland we can see many reasons why the meeting should be held as early in the season as possible. It appears to me that it would be a great loss for us to arouse a good interest by the camp-meeting and then try to carry that interest to our meetinghouse. The memories that are associated with that house and locality and not conducive to an interest.

It is my conviction that if the C-M is held in Auckland that it would be best to hold it in an opposite part of Auckland and then follow the C-M with a strong tent effort in that same neighborhood. After you have given these matters due consideration and have set the time of your meeting you could cable to the Mission Board to send a minister to reach you at the time named.

Please let me hear from you often for we have many plans for the work over here which must be made to harmonize with yours.

Let us hear your wishes about laborers at your C-M from all this field. You no doubt understand that I am free to attend at the expense of the Gen. Conf. and that the other workers going from here this year are to go at the expense of your Conference.

According to present indications, Elders Corliss, McCullagh, Baker, Daniells, and Israel will be engaged in labor that they cannot well leave. Elders Rousseau, Hare, Colcord, and myself are subject to your call if that call comes in time. Not that we could spare them all, but we would encourage you to call for any of these whom you want. Yes I can add to the list Eld. M.G. Kellogg and Brn. Semmens, and T. Whittle.

If you wish to know my mind as to what would be for the best I will suggest that you ask for: - 1. Eld. W.A. Colcord. 2. Bro. and Sr. Semmens to run your C-M restaurant and to help up the Christian Help work. Bro. Semmens is a good visitor and Bible worker, and would be good help in Auckland I think. We are putting him to work here with Eld. Corliss and will report to you his success or failure from time to time. 3. Eld. L.J. Rousseau who is a valuable help in the work for the youth and children. These with your new man from the States would no doubt be enough.

You will be surprised at the suggestions that the Union Conf. Com. has made regarding a District Canvassing Agent. After the visit of Eld. Wilson, I wholly abandoned any thought of getting any help from Bro. Crothers, more than at this meeting and we have asked the F.M.B. to send us Bro. Morrison. But the conviction forces itself upon my mind that it would be an injustice to others in that it ties up men and money unnecessarily and stands in the way of the healthy development of men residing in these fields.

Yours in Christian love,

W.C. White



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Your committee suggests that one of the persons selected for this work should be an experienced canvasser who is also able to engage in evangelistic work and that the other be a medical missionary.

We recommend that these brethren make a careful study of the continuation and capabilities of the islanders in Queensland with a view to their enlightenment and especially ascertain what openings there are for teachers to work among them and what prospect for their conversion and for the training of some to carry the gospel to their island homes.

During the entire trip and especially from Thursday Island onward, we recommend that an earnest effort be made to sell our religious and health books to the English people and to the Dutch, Spanish, German, and French readers and also to the Chinese and Japanese; as for us we have books in these languages.

We would further recommend that diligent study be given to the finding of openings for self-supporting missionaries and that special attention be given in the East Indies to the openings for canvassers from South Africa who speak both the Dutch and English languages.

J.O. Corliss,  
Dr. M.G. Kellogg,  
J.M. Cole,  
C.P. Michaels,  
W.M. Crothers.

After a free discussion the report was unanimously adopted.

Report of committee appointed to make recommendations regarding a District Canvassing Agent for Australasia: -

Your committee finds that the canvassing work in Australasia is surrounded with many difficulties and that the best of management will be required to maintain it as a self-supporting missionary enterprise. The territory is extensive. It is sparsely settled and much varied in its condition. All these circumstances and the results of the great financial depression demand an extraordinary amount of study and disorientation in the working of the field. And it is our opinion that the demand for increased ability in the canvassers and skillful management of the part of the Field Agents will increase as the work advance.

Your committee believes that the interests of the cause would be forwarded by the appointment of a District Canvassing Agent who shall have general supervision of the canvassing work in all the fields under the care of the Australasian Union Conference. The District Agent should conduct canvassers' conventions and training classes in various parts of the field; he should make a diligent study of unoccupied territory that new fields may be opened up as soon as possible.

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It is the judgment of your committee that it would be for the interests of the general cause in Australasia for Bro. W.M. Crothers of New Zealand to be appointed to this work. It is our opinion that his broad and varied experience in the canvassing work has prepared him with the blessing of God to work most effectively for the Master in the broad field mentioned above.

Your Committee finds that the circumstances of the New Zealand Tract Society is such as to make its managers very unwilling that Bro. Crothers should leave that field and that in view of this feeling a petition has been sent to the Foreign Mission Board asking for Bro. E.M. Morrison and family to be sent to this field to take supervision of the canvassing work in Australia.

Your Committee finds that there are some grave objections to this plan of operation among which are, 1. The large expense of bringing Bro. Morrison and his family to Australia. 2. The conviction that New Zealand as a canvassing field is too limited to absorb the rare experience of Bro. Crothers. 3. Our belief that it would be for the best interests in all parts of Australasia for him to act as District Agt. 4. Our belief that there are men in Australasia who after working for a few months with Bro. Crothers could carry forward the work in New Zealand with his advice and direction to the entire satisfaction of the brethren and the canvassers in that colony.

In view of all these considerations we request our Brn. in New Zealand and the Foreign Mission Board to carefully study the matter in all its bearings and to give their support to the following proportions: -

1. That W.M. Crothers be appointed District Canvassing Agent for Australasia and all mission fields under the supervision of the Union Conference Committee.

2. That Thomas Whittle go to New Zealand to work with W.M. Crothers with a view to his taking the work of Field Agent in that colony.

Committee : W.C. White  
                  : C.P. Michaels  
                  : L.J. Rousseau

After a careful consideration the report was unanimously adopted.

Meeting adjourned to call of the chair.

W.C. White, President.

L.J. Rousseau, Secretary.

ABSTRACT of the PROCEEDINGS of the  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the AUSTRALASIAN UNION CONFERENCE.

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On Ashfield Campground, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894  
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At a previous meeting Eld. J.M. Cole of Norfolk Island presented the following proposition to the committee.

“To the Union Conference Committee: -

Whereas, Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands present interesting fields for missionary labor and  
Whereas, these isles are so far from the General Conference that it takes from six to nine  
months for returns, therefore

I Request the Union Conference to take supervision of the work and workers in these islands.

Jno. M. Cole”

This request was submitted to Brethren L.J. Rousseau, M.G. Kellogg, and W.L.H. Baker who submitted the following report which was discussed and unanimously adopted.

“Report of Committee to whom were referred the requests of Eld. J.M. Cole regarding Norfolk and Lord Howe’s Islands.

Whereas, Eld. J.M. Cole has petitioned that the work on Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands be placed under the supervision of the Executive Committee of the Australasian Union Conference, and

Whereas, These Islands are so remote from the headquarters of the [page break]

S.D.A. Foreign Mission Board, that several months are required for communications, and,

Whereas, It is our conviction that it would be to the interest of the cause to have the work in these fields directed by the Union Conference Committee, therefore,

Resolved that we request that the Foreign Mission Board considers the advisability of placing the work in these Islands under the supervision of the Union Conference Committee with authority to appoint, exchange, and remove laborers as the interest of the work may demand.

Whereas, The work on Norfolk Island has developed to that extent that Eld. Cole might labor elsewhere if suitable lay workers were encouraged to locate there, therefore,

Resolved, that we recommend that two families be selected for Norfolk Island and that Eld. Cole remain in Norfolk only so long as is necessary to get them initiated in their work.

Resolved, that we suggest that Bro. S.T. Belden and wife be one of the families for Norfolk, and that another family for Norfolk, and also a family for Lord Howe Island be selected by Eld. Cole with the approval of the Union Conference Committee.

L.J. Rousseau

M.G. Kellogg

W.L.H. Baker.”

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“Your Committee believes that the interest of the cause would be forwarded by the appointment of a District Canvassing Agent who shall have general supervision of the canvassing work in all the fields under the care of the Australasian Union Conference. The District Agent should conduct Canvassers Conventions and Training Classes in various parts of the field, he should train Company leaders and advise Colonial Agents, and he should make a diligent study of unoccupied territory that new fields may be opened as soon as possible.

“It is the judgment of your Committee that it would be for the interest of the general cause in Australasia for Bro. W.M. Crothers of New Zealand to be appointed to this work. It is our opinion that his broad and varied experience in the canvassing work has prepared him with the blessing of God to work most effectually for the Master in the field mentioned above. [page break]

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“Your committee finds that there are some grave objections to this plan of operation, among which are, 1. The large expense of bringing Bro. Morrison and his family to Australia. 2. The conviction that New Zealand is too limited a field to absorb the rare experience of Bro. Crothers. 3. Our belief that it would be for the best interests of the work in all parts of Australasia for him to act as District Agent. 4. Our belief that there are men in Australasia who after working for a few months with Br. Crothers could carry forward the work in New Zealand with his advice and direction to the entire satisfaction of the brethren and the canvassers in that Colony.

“In view of all these considerations, we request our brethren in New Zealand and the Foreign Mission board to carefully study the whole matter in all its bearings and to give their support to the following propositions: -

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(Com.) W.C. White, L.J. Rousseau, C.P. Michaels

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REPORT of Committee appointed to outline a Missionary Tour through Northern Queensland and the most promising portions of Melanesia.

“Your committee finds that in Queensland there are many hundreds of natives of the Islands of Melanesia working on the sugar plantations, many of whom have learned to speak and read the English language and have capacity and desire for more culture and education, and that there is a mixed population on Thursday Island and at Port Darwin, representing many nationalities.

“Farther to the North-west we find that Java has a population of 16,000,000, Sumatra 4,000,000, Borneo 3,000,000, and Celebes 3,500,000. In these islands there is a large Dutch speaking population and several thousands who speak the English language. Farther north in the Phillipian Islands there are 7,500,000 natives, and among them many Spanish, English, and Dutch settlers.

“We also find that Batavia at the north-west end of Java, Singapore at the Southern extremity of the peninsula, and Manila in the Phillipian Islands are important commercial centre’s of more than 100,000 inhabitants each. In Batavia there are thousands who speak the Dutch and English languages. In Singapore several thousands who speak the English language. And in Manila many speaking Spanish, Dutch, and English. In each of these ports, scores of vessels may be found at any time, and often in Singapore [page break]



and Batavia, there are hundreds to be found.

“In view of these facts, your committee recommends that two men be selected by the Union Conference Committee and that plans be submitted to the Foreign Mission Board for them to make an extended tour of the countries named and to such adjacent isles as they think best for the purpose of carrying the glorious gospel of Christ to as many as possible and also of becoming acquainted with the opportunities for missionary effort, so that other workers may be encouraged to enter the fields that are most in need of help.

“Your Committee suggests that one of the persons selected for this work should be an experienced Canvasser who is also able to engage in evangelistic work and that the other be a Medical Missionary.

“We recommend that these brethren make a careful study of the condition and capabilities of the Islanders in Queensland with a view to their enlightenment and especially to ascertain what openings there are for teachers to work among them and what prospect for their conversion and for the training of some to carry the gospel to their island homes.

“During the entire trip and especially from Thursday Island onward we recommend that an earnest effort be made to sell our religious and health books to the English people, and to the Dutch, Spanish, German, and French readers, and also to the Chinese and Japanese, as far as we have books in these languages.

“We would further recommend that diligent study be given to the finding of openings for self-supporting missionaries and that special [page break]

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attention be given in the East Indies to the opening for Canvassers from South Africa who speak both the Dutch and English languages.”

Signed.

J.O. Corliss

M.G. Kellogg

J.M. Cole

W.M. Crothers

C.P. Michaels.

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Norfolk Villa, Granville, N.S.W.

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1894

Ella and Mabel White,

Battle Creek, Mich. U.S.A.

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My Dear Children, :- Your letters of Oct. 10 and 11 came to hand two days ago. Most of the American mail came three days sooner, but yours with two or three others which we re-addressed to the Tract Society, Glebe Point were not delivered so soon. Please address me hereafter at “Norfolk Villa”, Prospect St. Granville, N.S.W. The work of the Tract Society has all been moved to Melbourne and the house at Glebe Point has been vacated. I hope we may have an office in Sydney some time again, but know not where it will be.

I am glad to learn that you are well and are getting on so nicely with your work. I am very glad that Ella has an opportunity to study \_\_\_\_ and needle work and drawing. I do not care so much about the painting at present, that can come later on, but I do want Ella to learn to draw. It will be so useful in many ways. I am glad to hear about the physiology class, it must be interesting.

Yes I remember Bessie Hens. And I think she is a nice little girl. I am glad Ella has so pleasant a seat mate.

The account which you give of the various crops of apples, peaches, carrots, beets, potatoes, &c. is very amusing. I have no doubt the crop will be better next year. We were also interested in Ella’s account of the blind boy.

Mabel says that sixth grade is collecting frogs, tree toads, bugs, &c. ; is she helping them? One day last week when we were in a committee meeting out under a tree, Elder Daniells looked at his trousers, and there was a big brown locust that had just crawled out of the ground and had climbed up halfway to his knee; he set Mr. Locust on a bench and we watched him. Pretty soon his back split open, that is his overcoat, split open, and a striped green undercoat appeared; he stretched and twisted and swelled up so that the brown overcoat split wider and wider, then he gave a tremendous pull backwards and pulled his head out of its shell and then he wriggled and twisted and pulled away until he got his legs out and marched away, leaving the old shell. At first his legs were weak and he could hardly use them, and then his wings were like little threads without apparent connection, but in ten or twenty minutes he could crawl around quite well. And the wings grew so fast we could almost see them grow. Nice long, gauzy wings were soon developed and then two little sacks of coloring stuff grew on the wings almost as fast as a water blister. We watched him for about two [page break]

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hours and then he was ready to climb up the tree and to sing with the rest. The trees in the campground and all about here are full of locusts now and sometimes they make so much noise that we wish they were all away.

I am glad that the water is laid on Kendall St. so we can water the garden hereafter.

I wish I could be at home to make a garden next year, but I do not yet know where I shall be. Sometimes it looks as though we were nearly through here, and sometimes it looks as though we should stay a long time. I hope we shall know before long what our duties are.

I wrote you that we were planning to have Brother Daniells go to General Conference as delegate, but money is so scarce and work is so urgent that we have decided not to send any delegate at all.

We are all pretty well, except your grandma, she is suffering from an attack of malaria, but I do hope she will be well soon. I am very weary from camp-meeting work. But I am quite well, except my right hand. At the beginning of camp-meeting I smashed my first finger and shall not be able to use it for some time. It has healed well but is tender yet. And now I am having a big boil on my wrist of the same hand. Not far from where you feel for the pulse, so I am quite dependant on others to write for me.

Elder Cole who has been on Norfolk Island wants two families to go and settle there, so he may be free to labor elsewhere. He wishes Uncle Stephen Belden and wife to go; and now he has gone to Victoria to select another family. He also wants a family to settle on Lord Howe's Island. There are about sixty people living on this Island.

Just now Byron Belden and wife are spending a few days with us. They talk of going to Broken Hill, but I hope they will find work nearer here. They wish to settle where they can canvass for a living and do some Bible work.

We have been planning a trip for one of our canvassers and Dr. Kellogg up through Queensland and then North West through the east India's to Singapore and back again.

Elder Cole brought me a nice collection of small shells for you and Sister Read of Napier N.Z. has sent some pretty sea mosses. I will send them to you by the first one I find going that way.

And now I must close,

Your loving father,

W.C. White

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Norfolk Villa, Granville, N.S.W.  
Nov. 19, 1894  
Eld. O.A. Olsen  
Battle Creek, Michigan

My Dear Brother: -

About a week ago the San Francisco and Vancouver's boats arrived on the same day, bringing us many welcome letters among other things, these letters mentioned your safe arrival in New York, for which we all rejoice. We have been much cheered as we have read of the progress of the work in Europe and we expect to see it go steadily forward. We also rejoice in the progress of the work in the United States and we look forward to the next General Conference with deep interest.

You may be surprised at our decision not to send a delegate from Australasia. This decision was not from any lack of desire on our part to impart and to receive all that we can from any lack of desire on our part to impart and to receive all that we can from the General Conference but it arose from our poverty and the apparent necessity of putting into the field all the workers we can muster just now when there is an interest or rather when there are so many interests on every side calling for immediate attention. We have endeavored by correspondence to place before you our prospects and plans and we feel that it will be more for the interest of the cause here if you should take immediate action on some of these matters and we should at once go forward with the work than for us to cripple our work by sending a delegate that we cannot well spare from the field and delay it by waiting for \_\_\_\_ to be made at the Conference. When Conference comes you and Bro. Tenney can speak on our behalf.

I trust that you will be patient with us in our perplexities regarding the publishing and the canvassing work. We gave much attention before and during the camp-meeting to the various propositions that the Committee's have been considering and about which we had written to you and we submit to you in our various committee reports the results of our deliberations. Some may think us vacillating, but I feel confident that you will look at the matter in another light. Tomorrow we shall probably send you a cablegram requesting that Morrison be not sent till you receive the letters we are now writing.

After you have read the letters which we now send and the Committee reports which accompany them, if the Mission Board thinks best to send over Bro. Morrison, we will give him a hearty welcome and lay out for him plenty of work. If you think it better for Bro. Crothers to take the general supervision of the canvassing work over here, we shall need some action of the Mission Board and a letter from you to Eld. Wilson to help them to see that the step is necessary and not prompted by selfishness. It would be a great comfort to us if the Mission Board would take as much interest as you have done in noticing the various propositions which we have made regarding our work and expressing an opinion about them. I cannot tell you how thankful I am for the references you have made to these plans and the thoughts suggested about them. I will close this hastily hoping to write more next time.

Your Brother,

W.C. White

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Norfolk, Granville, N.S.W.

Nov. 19, 1894

Eld. A.O. Tait

Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A.

Dear Brother: -

Your short letter of September 30 regarding the little paper issued by Dexter is at hand. I have not yet read the paper and do not think best to show it to Mother. I think our brethren in Battle Creek should pray and plan over such matters so as to handle them alright without waiting for word from Mother. It may be one reason why God has permitted her to be so far separated from the work in America, that our people may learn how to deal with such matters as this without bitterness and without negligence. I can readily see that it would please the enemy of our work to have such burdens throw upon Mother so that her mind will be distracted and her writings delayed.

At present Mother feels a great burden to complete her Life of Christ and we are also planning to issue some booklets as companion volumes to Steps. I will send you copy of my letter to Edson which speaks of this more fully than I can write today. I would be glad to hear your opinion of these plans and propositions.

In your letter of October 10 you speak of having reached the busy season of the year and as you have often asked me to make suggestions about any feature of your work, I will give you a few thoughts regarding some of the tracts which you have been issuing lately. It has seemed to me that some of your recent tracts have not had all the careful examination and criticism which such documents ought to have. Christ and the Pharisees is a marked example. I know nothing of its history but it sounds to me like the report of a sermon preached to a congregation who are fully in sympathy with the speaker and thus ready to accept any assertion he makes without criticism. This gives freedom to the speaker, but it does not tend to the strengthening of his work. There is a swing and a sling to the style of this tract which is much more objectionable in a printed document than in a sermon, but that is not the only trouble. There are many things stated as though they were the whole truth, whereas in fact they are but a part of the truth. I think you will understand what I mean. This style is followed by Walker in his philosophy of the plan of salvation which I regard as a very good book, but which is marred by the positive-ness with which he states part of the truth as though it were the whole. I wish you would give this tract another reading and see what influence you think it will have upon real thoughtful men. It has seemed to me that it would not do them any good. I confess that I was greatly disappointed in reading it for when I heard Eld. Olsen speak upon the subject in Parramatta, I did so much wish we could have it in print, and when I saw this tract I thought, "That is just what we want." As the sale of our tracts increase, our efforts to have them perfect should in proportion. Many thanks for the books you sent, and for the encouraging news in your letter. Hoping to hear from you often, I am

Yours truly,

W.C. White

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Norfolk Villa, Granville, N.S.W.

Nov. 19, 1894

Eld. Geo. C. Tenney

Review & Herald, Battle Creek, Mich. U.S.A.

My Dear Brother: -

I was glad to receive yours of October 10. I am deeply interested in the various matters mentioned in it, but I cannot today speak of them particularly. I thank you for the words of interest and sympathy. I know it would make your heart rejoice if you could be with us here and see how the work is broadening. We now have a good corps of laborers and success attends their efforts wherever made and fields of labor are opening on every hand. That which seems to be our greatest difficulty is lack of funds and during the past year our faith has been severely tested as we have seen fields which presented imperative demands for labor and men ready and capable to enter them were within our reach, but the tithe was not sufficient to support them. Under these circumstances we have borrowed some funds and now our Conference is about £700-0-0 in debt. At the opening of this new Conference year the demands for labor are more pressing and we are much perplexed to know what is duty. The part which the General Conference has taken in opening the work in Queensland is a great help, and now if they will open up Western Australia in a similar manner I think it will be a great blessing. I think the time has fully come to make a strike there.

We have also submitted to them a plan for the sending of one of our canvassers and Dr. Kellogg on a missionary tour through Northern Queensland and up through Malasia and the East India's as far as Singapore. I believe this will open up important mission fields making an opening for canvassers, medical missionaries, and evangelists. I believe this is the golden opportunity for such a trip to be made and I hope the Mission Board will take favorable action regarding it.

I am surprised at the proposition made in your September letter regarding Sr. Burnham. We have had no intimation that she wishes to return. I should dislike to have her leave Australia at present.

I will send you with this copy of a letter just written to my brother which gives my views regarding the recent camp-meeting. I also enclose copy of a report which Eld. Hickox has sent to the Echo thinking you will be interested in it.

I am much surprised to hear of the death of Delmer Loughborough and of Sr. E.W. Whitney. As you say death is busy everywhere. May the Lord comfort and strengthen the mourners.

I have received encouraging letters from Eld. Haskell since his arrival in Africa. We learn from Sr. Druillard that Bro. Lindsay and wife and mother Wessels will sail from Cape Town Nov. 20 on the Nineveh. They will make a short visit here and then proceed to the General Conference, with kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

W.C. White

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J.E. White

Southern Missionary

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My Dear Brother, -

Your very welcome letter, which came about a week ago was read by us with a good deal of interest. I was a little surprised to find that you had not yet reached your field of operations. I am anxious to hear about the work which you have so long been preparing to engage in; but I know you are not the only one who is delayed about the work which in part is set upon. We are still in uncertainty as to what we shall do about our school. I had hoped that the question would be fully settled at this camp-meeting, but there are some things which still stand in the way of a decision and of immediately commencing the work.

In many ways our recent camp-meeting was a remarkably successful one. You can hardly imagine the difficulties of conducting such a meeting in a country where the people are slow and conservative, quite suspicious of anything American and have all the English prejudice against that which is new; also where there is only a handful of our own people, and they so borne down by debts and poverty that their minds do not grasp the value or importance of the meeting.

The average number of campers on the ground was 135 adults and 35 children. We were favored in having a good supply of tents so the people spread out and occupied about sixty. They took much pains to fix up their tents nicely both for the accommodation of their friends and for the inspection of the public.

In these colonies tents are much used by navies on the railway lines, by wood choppers, and by the unemployed who eke out a miserable existence by begging, doing odd jobs for a few pence, and by drawing some rations from the government; therefore with many the first thought on hearing of a camp-meeting is that it is a low-down affair and that those who conduct are some new sort of gypsies. Very frequently our brethren are asked, "Where do you go next?" This question comes from the thought that we are a new style of rather high-toned American gypsy carrying our camp from place to place.

Under these circumstances we have felt that it was proper for us to take more pains and to incur more expense in making our camp both comfortable and tasty than is usually done, even at our camp-meetings held near the large cities in the States.

Our plan of advertising the meeting was laborious but effective. A special edition of the Echo was prepared and ten thousand copies of the cover were printed to be given away while the complete paper was sold for a penny. Much labor was required to get these out [page break]



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but the influence was excellent. The people who thronged the campground on Sundays came from all parts of Sydney and they were full of surprise and admiration for the arrangement of the camp and the comfort of the tents. I think the influence was just as great as that of the Melbourne meeting last year. That meeting developed an interest previously existing; this meeting awakened an interest to be developed in the future.

I am so glad that we can send out laborers to so many parts of Australia. Four years ago we had four ministers in the field, each one struggling along in a big colony and accomplishing very little. At the first Conference we attended this program was changed and since then our laborers have been grouped together. During 1894 four churches and 196 members have been added to the Conference. Our courage is good for the coming year. We send Elders Israel and Hare back to Victoria, W.L.H. Baker and Geo Teasdale to Tasmania, Elders Starr and Hickox with Brother Bernoth, a German licentiate, are operating under General Conf. pay in Queensland; they have just finished work at Rockhampton and begin in Toowoomba, a town of 10,000 inhabitants one hundred miles west from Brisbane, the capital of Queensland. Some of our books have been sold there; it is the center of a wealthy district and being at an altitude of 1,900 feet is quite a healthy place. Elders Corliss and McCullagh with the help of colporteurs and Bible workers will carry forward the work in Ashfield while Dr. Kellogg and other Bible workers will labor in the country places about Sydney.

I must now answer your question regarding the publication of some of Mother's books in a less expensive form. I have thought of this for some time and while there are some marked advantages, there are also some grave objections to the plan which you propose. It would be a very serious matter for us to take a step which would result in the unsettling of our subscription book business generally. It has taken much labor to build it up and in a business of this kind where so many persons are connected with it; changes of policy are usually very expensive. There are some things that I am prepared to recommend. I will name a few of them: - 1. That less effort be made to induce customers to buy the more expensive bindings. 2. That the price of the books in muslin with marbled edge be made as low as possible without degrading the character of the work to accomplish this it may be necessary to use paper of a cheaper quality than is used for the other bindings and if the price is largely reduced it may be necessary for both publishers and author to sacrifice a portion of their present income. 3. Fro the thousands of people who are not prepared to buy a book costing more than \$1.00 or \$1.25 I would suggest the preparation of a series of booklets something like Steps to Christ, some might be larger some smaller, and they might treat a variety of subjects and in a variety of ways, Bible history and prophesy should be treated in some of them and several should be upon different phases of the Life of Christ. Mother has just completed a manuscript called "The Sermon on the Mount" which we shall soon put in the hands of the Echo Pub. Co. with instructions to set in \_\_\_\_\_ leaded, same size and style of page as Steps. [page break]

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It will probably make 160 pages and for use in this country we shall bind a few in muslin and sell for about sixty cents but about nine tenths of the edition we shall bind in leatherette and sell for about thirty-five cents. In England where they print cheaper and work on small margins these would sell for 1-6 and one shilling. In Canada and the United States I suppose the prices would run about the same as here. I will try to send you a copy of Steps in leatherette by the next mail.

We shall endeavor to illustrate the Sermon on the Mount and I think we shall get a few good pictures for our next edition of Steps. Our canvassers in this country are selling many thousands of Steps, Angels, Truth Found, and Christ and His Righteousness in leatherette bindings and I do not see why that they might not do the same in the States.

I believe that Mother could get out an interesting booklet on the Triumphal Entry and the Crucifixion and another by and by on the Parables. If we have these little works set in Melbourne, we would make three sets of plates; one for Australasia, one for Canada, and one for England. Then we could arrange with the Review and Herald to reset for American readers bringing out three sets of plates, one for themselves, one for Revell, and one for Pacific Press. I shall be glad for any suggestions or criticisms you have to make regarding this work.

Mother feels a special burden to devote herself to the writing of her books, and we shall do all we can to encourage and assist her. She has been rather poorly since camp-meeting by is improving now and we hope that she will soon be strong again.

Eld. Cole from Norfolk Island has requested that Uncle Stephen and wife move to Norfolk. He is now in Victoria to select another family. He thinks if two good families will settle there that he will feel free to go elsewhere to labor. They can easily raise all they want to eat, but the Mission Board will need to help them about their clothing, therefore it is proposed that each family receive about £2-0-0 a month in clothing or goods to be brought for them in Sydney. I think I will send you copies of some of our Committee reports which will give you an idea of our plans and movements.

Just now Byron and his wife are spending a few days here at Mother's. Yesterday they rode out to Pennant Hills and today they go into the country towards Windsor. Byron and his wife think to settle in some city where they can earn a living by canvassing and also do some missionary work Sabbaths and Sundays. Two places are under consideration. Newcastle which is the second city of this colony and Broken Hill, about five hundred miles north of Adelaide.

And now I must close with best wishes for your work and many prayers for your spiritual welfare.

Your brother,  
W.C. White

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Norfolk Villa, Granville, N.S.W.

Nov. 19, 1894

C.H. Jones

Oakland California

My Dear Brother: -

Yours of October 17 came to hand about a week ago and I must write you a few lines in acknowledgement. I am very glad for the result of Bro. Lindsay's visit to Colorado. I am sorry for May, but we could not have known before she started how this would turn, but it may have all worked out for the best. I am thankful for the careful attention you have been giving Mother's business and hope it will all straighten out in time. We are glad you are sending missionaries to South America. We thank you for a copy of Song Sheaf and shall be glad to see Rosa Young's History of Pitcairn.

I am pleased to hear that Willie will take a course at the Cooper Medical College. Do you think it would be well for May to take that course? What would it cost? And how much preparatory study would she require? Perhaps it would be best for her first to get more practical experience in nursing.

I am glad that you did not encourage Sara MacEnterfer to come over here. At present, Mother has plenty of help and that which promises to be quite satisfactory. There is very much care and perplexity connected with the work in our household, I think it increases year by year. It would be a hard place for Sara and I am glad that she did not come.

I will try to send you with this an abstract of some of our Committee work which will give you some idea of our plans and prospects. Next week I hope to send a short report for the Signs. It is near mail time and I must close.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

P.S I enclose a copy of my letter to Ella and Mabel, a portion of which may be interesting to Floyd.

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F.M. Wilcox, Secretary

Battle Creek, Mich.

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Dear Brethren: -

I will write you a few lines to go by the Vancouver Steamer which goes tomorrow afternoon, but cannot hope to write nearly all that I desire and shall expect to send a longer letter by the San Francisco Boat which leaves one week later.

Our camp-meeting has closed and you will desire to hear about its immediate results, its general influence upon our own people, and the people of New South Wales, and of our plans for future labor.

The influence upon our people has been most excellent those who had attended other Conferences and our camp-meeting than at any previous one. They came expecting much and received blessings according to their faith.

To our Brethren in N.S.W. who had never attended such a meeting it did not mean so much and did not accomplish for them so much as if they had expected more. It was difficult to secure the attendance of some who needed the meetings most. Lack of funds and the risk of property if left unguarded kept many at home who needed the instruction given at the meeting.

I have been often told that the people of this colony were more deliberate and slow in their movements than the people of Victoria and I am convinced that this is the truth.

Sixteen were baptized; mostly adults and some of these were very interesting and very remarkable cases. Bro. Schowe and family made four of the number. He is a school teacher in Pennant Hills, and appears to be a very earnest and liberal man. One case worthy of special mention was the wife of Bro. Martin who was a Catholic and has opposed him very bitterly.

One day he asked for prayer in her behalf and in a day or two after that she visited the ground and was made welcome and remained and enjoyed the instruction and finally gave her heart to the Lord.

Considerable effort was made by our Brethren to invite and entertain their friends and thus a large amount of prejudice has been allayed.

You have read in our published reports about the large attendance of the people of Sydney and its suburbs. I think these reports do not exaggerate anything and wherever we go since the meeting much interest is manifested to enquire about our faith and our work. We feel that this is a time to make an extensive effort for Sydney and if we were not so embarrassed by debt we would employ a dozen colporteurs and bible workers to follow up the interest aroused by these meetings. I have never been in a place where there have been so many open doors for visitors and Bible workers, and was never in a place where this class of labor [page break]

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seems so plainly to be overshadowed in its advantages other methods of work. We have three lady canvassers located at North Shore, two ladies a few miles south of Sydney and in connection with the Tent effort at Ashfield we have one man and two or three young ladies to engage in the distribution of literature, visiting, and Bible work besides Bro. Semmens and wife who divide their time between Bible work and nursing.

Dr. Kellogg will spend a few weeks in Parramatta, Kellyville, and Prospect, and Eld. McCullagh divides his time between assisting Eld. Corliss at Ashfield and developing the interest at Pennant Hills where Bro. Schowe lives and near which there are three other families of Sabbath-keepers.

Yesterday the Tasmanian company left for their field, Vis. Eld. Baker and wife, Geo. Teasdale with Robt. Lanlough as tent-master. On Thursday Bro. Bernoth returned to Queensland expecting to join Elds. Starr and Hickox at Toowoomba, one of the principal inland towns of that colony, about 101 miles west of Brisbane. It is situated on the summit of the Great Dividing Range at an altitude of 1,281 feet above sea level. There are 1000 Germans in the suburbs of Toowoomba and the population of the District in 1891 was stated to be over 7000 people. There are three German churches and a Jewish Synagogue in the town.

To return to the camp-meeting we gave much time and attention to reporting the meetings to the leading Dailies of Sydney to the Weeklies in the suburbs and also sent out reports with copies of the camp-meeting Echo to 400 newspapers throughout the Colony. We also secured an illustrated article in the Sydney Mail and Town and Country Journal; copies of which we send to you.

During the meeting much attention was given to the principles underlying our educational work. Mother read to us many things about this work which seems to call for a change in our plans. As soon as we can do so we shall compile matter for a pamphlet on our educational work. This will contain Mother's recent articles and our plans for our future operations. We have not yet reached a decision regarding the location and the present prospect is that there will be some delay in the educational branch of our work.

PUBLISHING WORK. Much attention has been given throughout the meeting to the various phases of our Book Business, and we feel that considerable has been accomplished in the matter of agreeing upon a future policy and arranging in the matter of agreeing upon a future policy and arranging for our future work. I sent you last month copy of our letter to the General Conference Association containing full information regarding our plans for the division of responsibility and work between the Echo Pub. Co. and the Aus. Tract Society. The more consideration we have given these plans the better we like them and I find a feeling of courage respecting our future prospects.

We send you with this a copy of the minutes of the meetings of our Union Conference Committee to which all the ministers and leading business men of the Conference were invited to be present (most of these being open meetings) all participating freely in the discussions. You will see [page break]

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from these reports that the conviction forced itself upon us that it would be for the best interests of the Book Business to have W.M. Crothers take the position of District Canvassing Agent and superintend the work in all the Australasian colonies. If this could be arranged we could get along without Bro. E.M. Morrison. We would very much like to avoid the expense involved in bringing Morrison and family over here. We feel that the Mission Board has been very liberal with us and we do not want to ask for anything that is unnecessary. Another consideration is that the character of the instruction of Bro. W.M. Crothers seems favorable to the spirituality as well as efficiency in the canvassers. We are impressed that he has rare talent and believe that it would be a blessing to our canvassers in all these Colonies if they could a year or be brought under the influence of his instruction and management.

The one great obstacle to the adoption of these proposed plans is the unwillingness of the New Zealand Conference to release Bro. Crothers from the immediate care of the work there. We probably shall need your assistance to effect a satisfactory adjustment of this matter.

The Australian Tract Society is now quite heavily loaded with work and we are endeavoring to provide 1. Efficient helpers to carry forward the various line of office work. 2. An able management on the part of the officers. To this end regular Directors meetings will be established in Melbourne.

The principle line undertaken by the Society are 1. The management of the work in the Churches to be accomplished through the correspondence of the Secretaries and the labors of the Directors. 2. The intended correspondence with persons interested in the truth with those who have bought subscription books and with persons largely deprived of religious privileges in the interior. 3. The management of the canvassers. 4. The business management of the Bible Echo and the Australian Sentinel.

In its effort to prosecute these lines of work the Society hopes to train a number of workers who may in after years be placed in important centres or Colonial capitals when the time comes to establish Book Shops in various places.

The Echo Pub. Co. will hold its annual meeting during the first half of January. At this meeting we hope to devise plans for the more economic working of the Co. Business. We think there is a fair prospect for the steady growth of the manufacturing branch of our work and that this part of the business may be made to pay.

VARIOUS MISSIONARY OPERATIONS. Eld. J.M. Cole from Norfolk has pressed us to give considerable attention to the work there and at Lord Howe's Island. I have taken the liberty to advance to him \$200.00 on your account and about \$130.00 toward the building of their church. Of this latter £8:0:0 or £10:0:0 will probably be raised in Australia and he expects contributions from the North Pacific Conference and from other places nearly sufficient to cover the amount. The \$200.00 was on his salary account.

Eld. Cole has urged that some organic connection be established with the work in Norfolk so that whoever labors there can have counsel [page break]

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instruction and funds from the officers of the Union Conference. You will see what action we have taken; if we have been presumptuous forgive us. If you had been with us I feel confident that you would have sanctioned these propositions although no doubt you could have put them in better form. Yesterday Eld. Cole left for Victoria where he will visit several families from among which he will select one to join Stephen Belden and wife in returning with him to Norfolk. We should like to have consulted you with reference to each particular step in this work, but as Eld. Cole must return in four weeks and as the taking of someone with him now will probably result in his being released three months sooner than if any delay is permitted we have thought best to encourage him to take immediate action. We hope you will not think us extravagant in proposing that the Mission Board shall assist each of these families going to Norfolk to the amount of £24:0:0 a year. A considerable portion of this will be required to furnish them an outfit of clothing and agricultural implements which should be bought here in Sydney and the remainder should be furnished in clothing and goods purchased in Sydney and sent to them from time to time as they require.

If these plans for the work in Norfolk is followed your Board would have an expense of about £1:0:0 per week, whereas your present expense is probably above £2:0:0. Our committee thought it would be well for Sister W. McCoy to return to Pitcairn and if you approve we shall recommend her to improve the first opportunity of getting cheap passage to Auckland and from there she could go by steamer Richmond to Tahiti and wait there for an opportunity to get across to Pitcairn.

The Norfolk people will receive instruction from a people having a little more white blood than they have, but Sr. McCoy or any other Pitcairner does not receive much respect or consideration from them. They seem to feel about as the New Englanders towards the person coming from the "Wild and Woolly West."

A PIONEERING MISSIONARY TOUR. You will see by our reports that we have endeavored to plan a missionary tour for Dr. Kellogg and one of our canvassers. We have two or three men from whom we may select. Bro. Whittle is a man of sound judgment and of excellent principle, and will do well for this work if he is not called to New Zealand. Bro. Jesse Pallan who has been our ship missionary in Sydney is also a good man for this work and on account of his acquaintance with the sea captains may be able to make a trip at small expense. We shall write you more fully about this next month.

WORK IN NEW ZEALAND. The New Zealand Conference needs immediate help from you. Nearly a year ago they asked that an efficient laborer be sent to them who could carry the message into their large towns and cities. The Union Conference emphasized this call and sent you a list of six or seven men such as we thought would be suitable. It was five or six months before we learned that the man whom you selected would not come and this we learned incidentally through a letter to Eld. Corliss. We were also stupefied through the long uncertainty that for a time we had [page break]

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no courage to say anything but now we were up to the fact that unless something is done immediately this whole tent session will \_\_\_ without any strong effort being made in that colony.

The New Zealand Conference Committee plans for a camp-meeting in Auckland but this will count little for the cause unless it can be followed by a vigorous tent effort. I will enclose copy of my letter to the committee showing our views. I will also enclose an abstract from a recent letter of Eld. Wilson. During Eld. Wilson's visit here some weeks ago I was somewhat surprised that he said so little about this matter. I also observed that he was thinking that as Bro. Crothers time was not needed in the canvassing work it might be well to employ him in the work of the ministry. I have since thought that there might have been a connection between the two facts and you can readily see that nothing would do so much to two facts and you can readily see that nothing would do so much to free Crothers for general canvassing work and thus save expense of sending Morrison as for you to take immediate action in sending to New Zealand a minister who can work in the cities and take a share in the financial burdens of the Conferences and the Tract Society which weigh so heavily upon Eld. Wilson.

Under date of Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, Eld. Wilson writes thus: -

"I have given the same description of a minister needed in this field to work in our cities and meet the literary and learned classes and thus give dignity and depth to the work of the ministry. I do not see how I can attend to my duties and engage in tent and hall preaching and labor in new places. I shall be glad to if at next conference another man is chosen to the duties which now devolve upon me. I am not acquainted with Eld. Cole and do not know how far he would fill the Bill. Bro. White knows what we need and he knows whether Eld. Cole is the man we need. We cannot support more than one laborer and cannot even do that unless our brethren and sisters come up on the tithes better than they have done. When I came into office here in April 1893 when all the laborers had been paid off for their previous years wages and expenses the Conference owed the Tract Society £77:0:7 which had been borrowed to pay the laborers and we have not been able to get caught up yet. I do not enjoy debts one bit, and but that we should seek to get and keep our accounts square. In April 1, 1894 we were still £41:10:3 behind although we had not settled with our present laborers. Our tithes during the year beginning April 1, 1893 ending March 31, 1894 amounted to £598:7:9. We had £147:16:5 of tithes in the Treasury April 1, 1893. Since April 1, 1894 to Sept. 30, 1894 the Conference Treasurer has received in tithes £470:1:1. Of this amount we now have on hand £130:1:3. The New Zealand Conference Tithes to the General Conference which was paid to the Union Conference Treasurer, the Bible Echo Pub. Co. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1894 amounted £35:18:2.----- I forgot to say that it was decided in the Conf. Com. council meeting last May that you should be paid by the Tract Society but the Tract Soc. Board has taken no action that is recorded in your case so when the Conf. Com. meets again as I expect it will about the holidays, then it [page break]



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appears to me we should reverse our former decision and pay you from the Conference funds.”

I shall endeavor in my next to give you some statements regarding our financial standing and prospects and will then make some definite requests regarding assistance which we need on account of Bible Echo.

Please weigh carefully what we have written in this and former letters about our canvassing work and the sending of Bro. E.M. Morrison. If after considering all that we have written you think best to send Br. Morrison we shall give him a hearty reception and plenty of work but if you think best for Bro. Crothers to take the position of district agent, please use your influence with our New Zealand brethren not only to bring this about but to lead them to feel that it is right. We may send you a telegram tomorrow asking that you do not send Morrison till you hear further from us.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1894  
Miss Anie L. Ingels  
Echo Office  
North Fitzroy Vic.

Dear Sister: -

With this I send the list of addresses reported by May Israel which we marked on the steamer with a copy which you may wish to keep after giving the original to May. I will endeavor to soon write you something about her compensation for this work.

I wish you would send to me a memoranda of the work assigned me in the preparation of the yearbook with any suggestions regarding this work which have come to mind.

After I left the Coonawarra I found Bro. Crothers and accompanied him to the Monowai. We had a profitable conversation regarding the future of our subscription book work. I think he is fully convinced that the plans we have been making for that work are right and at the same time he is loath to leave the work in New Zealand. I shall send to Eld. Wilson a copy of my letter to the Mission Board I think it best for him to know all that I have written so he can enter a protest if he wishes.

Tomorrow afternoon I shall spend with Elds. Daniells and Rousseau when I shall endeavor to present some of the plans we were discussing on the boat.

I send you with this a copy of Eld. Graham's letter about the Pitcairn; you will see that he does not wish it published. I may endeavor to prepare an article from it and the letters you left with me. I think I would have asked you to do this if were not that you are so very busy.

With best wishes I am yours in haste,

W.C. White

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894

Mrs. Tuxford

Banks Terrace, Wellington, N.Z.

Dear Sister: -

I send you with this copies of letters from Eld. Graham, Capt. of the Pitcairn and from Eld. Conradi, Superintendent of the work in Germany. You may read them and hand them to the members of the Committee in Wellington and then send them to Eld. Steed with request that he read and forward to other members. I will also enclose copy of my letter to Eld. Steed.

There is much I would like to write to you, but Mother is ready to go to Ashfield and wishes me to accompany her and I must give the stenographer time to get what I have written ready for the mails, therefore will close with kindest regards to yourself and Sr. Charlton.

Yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1894

Miss Kate McIvers

Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal.

My Dear Young Friend: -

I was very glad to receive your kind letter of September 17. Ever since you all went away to California I have often thought of you and wondered how you were getting along.

Since hearing of the hard times in California which came just as you reached there I have often felt anxious about your welfare and it is a real comfort to hear that you are well and of good courage. I am truly glad to hear that Bessie is taking the Nurses Course at St. Helena. I hope she enjoys it. I am confident that our people there will do what they can to help her along. I am also interested in what you write about your Father's work and study. I hope he may by and by find steady employment.

Our camp-meeting here in Sydney has been a very interesting one, it continues over three Sabbaths and each Sabbath and Sunday there were between two and three thousand people on the ground. During the week there was only about 170 of our own people in the camp, but on Sabbath and Sunday there were many more. The Newspapers gave excellent reports of the meetings and the influence has extended throughout Australia. The children's' meetings were the nicest I have ever seen at camp-meeting. They were conducted by Bro. Geo. Teasdale and Srs. Fanny Bolton, Rose Goody and others. In the morning they would have a Bible lesson for an hour and then they would take a tramp through the fields and over the hills for another hour. I think you will see a report of it in the Bible Echo.

As regards the piano, I do not know what I can do about it. You did not tell me who bought it or where it is.

Before sending this letter I may be able to enclose a copy of one of my letters containing more news.

With kindest regards to your Father and Mother and each member of your family,  
I am yours truly,

W.C. White

A.C.M.

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ABSTRACT of LETTER from  
Eld. L.R. Conradi

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Hamburg  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Oct. 1894  
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Dear Brother: -

Considerable time has elapsed since we exchanged any letters. On my part I was so busy that it seemed impossible to attend to anything but the most necessary correspondence. I was indeed glad to hear of the progress of the work in Australia in spite of the many difficulties and the last case of Robert Shannon has gone the rounds in the German papers; also the case of Bro. Capps in Tennessee. As to the work here you and Sr. White would find things greatly changed if you should ever visit Hamburg. I remember well when I passed through here the first time with Sr. White on our trip to Scandinavia. We then little dreamed that we would have our headquarters here yet. But the longer time passes on and the work develops the more we can see that it was all providential.

This summer we had an excellent general meeting and Institute and we appreciate the help of so many of the leading brethren from America very much. Much time was spent with the purchase of the property here and now the new building; but we are assured that it was none too soon. We have now our corporation and are known here in the city, and when the chapel is finished our services will be announced the same as the rest and thus we are made known all over the city and to any stranger who may read the appointments. Our chapel is now under roof, the outside [page break]

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Eld. L.R. Conradi

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Hamburg  
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nearly all plastered and by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January we can make use of the building. The chapel will hold 500 people and thus provide excellent room for general meeting. The building you have seen described in the Review. Our mission building is also being fixed up as we have Bro. Carr with us from B.C. but our room is all full as there are now some 16 students in the school and some more are expected and then there are regular workers in the mission. Our family in all numbers 23. We have students here from Germany, Hungaria, and Russia.

Eld. Olsen gave us for a while high hopes that there might be a general meeting for Europe held here next year and that Sr. White and you would be present. Many of our people rejoiced when they heard this mentioned, but of late Bro. Olsen gave us but little hope that this might be realized. Bur of one thing you might be assured, that if Sr. White and you should visit Europe, that you would be heartily welcomed here in Hamburg.

As to the growth of the work I send you the last statistics of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Our growth in the German field this last quarter was some 35. We have now members in most of the countries in our field and the ways are opening in every direction.

With this I send you the new Hungarian “Steps to Christ” as a pamphlet. The Bohemian will also soon be completed. The Russian and Serbian is translated. Of late we have also commenced to print in Livonia and the first tract in that tongue will reach you soon. The Hungarian and Bohemian will also be bound, but not being completed as yet we send you the pamphlet. We find great advantage in printing in the very country [page break]

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Eld. L.R. Conradi

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Hamburg  
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where the language is spoken and can do it much cheaper and better.

Bro. Schubert who served as teacher at College View came some two weeks ago and now my hands are somewhat freer to devote my time to the field. I shall start the coming Thursday for Eastern Germany where some 40 expect to unite with us and then across the Russian Border by Oct. 13 and reach the Caucasus by Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> in time for our general meeting for that field. I have not been in Russia for some three years and the field is in great need of such meetings, though the danger connect therewith is not little.

On my return I hope to visit Romania, Hungaria, and Bohemia. During the last ten days I had the Lords Supper at seven different places, baptized at four places 15 souls, while some 20 in all united with us.

I am glad to learn that the German work is also being started in Australia and that Bro. Bernoth is meeting with some success there. Next to English, the German branch of the work will and does extend the farthest and there are now between 3000 and 4000 German Sabbath-keepers in all parts of the world already and their influence has extended to a number of other nations such as the Russian, Hungarian, Bohemian, Bulgarian, etc.

Our people here have not only increased in numbers, but also in sensing the message and since Eld. Haskell's excellent instruction and the general meetings here, the health and temperance question has made decided progress. As we here in the mission practice vegetarian living and they come here and their children and they see the benefits of it in practice they are much more ready to fall in with it. Vegetarianism and also temperance is making headway in Germany on the whole, while certain [page break]

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Eld. L.R. Conradi

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Hamburg  
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intemperance increases on the other hand.

As to the times we feel naturally the effects of the panic in Australia, United States of America, and South America, and many are out of work. But on the whole I think that the poor are better cared, for there are more provisions made, and thus the suffering is not so great.

Our brethren have done nobly during the past year in the German mission, raising nearly \$4000 and had they not deposited some \$3500 already with us we would be in quite a pinch with our new building. They seem to have confidence in the work and their interest seems to be growing.

We have our school started and we have some funds to help worthy persons, but certainly would welcome any aid in this direction.

A.G.M.



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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

21 Nov. 1894

Eld. G.T. Wilson

Banks Terrace, Wellington, N.Z.

My Dear Brother: -

On Friday I wrote you a brief letter which was terminated quite abruptly for lack of time to write more and you will expect to hear something from me today. I send you with this a copy of my letter to the F.M.B. so that you may see all that I have written them regarding matters in Australasia. I am especially anxious that you should know what I write about the work in New Zealand and about all plans which have any bearing upon the same. I hope that you will write freely to the Mission Board regarding these matters so they may have the largest amount of information before them when taking action in our behalf.

I feel greatly to regret that we have not taken more vigorous action to hasten the Board to send over a minister that you need. Today I must send a cable message about other matters and I am persuaded that I ought to add to this message the request that they send you an able minister immediately if I felt any doubt about this meeting your approval I would not do it, but having read your recent letter to Bro. Crothers, I feel confident that this action will be in harmony with your wish and the committee's. Our message will be something as follows, "Edwards B.C. Mich." "No delegate, do not send Morrison. Send minister to Auckland December Steamer." They may not succeed in getting a man on that boat, but I wish they might. If he comes in January Boar he could not reach your camp-meeting until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in February.

You will be pleased to learn that the members of the Union Conference Committee who are here have decided to go forward with our schoolwork on the place we have purchased near Morrisett.

We were glad to hear of your good work in Kaikoura. It is encouraging to see how the Lord works upon the hearts of stubborn men. We are glad to hear that our brethren and sisters are sensing their duty in the matter of tithing. How can we expect God to bless us if we rob him continually?

I will enclose you a letter from Kate McIvers in which you and Mrs. Wilson will be interested. Can you tell me anything about the piano mentioned in her letter? She does not tell where it is.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894

Eld. G.B. Starr

Toowoomba

My Dear Brother: -

I will now write you a few lines in answer to yours of Oct. 16, and I enclose an abstract of the proceedings of our Union Conference Committee, in which I know you will be interested. I presume you have been gathering information regarding the Kenaka's in Queensland and I shall be glad to receive from you any suggestions which you may be able to offer regarding the work among them. Dr. Kellogg has attended some Missionary meetings in Sydney where this work was discussed and I may be able to secure for you some of their literature.

I also enclose copy of a recent letter from Eld. Conradi which you may read and hand to Bro. Bernoth. It gives an encouraging view of the German work in various parts of the World. We are very glad Bro. B. was with us at the Conference. His coming was a good move. We pray that he Lord will open for him the way to do much good among the Germans in the vicinity of Toowoomba.

All the moneys we have sent to you have been from the Australian Conference. I have drawn nothing from your Tract Society Account. The arrangement proposed by Eld. Olsen was that the Australian Conference direct your labors and advance you funds and at the end of the year forward your accounts to the Mission Board after being audited with the other accounts here. Your relations to the Australian Conference deals with the General Conference.

I note what you say about Mr. Read of Goolong and will suggest to our brethren that they give his flour a trial. Tonight Brn. Daniells and Israel return to Melbourne where they will find a large quantity of work waiting for them.

The tent meetings at Ashfield have been fairly attended, some of the business people are already convinced that they should keep the Sabbath and we hope that their enquiry, "What shall I do with my business?" may be changed to, "What shall I do to be saved?"

You may be interested to know who compose our family at present. Mother, Marion, Emily, and I are at our usual work. Uncle Stephen and wife are preparing to go to Norfolk. Byron Belden and wife are preparing to do some visiting at Pennant Hills; afterwards they may settle in Newcastle. Bro. W.F. Caldwell is copying in the place of Mattie Laurence and is now boarding with Eld. Corliss and helping in the work at Ashfield. Maud Camp is seamstress. Annie Ulrich, cook, May Lacey, Housekeeper, apprentice of copying and shorthand. Little Edith Ward is with us doing what a little girl can do. We wish you could step in and see us.

Mother has been rather poorly since the camp-meeting, but is improving slowly.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville

22<sup>nd</sup>, Nov. 1894

Mr. James Smith

Echo Office, North Fitzroy, Vic.

My Dear Brother: -

I have yours of Nov. 19 and the documents which accompanied it, many thanks. You will be pleased to learn from Eld. Daniells that the members of the committee who were here day before yesterday thought best to go forward with our school work at Morrisett.

We have been very busy with consultations about the Conference work and now we have our American mail to get off and some manuscripts to prepare for publication. As soon as these matters are off our hands, Bro. Rousseau and I will go to Cooranbong and devote some time to laying out the work. Please remember us in your prayers that we may have the wisdom that comes from above.

I send you with this abstract of letter from Eld. Conradi which you will enjoy reading then you may hand it to Bro. Faulkhead and perhaps he would like to use it in one of the Missionary meetings.

As you say, our work is broadening rapidly. Let us pray earnestly that God will save us from the blindness or lack of faith that would lead us to hinder or restrict its progress. Eld. Daniells will tell you about the many calls for labor, creating demands upon our treasury far beyond our apparent ability.

The meetings at Ashfield are not largely attended, but there are a number of intelligent and influential people who are deeply interested. Pray for the work there.

With best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

W.C. White

P.S. I need a box of those best paper fasteners. If you can send me a box by Post please do so. Many thanks for the monthly summary, it was very encouraging. W.

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville

22, Nov. 1894

Eld. A.S. Hickox

Rockhampton, Queensland

My Dear Brother: -

I desire to write you a few lines this morning before some matters pass out of my memory.

But first I will refer again to your kind letter of September 10, which I answered so briefly from the campground. I need not tell you that we have been much interested in all you have written, but I will tell you that I have taken the liberty of permitting a number of my friends to read your letter that they might know the encouragement regarding the work where you are.

The description you give of the religious life in Rockhampton corresponds with what I hear from other places. These things should inspire us with an intense anxiety to present a living gospel.

I note what you say about the influence of the canvassers and of the wretched work done by an imperfect representation of the truth regarding the immortality of the soul. I will now request you to give me the names of the canvassers who have done this injudicious work that we may counsel and caution and instruct them individually.

Eld. Starr has written us about the divisions and of the headstrong course taken by Bro. Guthrie. I pray that you may ever have wisdom to deal with these matters right.

If you can instruct our people how to work, it will do much to take their minds away from the occurrences of the past. I am glad that you have had an opportunity to work in just such a place along with Eld. Starr for the experience will be of value to you. I hope you both have been thorough in presenting the Tithing for this needs to be presented very plainly. I am sorry to find that our Brethren in Prospect do not seem to understand it.

You will be pleased to learn that we shall go forward with our school work at Dora Creek. I do not think we will undertake a regular school term till we have buildings of our own there. In our next letter we may be able to express an opinion when this will be.

Yesterday we were talking about the Sentinel and what had been done with it in Queensland. Eld. Daniells thought he would be able to write to you and Eld. Starr laying out the plans upon which we are working in other colonies and asking you to do what you can in Queensland.

With best wishes for your prosperity and kind regards to the Brethren of the Rockhampton church,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

P.S. I have sent to Bernoth copy of a letter from Eld. Conradi about the German work in Europe, which I hope he will send to Rockhampton that our brethren there may read it. I will enclose you a copy of the minutes of the U.C.C. in which I am sure you will be interested, and a portion of which you will no doubt wish for \_\_\_\_\_.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

22, Nov. 1894

Mr. A. Simpson

Sringlands, Blenheim, N.Z.

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My Dear Brother: -

I was much pleased to receive your kind and interesting letter of Oct. 29. I often think of you and sometimes pray for the prosperity of your work. It is truly encouraging to see how the Lord is working upon the hearts of men to remove prejudice and to open the way for the reception of his warning messages. He is working for us in this country in the same marked manner as in New Zealand.

When I heard you had gone to Blenheim I felt sorry. I feared it was a place where much labor would be expended without much encouragement. I am also much interested in your account of the work among the Maoris. Are you using the tracts which Eld. Wilson had printed in that language? If so how are they received? Do you hear anything from Willie Mekare?

I had a good letter from Eld. Steed written Oct. 30. We have been much interested in his work in Palmerston North, and greatly encouraged to hear of the organization of the church there. I am truly sorry that this summer is passing and that New Zealand has so few laborers. I have made numerous propositions to our Brethren, but none of them seem to be fully satisfactory. There was a time when I could have secured Eld. Baker, but some thought he was not sufficiently fluent as a speaker. At another time I proposed that Eld. McCullagh return for the summer, but he felt that his duty was here. Eld. Corliss would not be willing to go even if we could spare him. Eld. Cole would prefer to come to that field then to work in Australia but he is hardly able to enter big cities and carry on the work desired there. So I see no way but to wait till we get a man from the States.

Yesterday we were obliged to send a cable message to Battle Creek and we took the liberty of inserting in it a request that the Mission Board send a minister on the December Steamer. The words of our message were these, "Ship shape Delegate. Shoddy Morrison. Shopping December Minister Auckland," which being interpreted means, "We cannot send a delegate to General Conference. Do not send E.M. Morrison. Send by December Steamer a minister to Auckland." I believe that this is in full accord with the New Zealand Conference Committee if not they can send a cablegram at my expense counter-manding the order.

I trust that you will take a broad view of the propositions made by the Union Conference Committee regarding the work of Bro. Crothers. It appears to us that the Lord has given to him an experience and rare talent for the education and management of canvassers, and we believe that it would be a great blessing to our work in Australasia and to the work in Mission fields which should be entered by canvassers from Australia and New Zealand if arrangements can be made so that he may have a moulding influence upon the workers for a year or two. If God has been fitting [page break]

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

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Mr. A. Simpson

Sringlands, Blenheim, N.Z.

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I have sent Mrs. Tuxford some letters for her to read and forward to the members of the Conference Committee. I suppose you will get to see them in good time. I will enclose a copy of my last letter to Eld. Starr, thinking you may be interested in one of its paragraphs.

With kindest regards to yourself and family,  
I am yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

23, Nov. 1894

Joseph Hare, Jr.

Kaeo, N.Z.

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My dear Brother: -

I find yours of Sept. 5 among my heap of unanswered letters. My memory tells me I wrote to you and offered to receive and transmit to California the £100 mentioned.

You will be pleased to learn that after thorough examination and much discussion our brethren have decided to go forward with the school work at Morrisett.

During our recent camp-meeting considerable time was given to the discussion of the principles which should underly our education effect and the plans for carrying our work forward. At several of the morning meetings Mother read to us what has been presented to her regarding this work. Many of the points brought out were very encouraging and some of them showed us that it was best to largely modify some of our previous plans of the work. An ideal of the school presented to us by her is a more simple and inexpensive affair than I have had in my mind. It is more like the schools of the prophets of old. We shall endeavor during the next month or two to issue a pamphlet containing what she presented at these meetings and embodying the plan and principles upon which we shall endeavor to work.

We are now convinced that it will no be for the best interest of the cause for us to build up a large Village settlement. Some of the reasons for this will be apparent to you and in future letters I will bring out our thoughts upon it more fully.

I have received an excellent letter from Bro. Simpson which gives some encouragement regarding the work in Blenheim.

I also had a good letter from Eld. Steed written Oct. 30. We have been much interested in his work in Palmerston North and greatly encouraged to hear of the organization of the church there. I am truly sorry that this summer is passing and that New Zealand has so few laborers. I have made numerous propositions to our Brethren, but none of them seem to be fully satisfactory. There was a time when I could have secured Eld. Baker, but some thought he was not sufficiently fluent as a speaker. At another time I proposed that Eld. McCullagh return for the summer, but he felt that his duty was here. Eld. Corliss would not be willing to go even if we could spare him. Eld. Cole would prefer to come to that field then to work in Australia but he is hardly able to enter big cities and carry on the work desired there. So I see no way but to wait till we get a man from the States.

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I send you with this a copy of the minutes of the Union Conference committee meetings from Nov. 10 to 16. In it you will see that we have assumed temporary oversight of the work in Norfolk and have asked the Mission Board to give us permanent supervision. You will also notice that we have planned an extensive Mission Tour through Northern Queensland & Melasia. I believe this proposition will recommend itself to the F.M.B. and that they will see their way clear to act upon it. You will also notice our propositions regarding the work of Bro. Crothers. The report is so complete in itself that I hardly need to make comments. I am sorry to ask our New Zealand Brethren to allow him to broaden his field of labor, thus separating him from the immediate charge of the work in that colony, but my convictions are very clear that it would be best for him to become District Agent and I hope you will see your way clear to encourage the plans proposed in the report. Please tell me what you think of all these matters.

I also send a copy of a recent letter from Eld. Conradi. It gives an encouraging view of the German work. Please let Webber read it.

With kindest regards to yourself and your family,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.



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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1894

Eld. David Steed

Campbell St, Palmerston N. N.Z.

My Dear Brother: -

I was pleased to receive your letter of Oct. 30 and have read it with interest. I thank you for writing more fully about the Wellington camp-meeting.

Our experience in connection with that meeting and our experience in the two camp-meetings held in Australia cannot fail to impress upon our hearts and minds the necessity of following up the interest aroused by such meetings. I pray that God will give us wisdom to do our duty here.

I did not consider your letter any reflection on Mother or her work nor have I heard any intimation that others regard if so. Bro. Corliss expresses himself strongly sometimes, but I had not heard the criticism you refer to. I am sorry it was made.

We have been much interested in your work in Palmerston North and greatly encouraged to hear of the organization of the church there. I am truly sorry that this summer is passing and that New Zealand has so few laborers. I have made numerous propositions to our Brethren, but none of them seem to be fully satisfactory. There was a time when I could have secured Eld. Baker, but some thought he was not sufficiently fluent as a speaker. At another time I proposed that Eld. McCullagh return for the summer, but he felt that his duty was here. Eld. Corliss would not be willing to go even if we could spare him. Eld. Cole would prefer to come to that field then to work in Australia but he is hardly able to enter big cities and carry on the work desired there. So I see no way but to wait till we get a man from the States.

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I am sending to Mrs. Tuxford copies of interesting letters marked for the N.Z. Conf. Com. I hope they will reach you in due time and be forwarded to others when \_\_\_\_\_.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

22, Nov. 1894

Mr. S.M. Curtis

Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal.

Dear Brother: -

I take pleasure in acknowledging yours of Oct. 17 received about two weeks ago with a copy of the "Song Sheaf". I am pleased to see that you are back in Oakland and I shall be glad to receive from time to time copies of the tracts and pamphlets issued there. I received very little from Oakland lately and have lost track of what you are doing.

As soon as I can I will examine the "Song Sheaf" and then I will write you what I think of it. At first I found it struck me rather favorably.

May I not appeal to you to use your influence to have the report of the Pacific Press which shall be published in the yearbook of 1895 contain a comprehensive statement of the workings of the Institution? Why not tell us how many copies you have printed during the year of each one of our Denominational Books and how many tracts of 32,16,8, and 4 pages each this sort of information would be of great service over here. Please think of this and bring it to the attention of Bro. C.H. Jones. The same work should be carried in to the reports of our General Canvassing Agent.

With kindest regards to yourself and family,  
I am yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

22, Nov. 1894

Capt. Geo. Masters

G.P. Office

Calcutta

My Dear Brother: -

Yours of Oct. 4 came to hand during camp-meeting and this is my first opportunity to reply. We are truly glad to learn of your safe arrival and we pray that you may be guided to the right place and abundantly blessed in the work.

Yesterday I received a letter from J.I. Gibson, London, stating that Lenker and Strobe are independent workers neither one having general supervision of the work in India. If this is so, you will need to seek instruction from Gibson. I am much surprised at this information, for I had supposed that Lenker was sent with authority over the field.

There is much I would like to write to you about our Conference meetings, but lack of time prevents me. You have no doubt read the report in the Bible Echo and I will send you with this copy of the minutes of the Union Conference which will tell you a lot. After reading please let Fairly read it.

We should be glad to receive from you suggestions regarding the proposed Miss. Tour to be made through Queensland and the Melasian Islands.

As you become acquainted with your new field please tell us what openings there are for the Bible Echo, Aus. Sentinel, and the booklets which we publish in Melbourne.

For a time after camp-meeting Mother's health was rather poor, but she is improving slowly now. The rest of us are as well as usual.

Hoping to hear from you often,

Yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

22, Nov. 1894

Mr. E.A. Chapman

Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal.

My Dear Brother: -

I cannot tell you how much pleasure your kind letter of Sept. 18 gave us. It is very refreshing for someone to depart from the beaten track of business and give us a little family news.

I sometimes receive letters from Elliot and I often read what he has written to Sr. Ingels and others. We take much pleasure in watching the progress of his work. I believe the Lord is blessing him and his companion.

It seemed real good to hear about Harry and Phoebe and Lucy. It does not seem so very long since she was a little wee bit of a girl and I often think of the trip we made to Lawrence's Beach. That to me was a very pleasant experience. Accept my hearty congratulations regarding the change in your household. I had but a slight acquaintance with Miss Ella Niccum, but feel sure that she will be a good mother to your children and to you a worth companion. Your little girls are at an age when good management and a mother's constant loving care will be invaluable in the formation of character.

My own little girls are pleading for me to come home, I have now been absent four years and Ella is worrying for fear that I shall be so grey that she will not know me.

Conference work is onward, we are struggling with great financial difficulties, but we have much to encourage us in the progress of the work. I will enclose copy of a short letter to Eld. Tenney. I desire to be remembered to your mother and Harry. With best wishes,

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

23, Nov. 1894

Mr. G.A. Anderson

Napier, N.Z.

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My Dear Brother: -

We were somewhat surprised on receiving your letter of Aug. 15 to learn that you were returning to New Zealand. I cannot tell you how sorry and disappointed I am to hear that your rheumatism continues and that you have so much suffering day by day. It must be a great disappointment to you and Sr. Anderson after making such earnest efforts that you might be placed in the most favorable circumstances for recovery to return no better but suffering more and more.

I thank God that he gives you the assurance of his love and that you have a cheerful heart and patience to wait his time and to learn the lessons which he gives day by day. Christ who is our pattern was made perfect through suffering and he knows how to comfort those who suffer.

Our camp-meeting here was a very interesting one and you will notice by reading the reports. The meetings being held at Ashfield are attended by a very nice class of people. We hope that a church may be raised up in that place.

In many ways our recent camp-meeting was a remarkable success. You can hardly imagine the difficulties of conducting such a meeting in a country where the people are slow and conservative, quite suspicious of anything American, and have all the English prejudice against that which is new; also where there is only a handful of our own people, and they so borne down by debts and poverty that their minds do not grasp the value or importance of the meeting.

The average number of campers on the ground was 135 adults and 35 children. We were favored in having a good supply of tents so the people spread out and occupied about sixty. They took much pains to fix up their tents nicely both for the accommodation of their friends and for the inspection of the public.

In these colonies tents are much used by navies, on the railway line by wood cutters, and by the unemployed who eke out a miserable existence by begging, doing odd jobs for a few pence, and by drawing some rations from the government; therefore with many the first thought on hearing of a camp-meeting is that it is a low-down affair and that those who conduct it are some new sort of gypsies. Very frequently our brethren are asked, "Where do you go next?" This question comes from the thought that we are a new style of rather high-toned American gypsies carrying our camp from place to place.

Under these circumstances we have felt that it was proper for us to take more pains and to incur more expense in making our camp both comfortable and tasty than is usually done even at our camp-meetings held near the large cities in the States.

Our plan of advertising the meeting was laborious but effective. A special edition of the Echo was prepared and 10,000 printed with a cover containing a programme of the meeting and an article about the [page break]

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

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Mr. G.A. Anderson

Napier, N.Z.

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the belief and work of the S.D.A. people an additional 10,000 copies of the cover were printed to be given away while the complete paper was sold for a penny. Much labor was required to get these out but the influence was excellent. The people who thronged the campground on Sunday came from all parts of Sydney and they were full of surprise and admiration for the arrangement of the camp and the comfort of the tents. I think the influence was just as great as that of the Melbourne meeting last year. That meeting developed an interest previously existing; this meeting awakens an interest to be developed in the future.

I was so glad that we can send out laborers to so many parts of Australia. Four years ago we had four ministers in the field; each one struggling alone in a big colony and accomplishing very little. At the first Conference we attended this programme was changed, and since then our labors have been grouped together. During 1894 four churches and 196 members have been added to the Conference. Our courage is good for the coming year. We send Elds. Israel and Hare back to Victoria, W.L.H. Baker and Geo. Teasdale to Tasmania, Elds. Starr and Hickox with Brother Bernoth, a German licentiate, are operating under General Conference pay in Queensland; they have just finished work at Rockhampton and begin in Toowoomba, a town of 10,000 inhabitants 100 miles west from Brisbane. Some of our books have been sold there; it is the center of a wealthy district and being at an altitude of 1,900 feet is quite a healthy place. Elds. Corliss and McCullagh with the help of colporteurs and Bible workers will carry forward the work in Ashfield while Dr. Kellogg and other Bible workers will labor in the country places about Sydney.

Eld. Cole from Norfolk Island has requested that Bro. Stephen Belden and wife move to Norfolk. Eld. Cole is now in Victoria to select another family. He thinks if two good families will settle there that he will feel free to go elsewhere to labor. They can easily raise all that they want to eat, but the Mission Board will need to help them about their clothing, therefore it is proposed that each family receive about £2-0-0 a month in clothing or goods to be bought for them in Sydney.

Mother feels a special burden to devote herself to the writing of her books, and we shall do all we can to encourage and assist her. She has been rather poorly since camp-meeting but is improving now, and we hope that she will soon be strong again.

Mother and other members wish to be remembered to you. Please accept our best wishes. We shall be very glad to hear from you and Sr. Anderson as often as you are able to write. I would be pleased to have you let Sr. Caro read this letter.

Yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

[#5 – WCW – 166]  
Granville, N.S.W.  
Nov. 23, 1894  
Miss E.J. Burnham  
Echo Pub. Co. N. Fitzroy, Vict.

Dear Sister: -

With this I send copy for quite a lengthy article made of extracts from letters about the cruise of the Pitcairn and a few notes about work in Tahiti and Raiatea. I had quite a number of documents before me and therefore felt that I ought to extract but briefly from each. I have carefully left out whatever I thought was liable to embarrass the missionaries if published and have tried to put in enough incidents to make it readable. If it is a lot too long, you can cut it down and make separate notes about the work in Raiatea and Moorea. What I gave about these was from letters belonging to St. Ingles which I return today so you can have access to them if you want more about these two items.

In a recent letter from Eld. Tenney and also in one from the F.M. Board it is suggested that you have expressed a desire to return to the States and Eld. Tenney has asked the Board to invite you to do so if you wish. I was surprised at this and think there must be some mistake. Please tell me just how you feel about your work. I have thought that felt a deep attachment to the Echo and that you were in danger of permanently injuring your health by too constant application. I have wanted you to take vacation, not that you might be separated from the work, but that you might be strong to enjoy your connection with it. Please write me when you have time.

Your brother,

W.C. White

[#5 – WCW – 167]  
Granville, N.S.W.  
Nov. 23, 1894  
Miss Annie L. Ingels  
Echo Pub. Co. N. Fitzroy, Vict.

Dear Sister: -

With this I return the letters from Chapman and Mrs. Cady which you so kindly left for my perusal. Today I have been trying to work up an article for the Echo and I have made extracts from the letter of Bro. McCoy, from the letter of Eld. Graham, and briefly from these letters which I now return. Many thanks for their perusal.

Today, Bro. T. Whittle came in about 10 A.M. I visited with him a little and then gave him letters to read till dinnertime. Then he went to Ashfield to see Brn. Michaels and Rousseau. He has not yet received the letters written to him by Eld. Daniells.

Bro. Whittle reports that Bro. Daviss and wife are now on the point of giving up the work from sheer discouragement, having become possessed of the idea that there has been an intention on the part of the Tract So. Sec. at Sydney to overreach and deal unjustly. I think I shall write to them and it occurred to me that it would have been well if we had sent them copies of the c-m letters. I did not think of it at the time; but if we can now show some interest in them, it may help to hold them. Perhaps you will find something that you can send to them.

I have been making quite an effort to write to our influential Brn. in N.Z. and am sending copies to some of the lonely workers that have been neglected by me for some time. I feel an extra burden while you and Eld. D. are absorbed in business. When you get into full swing again, I shall be occupied with something else.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White



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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

25, Nov. 1894

Mrs. M.H. Druillard

28A Rowland Street, Cape Town, S.A.

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My Dear Sister: -

I must now endeavor to answer your kind letter of May 31 for we have a direct mail to Cape Town in 3 or 4 days.

Many things have happened since that letter came in which you would be interested, but the most important of all is our annual camp-meeting. It was a great undertaking to hold this meeting in Sydney for there are less than 200 of our people in New South Wales and there are only but a few in the colony who had ever heard of the S.D.A. or of a camp-meeting of any sort, then Sydney is 500 miles to the east of the centre of the population of our people and it was quite a heavy strain upon their missionary spirit to bring the meeting over here. But we felt that the time had come to make a special effort to draw the attention of the people of this great colony to the truths of the third angel's message and the Lord has truly blessed our efforts.

In many ways our recent camp-meeting was a remarkable success. You can hardly imagine the difficulties of conducting such a meeting in a country where the people are slow and conservative, quite suspicious of anything American, and have all the English prejudice against that which is new; also where there is only a handful of our own people and they so borne down by debts and perplexities that their minds do not grasp the value or importance of the meeting.

The average number of campers on the ground was 135 adults and 35 children. We were favored in having a good supply of tents so the people spread out and occupied about sixty. They took much pains to fix up their tents nicely, both for the accommodation of their friends and for the inspection of the public.

In these colonies tents are much used by navies, on the railway line, by wood cutters, and by the unemployed who eke out a miserable existence by begging, doing odd jobs for a few pence, and by drawing some rations from the government; therefore with many the first thought on hearing of a camp-meeting is that it is a low-down affair and that those who conduct it are some new sort of gypsies. Very frequently our brethren are asked, "Where do you go next?" This question comes from the thought that we are a new style of rather high toned American gypsies carrying our camp from place to place.

Under these circumstances we feel that it was proper for us to take more pains and to incur more expense in making our camp both comfortable and tasty than is usually done even at our camp-meeting held near the large cities in the States.

Our plan of advertising the meeting was laborious but effective. A special edition of the Echo was prepared and 10,000 printed, with a [page break]

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cover containing a programme of the meeting and an article about the belief and work of the S.D.A. people, an additional 10,000 copies of the cover were printed to be given away while the complete paper was sold for a penny. Much labor was required to get these out but the influence was excellent. The people who thronged the campground on Sundays came from all parts of Sydney and they were full of surprise and admiration for the arrangement of the camp and the comfort of the tents. I think the influence was just as great as that of the Melbourne meeting last year. That meeting developed an interest previously existing; this meeting awakens an interest to be developed in the future.

I am so glad that we can send out laborers to so many parts of Australia. Four years ago we had four ministers in the field; each one struggling along alone in a big colony and accomplishing very little. At the first Conference we attended this programme was changed and since then our laborers have been grouped together. During 1894, four churches and 196 members have been added to the Conference. Our courage is good for the coming year. We send Elds. Israel and Hare back to Victoria, W.L.H. Baker and Geo. Teasdale to Tasmania.

Elds. Starr and Hickox with Bro. Bernoth, a German licentiate, are operating under General Conference pay in Queensland; a town of 10,000 inhabitants 100 miles west from Brisbane. Some of our books have been sold there; it is the centre of a wealthy district and being at an altitude of 1,900 feet is quite a healthy place.

Elds. Corliss and McCullagh with the help of the colporteurs and Bible workers will carry forward the work in Ashfield while Dr. Kellogg and other Bible workers will labor in the country places about Sydney. An interest is springing up in Pennant Hills, a thickly settled and wealthy fruit district 8 miles to the north of us which may demand the labors of Eld. McCullagh a portion of his time at least. There are four families of Sabbath-keepers in that section and yesterday Eld. McCullagh and Bro. Byron Belden organized a Sabbath-school of 24 members. Today Mother has gone out to speak to them and question of securing a tent will be submitted for their consideration.

Eld. Cole from Norfolk Island has requested that Bro. Stephen Belden and wife move to Norfolk. Eld. Cole is now in Victoria to select another family. He thinks if two good families will settle there that he will be free to go elsewhere to labor. They can easily raise all that they want to eat, but the Mission Board will need to help them about their clothing, therefore it is proposed that each family receives about two pounds a month in clothing or goods to be bought for them in Sydney.

While in Victoria Eld. Cole will present to our churches there the importance of our working for the Kanakas and Aslatics who have come to Australia to teaching them Bible truths which they in time will carry home to their native lands.

About two weeks ago I received from Eld. Haskell a very interesting account of what our brethren found in \_\_\_\_\_. We have an intense interest in this enterprise and shall be very thankful for any \_\_\_\_\_ information that you may feel free to give us. A brief statement for the Bible Echo would be \_\_\_\_\_ received. [page break]

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I think we have some families over here that would make excellent helpers in this missionary enterprise. Please tell us if you think it would be advantageous or otherwise to have connected with that mission persons from various lands bringing different experiences and if you think it desirable to have a few Australians please tell us what kind of men would be useful. We have several families of first class carpenters, quite a number of brick masons, some who have had long experience as shop keepers and who are also excellent canvassers. Many of these have a good knowledge of the truth and a desire to teach it. There are also several good men having experience as gardeners by only a few with experience in farming upon the broader plans. From these I have named we can select almost any kind of temperament you desire, but there are only a few having more than a common school education.

On account of our poverty we have given up our cherished plan of sending a delegate to the General Conference; our Australian Conference is seven hundred pounds in debt and the imperative demand of the work is pressing us forward to increase this debt. We pray earnestly that God may raise up men of means who will have liberal hearts to carry forward this great work.

I have written quite freely to Prof. Miller about our school work therefore I need not dwell upon this in your letter. We are heartily glad that there is now a regular monthly service from Sydney and Melbourne to Cape Town. We hope you will get the Echo's more regularly and I hope you will decide to take a good club of the Australian Sentinel. Please give us a criticism of the paper and tell us what changes need to be made to suit it to your field. Please to correspond and furnish interesting matter for it so that it may be of interest to the largest number of people in the colonies.

Your recent letter of Oct. 27 gave us great joy. It will be indeed an unusual pleasure to meet our Afrikaner friends. We shall show them about as much as their time will permit and hope they may decide to remain with us till the middle of January. If they must go on the December Steamer our time will be exceedingly limited.

If I knew how much correspondence you had with our workers in Polynesia I would know better how much to send you. I think I will be of the safe side and send you all I can, hoping that enough of it will be new both for the reading and for our work in copying. I sent on to Bro. Miller copy of an article I have completed for the Echo, I will try to send you a full copy of Eld. Graham's letter.

In my letter to Eld. Haskell I shall send some propositions regarding publication of Booklets that I would be pleased to have you consider. Please say to your husband that I would be very thankful to receive a letter from him giving his views regarding the situation of the work to be done in \_\_\_\_ land.

Pray that God may guide and bless you continually,

Yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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My Dear Brother: -

I was very much pleased to receive your kind letter of April 23 and read it with deep interest. Mother and several others have read it and we esteem it a great pleasure to learn about your work.

I can hardly believe that six months have passed since this letter was received, but this is the record.

We thank you for the expressions of sympathy and good will regarding our work in Australia. We certainly have been very much perplexed during the last year and we are much disappointed that our work moves so slowly. For some time we looked forward to the camp-meeting expecting that we should come to an agreement about plans early in the meeting and then do much before its close to prepare for a vigorous prosecution of the work, but it has not worked out exactly that way.

For some time we had been wishing and asking that God would send us light as to what we ought to do and how we should proceed and at the beginning of camp-meeting, we learned that Mother had several manuscripts to read to us regarding our school work. Most of these were read in our early morning meetings. They were full of instruction bringing out some thoughts that were very encouraging and also presenting many thoughts which cut across our cherished plans and which convinced us that the ideal of a school which we had in mind must be modified in many particulars.

The messages sent us gave us positive warning against any effort to locate our school near the large cities, or within such easy access to them that students' would be tempted to make frequent visits on holidays and other occasions. We were also warned against attempting to build up a large village settlement and we were counseled to be content with very modest buildings. You can readily see that these counsels do not foster our ambition of our pride and it has taken us some time to give up the old plans and construct new ones in harmony with these thoughts. We can see that many of the evils which have surrounded our other schools will have less power upon us under the circumstances pointed out as suitable for our school; but we do not yet see how we shall make such a school as is described to us a financial success.

This calls to mind the fact that many times in the history of our school work decisions have been made in which the managers were obliged to choose between following the plan pointed out in the testimonies and following these plans which promised the most financial success. And in very many instances financial considerations have controlled the decisions. Do you not think that one time has gone for us to have faith in God \_\_\_\_\_? [page break]

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It looks to me as though our school here will be more like the schools of the prophets than anything we have seen. We have purchased a beautiful location and I think it is a very favorable place for conducting a school upon the simple inexpensive plans that are now before us. It is not a place that would be selected by those whose happiness is bound up in the associations of a large town, and there is not much promise of wealth to those who settle in the locality, but in all her writings about this matter, Mother has treated the school location more as a resort or place of temporary residence for those wishing to fit themselves to be laborers and a refuge for those who are oppressed by enemies of the truth or perplexed when first embracing the truth than as a place of continuous residence.

We shall certainly be free from some of the questions which are giving you the greatest perplexity.

In comparing our fields of work we find that Australia and South Africa have some points of similarity and many points of contrast. In both countries the people are scattered. Here they are homogenous in character while with you there are race conflicts. You have a marked contrast in the wealth of some and the poverty of others, while here there is no such variety; it is hard times with us all.

We hear that South Africa is one of the world's Sanitariums, yet we see most of our American laborers struggling with feebleness and sickness; in Australia it is quite different, we have some climates that are rather taxing, but most of our laborers are in good health.

I was much interested in the account of your school experience. It has been very trying, but I know that you can say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Sometimes during the past year when completely surrounded with difficulty and perplexity, I have felt like laying down the burden and saying, "I will go no farther," then I have thought the Christians work is to be like Christ, and it was said of him, "He will not fail nor be discouraged." Therefore I must not be discouraged nor fail to do the work that is committed to my hands.

We had the good fortune in our school to have Brother and Sister Starr with us at its commencement, but since they left us we have had some experience with untrained matrons and a change of cooks and we can sympathize with you in the many changes you have had. We thought it would be better to endure some things than to dismiss employees who seemed to be of little help, but we shall take great care to get the best help within our reach when we open again.

I see that your work is made harder by the youthfulness of your students. I have often wished we could receive younger students into our boarding schools, and have several times proposed that we have a separate department for them at Healdsburg. What do you think about these younger students mingling with the older ones and following their programme? Would it not be better if they could have a programme of their own? Please give us the result of your experiences and your opinions on this point.

I am glad that we do any \_\_\_\_\_ the government examination. I am \_\_\_\_\_ [page break]

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Have you as yet undertaken anything in the way of manual training? Or have you any plans regarding this line of instruction? If so, please tell me how far you have progressed. In one of the training schools in Sydney that is a government school where they train pupil teachers, they manage to teach carpentry on the wise; they have a building with benches and tools to accommodate eight persons at work and they permit those boys who have reached a certain standard in their studies to take a lesson once a week, this lesson occupies two or three hours. And as a different set of boys come on each day there can be forty under instruction at once. Thus the instructor is employed in teaching them three hours a day five days in the week. The boys pay a small sum for the material used and the tools are furnished by the school.

In our work at Cooranbung we shall have labor of another sort. There is land to clear, fences to build, swamps to drain, and creeks to clear. We are now trying to devise a plan by which we may open the way for able bodied young men to work their way along by laboring six or seven hours a day and taking evening and morning studies.

I am glad to see that our people in Battle Creek are pushing forward with the sloyd work. I hope that one of their trained teachers may come over here by and by.

We see that you have a trained nurse from the Sanitarium and I have heard that he had opened a bath-house in Cape Town. If this is so, please tell me how the enterprise is prospering. Brother Semmens and wife, who are with us, were good help in our school and have been instrumental in the organization and prosecution of missionary work in and about Melbourne. They are now engaged in Bible work with Elder Corliss in Ashfield. Last night I went down to see them (Nov. 24) and Brother Corliss told me that there were about thirty out to the Sabbath forenoon and that nine had signed the covenant.

By the last mail from Cape Town we learn that Lindsey and wife, Mother Wesselss, two of the boys, and Brother Will Sisley were coming on the Nineveh, I should like to meet them at Hobart and will do so if other work will permit.

I shall send to Sister Druillard a copy of the minutes of the recent meetings of our Union Conference Committee from which you will see what we are planning regarding the work in Norfolk and Lord Howe Island and what we suggest that the Mission Board shall do in sending out pioneers to Queensland and up through Malasia as far as Singapore. Please tell me what you think of these plans and suppose that these pioneers should find good fields in the Dutch East Indias for canvassers who can speak both English and Dutch; have you some good men in South Africa to send into the field? Please think of this and tell me who you can recommend for such work.

What do you think of our Australian Sentinel? Can it be made of service in South Africa? Have you seen the circular letter which we send out called the "Church Visitor?" If so what do you think of it? And what suggestions have you regarding the \_\_\_\_? We should be glad to receive contributions from our \_\_\_\_\_. Are you a reader of the "Bible Echo?" I will \_\_\_\_\_.

Your Brother,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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28A. Rowland Street, Cape Town, S.A.

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My dear Brother: -

We were very thankful to receive your kind letter of Sept. 15 accompanied by 3 articles for the Bible Echo and an account the opening up of Mashonaland and your criticism of the manuscript for the Missionary Manual.

By the late mail we have a shorter letter from Sr. Druillard stating that Lindsay and wife Mother Wessels and two of the boys, also Bro. W.G. Sisley are coming on the "Nineveh." I suppose they will reach Hobart about Dec. 12. I wish I knew how much time they were willing to spend in Australia. The San Francisco Steamer leaves Sydney Dec. 24 and Jan. 21. If they feel they must get off on the Dec. boat they will barely have time to make a flying visit to Melbourne and Sydney. If they can wait till Jan. 21 it will be much more pleasant. This would land them in San Francisco about the day the Gen. Con. begins and as they have friends to visit in Cal. I fear that they will feel necessary to leave Dec. 24; therefore I shall make preparation and plans for a rapid movement across the country if they deem it necessary.

As we are not able to send a delegate to the Gen. Con. I shall greatly value the opportunity of the visit of these friends who will be in attendance. I may decide to meet them in Hobart and accompany them to Melbourne; if unable to do this I shall meet them with letters and also inform our brethren of their proposed movements so that their time be put in to the advantage.

We shall be delighted to learn from them all we can about the work in its various phases in South Africa. We are interested in every branch and especially in the mission to Mashonaland. 12,000 acres is a good lump of land and I hope you will find wise men to manage the enterprise, large hearted men who fear God and who love all his children of whatever nationality or color. I also hope you may find faithful men to connect with the movement. Would you like a few families from Australia? If so what sort?

Your description of section visited by our brethren is very interesting and though not sufficiently connected so that I can draw a map of the country it gives me some idea of the situation.

You will notice from the minutes of our Union Conf. Com. that we will submit to the Mission Board plans for a Pioneering expedition through Queensland touching at Thursday Island and Port Darwin then proceeding through Malasia as far as Singapore. You will recognize in this a development of the plan of work which you suggested several years ago. I believe that this trip will open up fields for teachers in Queensland for missionaries in the islands north of Australia and for some of our Afrikaner canvassers speaking Dutch and English in the West Indies. I [page break]

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believe that the time has fully come for the pioneering of these fields.

I have not yet read the manuscript for the Missionary Manual but I am favorably impressed with the letter you have written to Eld. Wilcox when I have time to read and write to him I will send you a copy.

As I have written quite fully to Sr. Druillard about our camp-meeting and to Bro. Miller about the school I will not repeat in this letter.

In a recent letter from Edson he proposes that we print a cheap edition of Great Controversy using thin paper and printing the cuts with the text, thus he thought we might produce a book to be sold for one and a half dollars. Believing that you would be interested in my reply I will here copy a portion of it.

“I must now answer your question regarding the publication of some of Mother’s books in a less expensive form. I have thought of this for some time, and while there are some marked advantages there are also some grave objections to the plan which you propose. It would be a very serious matter for us to take a step which will result in the unsettling of our book business generally. It has taken much labor to build it up, and in a business of this kind where so many persons are connected with it, changes of policy are usually very expensive. There are some things that I am prepared to recommend. I will name a few of them.

1. That less effort be made to induce customers to buy more expensive bindings.
2. That the price of books in muslin with marble edge be made as low as possible without regarding the character of the work; to accomplish this it may be necessary to use paper of a cheaper quality than is used for the other bindings and if the price is largely reduced it may be necessary for both publisher and author to sacrifice a portion of their present income.
3. For the thousands of people who are not prepared to buy a book costing more than four or five shillings I would suggest the preparation of a series of booklets, something like Steps to Christ; some might be larger, some smaller, and they might treat a variety of subjects and in a variety of ways Bible history and prophecy should be treated in some of them and several should be upon different phases of the life of Christ.

Mother has just completed a manuscript called, “The Sermon on the Mount,” which we shall soon put in the hands of the Echo Publishing Co. with instructions to set it in small pica leaded same style and size of page as Steps. It will probably make 160 pages and for use in this country we shall bind a few in muslin and sell for two shillings, but about nine tenths of the edition we shall bind in leatherette and sell for 1/6. In England where they print cheaper and work on smaller margins these would sell for 1/7 and 1/-. In Canada and the United States I suppose the prices would run about the same as here.

We will endeavor to illustrate “The Sermon on the Mount” and I think we shall get a few good pictures for our next edition of Steps. Our canvassers in this country are selling many thousands of Steps, Angels, Truth Found, and Christ and His Righteousness in leatherette bindings [page break]



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and I do not see why that they might not do the same in the States.

I believe that Mother could get out an interesting booklet on the Triumphant Entry and the Crucifixion and another by and by on the Parables. If we have these little works set in Melbourne, we would make three sets of plates, one for Australia, One for Canada, and one for England. Then we could arrange with Review and Herald to reset for American readers bringing out three sets of plans, one for themselves, one for Revell, and one for Pacific Press. I shall be glad for any suggestions or criticisms you have to make regarding this work.

Mother feels a special burden to devote herself to the writing of her books, and we shall do all we can to encourage and assist her. She has been rather poorly since camp-meeting, but is improving now, and we hope that she will soon be strong again.

Mother and other members of the family wish to be remembered to you. Please accept our best wishes. We shall be very glad to hear from you as often as you are able to write.

Yours truly,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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25<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 1894

Messrs. Dalgetty & Co.

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Sydney

Dear Sirs: -

I am advised by recent letter from Cape Town S.A. that some friends of mine are proceeding hence from that Colony per S.S. "Nineveh" which is expected to sail from thence on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. inst.

Will you be kind enough to inform me what day in December she is timed to reach Hobart or the time that she may be reasonably expected as I am desirous of proceeding to Hobart to meet them and should like to know as nearly as possible the actual time of that steamers arrival at that port.

Yours truly,

W.C. White

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Ella and Mabel White

67 North Kendall St. Battle Creek, Mich. U.S.A.

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My Dear Daughters: -

Tomorrow afternoon the Arawa sails for San Francisco. She takes the place of the Monawai, for the Monawai has been taken off of the Oceanic Line and is running to New Zealand in place of the Wairarapa, which went ashore on the Great Barrier Island just outside of Auckland harbor in the night. You have no doubt heard of it, and how that over 130 were drowned. I was well acquainted with many of the officers and sailors who were drowned, for your Grandma and I had made two trips on that Str. That was the one where we carried Grandma's bed each night into the ladies boudoir. The Stewardess, Mrs. MacDonald was very kind to us, but some of the officers were wicked drunken fellows. Bro. Hardie of the Sydney church was on the ship when she went down, but he was saved. Two students were to sail on her, but were hindered by some trifling incident, and we were so glad.

You will see by copies of letters which I send you that we shall soon see bro. Sisley and some of our Afrikaner friends. I may be able to meet them in Hobart and pilot them about. How I wish I could come on with them to the Conference. I do want to see you so much and perhaps I could be a little help to Eld. Olsen at the meeting. But it is plainly my duty to stay here with Grandma White and to help what I can about our school. I have been praying that the Lord would give me some light about future duty and if it appears plain that we are to stay here for quite a time, I shall ask the Gen. Conf. to let you come.

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There are many things that you have in Battle Creek that you would miss over here. Among these are the School, the Sanitarium, and the many friends that you have there. Well, we will wait patiently a little longer to see what the Lord wishes us to do and if we can learn His will, we will do that with all our might.

If Ella was two years older, and could be my little house keeper, we would rent a house of our own and be a nice little family of three, but as I shall have to be away from home much of the time, it may be that Grandma will make room for us all in her house. It is too full now for any more to come in, but by-and-by Uncle Belden and his wife will go to Norfolk and Byron and his wife to Newcastle or some similar place and there would be room for you.

If it was not so far, I should ask Mary to come, but it is a long way and for a long time she has been waiting to enter the missionary work and I hardly dare ask her to come way over here.

I often think of what Mabel said some months ago, "If it only took five minutes to go, and only cost five cents to go, I would come to see you." Well, well, we must wait a little longer.

There is now a prospect that we shall go on with our school work at Dora Creek. It is a pretty place and it may be that someday I could build a little house up there and live near the school.

Last night I saw Elder Corliss and he told me that nine had signed the covenant in Ashfield yesterday.

Grandma and Byron and Sara Belden and Kay Lacey and Maud Camp went out to Pennant Hills today where Eld. McCullagh has begun meetings. After meetings they intend to go on to Bro. Bradley's to buy some oranges. He has a big orchard and is sending away fifty boxes a day.

And now I must close and go to a meeting. Maybe Eld. \_\_\_\_\_.

Your father,

W.C. White

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Elder O.A. Olsen

Battle Creek, Mich.

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Dear Brother: -

I wrote you some time since outlining a trip among the New Hebrides, Santa Cruz, and Solomon Islands and New Guinea. I still feel there are important fields which ought not to be neglected but the Union Conference has planned for me differently and I understand that they have sent their plan on to the Foreign Mission Board for its endorsement or amendment or rejection as their judgment should deem best for the cause.

Before referring to the details of the plan of the Union Conference I will give you a statement of my convictions of the best plan for the next voyage of the Pitcairn.

We now have a chain of Mission stations in the South Seas beginning at the western end of these islands. We have a station on Pitcairn, then on Tahiti 1200 miles to the north of west from Pitcairn. Then on Raitia 130 miles further west. Then on Rurutu 360 miles south of Tahiti. Then on Raratonga.

Now it seems to me that it would be wisdom to continue the chain westward in unbroken connection by placing a teacher and his wife who could teach also on Nuie or Savage Island as it is called. These teachers should be prepared to do something in the medical line, such as care for the sick, dressing the wounds, opening abscesses etc. and giving whatever treatment in cases of fevers.

Savage Island has a native population of 4,500 with five white men and three white women including the white missionary and his wife. Has eleven villages in each of which a school with native teachers is kept up and there nine of the villages contain each a stone church building. The island is healthy for whites and produces tropical fruit and foods in abundance. (See my report in Medical Missionary)

The Tonga Islands, or Friendly Islands, as they are called, consists of three groups. The Vavau with several smaller isles are the northern group, Habai with several small ones, the middle group. While at the south we have Tongataboo and several small isles. These islands contain a very large population, a large portion of whom are Wesleyans, or were until Baker induced King George to establish a Free Church into which very many of the Wesleyans were driven by fierce persecution. King George is dead now and Baker was removed from the isles by the British Government for his high handed proceedings.

There has been no physician on these islands until within the last few months and one is needed there very much. There is ample room for one in each group. A Melbourne doctor told me a few months ago that he was arranging with the Tongan government to go there on a government salary. I think that we should take immediate steps to place physician and teacher in one of these groups and a teacher and wife who should [page break]

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also be able to teach and do missionary work on each of the other groups. None of these need be ministers, but all ought to be able to do good Bible work and of sufficient education to translate intelligently after studying the language a while. A missionary should be established on Samoa and another on Fiji. I think all these could go out on the next trip of the Pitcairn.

Then if the Pitcairn could return by way of Elice, Gilbert, and other isles north of the Equator.

I learn by careful inquiries that there are in North East Queensland over 8,000 natives from the New Hebrides, Santa Cruz, and Solomon Isles who went there as contract laborers, many of whom are now free, their contracts having expired. It seems to me that we could accomplish more in a given time for these islands by placing teachers among them in Queensland. The teachers there could both give instruction to the natives of several islands speaking several languages, teaching them in English as they can both speak and read English. This is the course pursued by the Church of England people. In the meantime the teachers could acquire some knowledge of island language and when the time came to send out native workers the teacher could visit them and help get the work started.

I think the plan devised by the Union Conference is a very judicious one and that we ought to enter upon it very soon.

I am ready to undertake the carrying it into effect if the Foreign Mission Board deem it best.

Our camp-meeting was a success. Eld. Corliss is carrying the work on in the suburbs of Sydney assisted by Eld. McCullagh. I work with the churches in this vicinity while waiting orders.

Yours in the good work,

M.G. Kellogg.

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

Nov. 26, 1894

Mr. W.H. Edwards

Review & Herald

Battle Creek, U.S.A.

My Dear Brother: -

I have two or three interesting letters from you which I expected to answer fully by this mail, but now we are close to mail time and I can only mention a few points.

In yours of August 10 you speak fully of Dr. Kellogg settlement. I think he understands it now and makes no complaint. The Australian Conference has paid him £2-10-0 per week for his labors during 1894, he has labored faithfully and acceptably and as it is expensive working in this country we felt that this amount was due.

You will have noticed from the reports that he was reordained at the close of our camp-meeting and you will see from the reports of our Union Conference Committee that we are planning important work for him in Queensland and Malasia.

In your letter of Oct. 4 you speak of several items of business you have transacted for me, many thanks, what you have done is satisfactory. You also speak of many financial matters connected with the Conference and the school and so forth. Of these I must write to you later on.

The \$3000 from Gibson has been received. We need exactly that amount to complete our payment on our school land, but as we have nearly that amount ready to send to London for books we may decide to send this same draft back again.

I see that I have been in a muddle of the E.G. White mission fund. I had forgotten that the Foreign book business which formerly supplied this fund has all been turned over to the G.C.A. There must be on the books of the G.C.A. quite a credit for Mother, will you please request Nelson to send us a statement. Many thanks for the information you have collected by your correspondence with the Offices in Christiana Basle.

With this I return Drafts No. 191 & 192 which you will pay to the account of Eld. O.A. Olsen. He ordered them sent to us it being the amount our salaries were reduced by the last auditing committee. Mother protested against the principle which governed the decision and we should be very sorry if anyone thought that it was the hardship caused by this deduction that led to the protest. We cherish the kindest feelings toward Eld. Olsen and the committee, but we cannot think of receiving the money nor shall we hold our peace if we think that wrong principles are governing in the councils.

If you can find a buyer for my place please do so. I believe my work will be here for a year or to more and I think of sending for my children.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville

Nov. 26, 1894

Eld. I.N. Williams

Corydon, Penn. U.S.A.

My Dear Brother: -

Your kind letter in answer to my inquiries about Bro. Caldwell and family was received some time ago and I forwarded the substance of it to him. You may be pleased to learn that he is now employed by my Mother as a man of all work and copyist. It is a position of considerable responsibility and we were glad to find a man of his experience, it will also be a good school to him.

We desire that he shall unite with the Parramatta church, but he says that his application for a church letter has never been answered; at least he has received nothing. Will you not interest yourself in that matter and encourage the church to do its duty to him? I enclose with this a copy of his second or third letter to them. I think in such cases it is better for a church to issue a letter with qualifications than to ignore the application.

I will send you with this copy of my letter to Bro. Anderson containing an account of our camp-meeting in which I am sure you will be interested.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Williams.

I am yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.



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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

Nov. 23, 1894

John I. Gibson

451 Holloway Road

London, N.

My Dear Brother: -

I have thought to write you a long letter by this mail but time will not permit so I will send along some enclosures hoping to be able to answer yours of Oct. 19 next week.

I am sending to Eld. Haskell a copy of my letter to the F.M.B. regarding the book business in Australasia, this letter is marked to be forwarded to you after they have read it in South Africa. I trust that you will receive it in due time.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

Nov. 26, 1894

Eld. M.C. Wilcox

Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal.

My Dear Brother: -

With this I send you a brief report of our camp-meeting which you may use or from which you may make extracts if you wish. I also send an article written by Bro. Teasdale about the children's meeting. You will see he wished me to edit it but I have had no time. I would like to write you a long letter but there is no time for this today.

A few days ago we telegraphed to the F.M.B. to send a minister to New Zealand on the Dec. Steamer. I hope there will be no failure about this getting off. Please remind Bro. C.H. Jones of Eld. Hickox request that his little girl be sent over here by the first one coming this way. I hope this matter will not be neglected, for Hickox feels very anxious about it. I think I will enclose to you his last letter to me.

I was thankful for your kind letter, I will try to write for the Signs occasionally, but I fear I shall not be able to meet your mind. I wish you would tell me what kind of matter I could furnish that would be acceptable. I am very glad to hear that your family is well. We are all casually well here except Mother; she has been rather poorly but is improving.

I also enclose copy of a letter written to Eld. Haskell, you may read it and let C.H. Jones read it.

With kindest regards to yourself and your co-laborers

I am yours in haste,

W.C. White

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

26 Nov. 1894

Dear Editors at Basle: -

With this I send you a copy of an article prepared for the Echo regarding work in Polynesia and a copy of an article for Signs regarding our recent camp-meeting. I was confident you would enjoy reading them and thought you might wish to extract something for your papers.

We watch with eager interest the progress of the work in the great mission fields which you represent and many of the letters received from your leading workers are copied by us and sent around for our brethren to read. I have sent out fully 25 copies of Eld. Holsers report of the work in Turkey and new demands for copies continue to come in. I have also sent around copies of the report of his trial and copies of the report of his trial and copies of Eld. Conradi's letter of Oct. 2.

I will also enclose in this letter copy of an interesting paper \_\_\_\_ at our camp-meeting on the work of the Primary Teacher in the Sabbath school, and also an account of the children's meetings on the Ashfield campground. I believe the article about the Primary Teacher is worthy to be translated and sent about the children's meetings at the camp may be studied with profit by your Conference Committee.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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Campground, Ashfield  
November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894  
Eld. F.M. Wilcox  
Battle Creek Michigan, U.S.A.

DEAR BROTHER,

I am sending you a few lines in reference to an interesting case connected in a sense with Foreign Mission Work, which I think should be brought under your notice. Briefly stated the case is this; while working recently in Cairns, N. Queensland Australia, I met a Kanaka from one of the South Sea Islands who informed me that himself and two of his companions were keeping Sabbath. This had been brought about by the influence of a lady who had interested herself in them and who had previously embraced the Sabbath herself. The "boys" as they are called here are natives of different islands in the Pacific who are engaged by the sugar planters of Queensland for a term and then are free to return home or remain in the colony. Many of them are very intelligent, but quite simple, and quite a number are Christians. There are some thousands in the colonies mostly confined to the North and there are always a number of them coming and going. As they are recruited from the different islands and return to the same place again, it should prove quite an efficient means of disseminating a knowledge of the Message in their homes could they be reached while in Australia. As a whole they are naturally attractable, well disposed people, and could easily be reached with our literature or teaching as most of those who remain in the colonies for any length of time can read English. Different religious denominations interest themselves in them and their efforts are greatly appreciated by the Kanakas who seem to be naturally of a religious turn of mind.

Trusting this item may prove to be of interest and use to and that God will continue to prosper the work in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board.

Yours in the work,

T. Whittle

\_\_\_ favor of W.C. White.

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TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

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Nov. 10, 1894. Held at Ashfield, N.S.W.

Members present; W.C. White, A.G. Daniells, L.J. Rousseau, S. McCullagh, and H. Muckersey. Also by invitation, Brn. W.M. Crothers, J.M. Cole, C.P. Michaels, and the ministers of the Australian Conference.

An opening meeting was held for the consideration of the Religious Liberty work. Meeting was opened by pray by Eld. S. McCullagh.

The Field Secretary W.A. Colcord gave a verbal report of the work during the year. Most of the work accomplished has been the publishing of the principles of Religious Liberty. Beside this, some public meetings have been held in different colonies, principally in New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia.

The Field Secretary has been assisted in his work by the Corresponding Secretaries for different colonies as follows; G.B. Starr, Queensland. S. McCullagh, N.S.W. W.A. Colcord, Victoria. A.G. Daniells, South and West Australia. W.L. Baker, Tasmania, and G.T. Wilson, New Zealand.

W.C. White outlined the work of the Corresponding Secretaries. They should watch the action of Parliament in their respective colonies. Men should be invited to read closely the daily papers and forward to the District or Corresponding Secretaries any clippings that they think have an important bearing on Religion and the State.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

W.C. White, President,

L.J. Rousseau, Secretary.

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THIRTIETH MEETING

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Nov. 14, 1884. Held at Ashfield, N.S.W.

Members present: W.C. White, A.G. Daniells, L.J. Rousseau, S. McCullagh. Also by invitation, Brn. J.O. Corliss, M.G. Kellogg, J.M. Col, W.L.H. Baker, W.D. Salisbury, C.P. Michaels, W.M. Crothers, and others.

This was an open meeting held for consideration of the distribution of laborers. Meeting was opened by a season of prayer.

Voted that we request the New Zealand Conference Committee to consider the advisability of holding their camp-meeting early in 1895.

After considerable discussion over a proposition for making W.H. Crothers District Canvassing Agent for all Australia, it was voted that the Chair appoint two others to act with himself in drawing up a resolution to be presented to the Foreign Mission Board and to the New Zealand Conference Committee, requesting this change. The Chair appointed L.J. Rousseau and C.P. Michaels.

Voted that the request of Eld. J.M. Cole regarding Norfolk and Lord Howes Islands be referred to a committee composed of L.J. Rousseau, Dr. M.G. Kellogg and W.L.H. Baker for careful consideration and recommendation.

The Chairman requested Jesse Pallent to read a paper on New Caledonia. The condition of this Island is not very promising for immediate missionary work. No action was taken.

The needs of Lord Howes Island were presented by J.M. Cole and others. It was suggested that a young man and his wife be recommended to move to this Island.

Norfolk Island was also considered and it was suggested that two families be sent to make this Island their permanent home.

Adjourned till nine o'clock Nov. 15,

W.C. White, President.

L.J. Rousseau, Secretary

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THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

Nov. 15, 1894. Held at Ashfield, N.S.W.

Members present: W.C. White, A.G. Daniells, L.J. Rousseau, and S. McCullagh. Also by invitation J.O. Corliss, W.M. Crothers, J.M. Cole, W.D. Salisbury, C.P. Michaels, and Dr. M.G. Kellogg. Prayer by Eld. Cole.

Minutes of preceding meetings read and approved.

The Committee on Lord Howes and Norfolk Islands, presented the following report; -

Whereas, Eld. J.M. Cole has petitioned that the work on Norfolk and Lord Howes Islands be placed under the supervision of the Executive Committee of the Australasian Union Conference, and, Whereas, These Islands are so remote from the headquarters of S.D.A. Foreign Mission Board that several months are required for communication and

Whereas, It is our conviction that it would be to the interest of the cause to have the work in these fields directed by the Union Conference Committee, therefore,

Resolved, That we request the Foreign Mission Board to consider the advisability of placing the work in these Islands under the supervision of the union Conference Committee with authority to appoint, exchange, and remove laborers as the interests of the work may demand.

Whereas, The work on Norfolk Island has developed to the extent that Eld. Cole might labor elsewhere if suitable lay workers were encouraged to locate there, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that two families be selected for Norfolk Island and that Eld. Cole remain in Norfolk only so long as is necessary to get them initiated in their work.

Resolved, That we suggest Bro. S.T. Belden and wife as one of the families for Norfolk and that another family for Norfolk and also a family for Lord Howes Island be selected by Eld. Cole with the approval of the Union Conference Committee.

The report was freely discussed and unanimously adopted. [page break]



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VOTED, That in addition to transportation we suggest that each family be assisted to the amount of two pounds per moth and that half of this for one year be paid in advance and the remainder be supplied in goods as they may need.

RESOLVED, That we approve of the suggestion Eld. Cole that the Mission Board assist Mar Ann McCoy to return to Pitcairn Island if she so desires.

The report was freely discussed and unanimously adopted.

Adjourned to call of Chair,

W.C. White, President.

L.J. Rousseau, Secretary.

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THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

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Nov. 15, 7 P.M. 1894. Held at Ashfield, N.S.W.

Members present; W.C. White, A.G. Daniells, and Rousseau. Also by invitation, Dr. M.G. Kellogg, M.C. Israel, W.L.H. Bakers, J.M. Cole, W.M. Crothers, and C.P. Michaels.

Meeting was opened by a season of prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

The committee of Island Mission Work presented the following report, -

Your Committee finds that in Queensland there are thousands of natives of the Islands of Melleneia working on the sugar plantations, many of whom have learned to speak and read the English language and have capacity and desire for more culture and education and that there is a mixed population on Thursday Island and at Port Darwin representing many nationalities.

Further to the Northwest we find that Java has a population of 16,000,000, Sumatra 4,000,000, Borneo 3,000,000, and Celebes 3,500,000. In these Islands there is a large Dutch speaking population and several thousand who speak the English language. Further north in the Phillipians Islands there are 7,500,000 natives among them many Spanish, English, and Dutch settlers.

We also find that Batavia at the northwest of Java, Singapore at the southern extremity of the Malay Peninsula and Manila in the Phillipian Islands are important commercial centers of more than 100,000 inhabitants each. In Batavia there are thousands who speak and teach the English language. In Singapore several thousand who speak the English. And in Manila many speak Spanish, Dutch, and English. In each of these ports, scores of vessels may be found at any time and often in Singapore and Batavia there are hundreds lying at anchor.

In view of these facts your committee recommends that two men be selected by the Union Conference Committee and that plans be submitted to the Foreign Mission Board for them to make an extended tour of the countries named and of such adjacent isles as they think best for the purpose of carrying the glorious gospel of Christ to as many as possible and also of becoming acquainted with the opportunities for missionary effort so that other workers may be encouraged to enter the fields that are most in need of help.

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Your Committee suggests that one of the persons selected for this work should be an experienced canvasser who is also able to engage in evangelistic work and that the other be a Medical Missionary.

We recommend that these brethren make a careful study of the condition and capabilities of the Islanders in Queensland with a view to their enlightenment and especially to ascertain what openings there are for teachers to work among them and what prospect for their conversion and for the training of some to carry the gospel to their island homes.

During the entire trip and especially from Thursday Island onward we recommend that an earnest effort be made to sell our religion and health books to the English people and to the Dutch, Spanish, German, and French readers and also to the Chinese and Japanese as \_\_ as we have books in these languages.

We would further recommend that diligent study be given to the finding of openings for self-supporting missionaries and that special attention be given in the East Indies to the openings for canvassers from South Africa who speak both the Dutch and English languages.

J.O. Corliss,  
Dr. M. G. Kellogg,  
J.M. Cole,  
C.P. Michaels,  
W.M. Crothers.

After a free discussion the report was unanimously adopted.

Report of committee appointed to make recommendations regarding a District Canvassing Agent for Australasia: -

Your Committee finds that the canvassing work in Australasia is surrounded with many difficulties and that the best of management will be required to maintain it as a self-supporting missionary enterprise. The territory is extensive. It is sparsely settled and much varied in its condition. All these circumstances and the results of the great financial depression demand an extraordinary amount of study and discretion in the working of the field. And it is our opinion that the demand for increased ability in the canvassers and skillful management on the part of the Field Agents will increase as the work advances.

Your committee believes that the interests of the cause would be forwarded by the appointment of a District Canvassing Agent who shall have general supervision of the canvassing work in all the fields under the care of the Australasian Union Conference. The District Agent should conduct canvassers' conventions and training classes in various parts of the field, he should train company leaders and advise colonial agents, and he should make a diligent study of unoccupied territory that new fields may be opened as soon as possible.

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It is the judgment of your committee that it would be for the interest of the general cause in Australasia for Bro. W.H. Crothers of New Zealand to be appointed to this work. It is our opinion that his broad and varied experience in the canvassing work has prepared him with the blessing of God to work most effectually for the Master in the broad field mentioned above.

Your Committee finds that the circumstances of the New Zealand Tract Society are such as to make its managers very unwilling that Bro. Crothers should leave that field and that in view of this feeling a petition has been sent to the Foreign Mission Board asking for Bro. E.M. Morrison and family to be sent to this field to take supervision of the canvassing work in Australia.

Your committee finds that there are some grave objections to this plan of operations among which are, 1. The large expense of bringing Bro. Morrison and his family to Australia. 2. The conviction that New Zealand as a canvassing field is too limited to absorb the rare experience of Bro. Crothers. 3. Our belief that it would be for the best interests in all parts of Australasia for him to act as District Agent. 4. Our belief that there are men in Australasia who after working for a few months with Bro. Crothers could carry forward the work in New Zealand with his advice and direction to the entire satisfaction of the brethren and the canvassers in that colony.

In view of all these considerations we request our Brn. in New Zealand and the Foreign Mission Board to carefully study the matter in all its bearings and to give their support to the following propositions: -

1. That W.M. Crothers be appointed District Canvassing Agent for Australasia and all mission fields under the supervision of the Union Conference Committee.

2. That Thomas Whittle go to New Zealand to work with W.M. Crothers with a view to his taking the work of Field Agent in that Colony.

: W.C. White

Committee: C. P. Michaels

: L.J. Rousseau

After a careful consideration the report was unanimously adopted.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

W.C. White, President.

L.J. Rousseau, Secretary.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

Nov. 26, 1894

Eld. O.A. Olsen

Review & Herald, Battle Creek, Mich.

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My Dear Brother: -

In another envelope I have sent you quite a number of enclosures, one is a letter from Dr. Kellogg which he left with me to pass and the others are copies of letters which I have written to our friends in South Africa and elsewhere. I think you will be interested in what I have written Eld. Haskell about the book business and also in what I say to Bro. Miller about the school.

Brn. Daniells and Rousseau have expected me to write you a long letter by this mail but some of the records of meetings which I enclose did not reach me until an hour ago. We sent you a portion of this by the Vancouver Steamer but part of the minutes regarding work in Norfolk were omitted by mistake.

I think you will approve of the propositions to have two laymen with their families go to Norfolk and thus release Eld. Cole for other work. The proposition made regarding assistance would call for £1 per week from the Mission Board.

I think you will understand the resolution regarding Mary Anne McCoy. She can do by little work on Norfolk and what she does has but little influence, there is no doubt but that she would be more useful in her old home at Pitcairn if the Mission Board approves of our resolution she will be encouraged to go to Auckland the first opportunity. From there she could go by the steamer Richmond to Tahiti from which place she is most likely to get a ship to Pitcairn. I will look up the expense at the first opportunity.

We shall be glad to hear as soon as possible what you think about the pioneering expedition through Queensland and Malasia. We shall also wait with anxiety to hear your views regarding the book business and your decisions regarding Crothers and Morrison. In the last letter I received from you, you expressed the opinion that Morrison will be sent to us if we are not unanimous in asking for him. This intimates that he will not come unless we are unanimous. My former letters have shown that we were not unanimous and as time has passed on the conviction has grown upon us all that it would be better for Bro. Crothers to take up this work.

We felt that it would be a serious matter if Bro. Morrison was encouraged to come over here and then afterwards the plan was abandoned wherefore we sent you last Monday a telegram in the following words, "Ship shape Delegate Shoddy Morrison Shopping December Minister Auckland," which being interpreted means, "We cannot send a delegate to this Gen. Con. Do not send Morrison to Australia until you hear further from us. Send by the December Steamer to Auckland N.Z. an efficient minister to labor in that Conference." In my last letter to the Mission Board I gave the reason why someone should go to New Zealand immediately. [page break]

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

Nov. 26, 1894

Eld. O.A. Olsen

Review & Herald, Battle Creek, Mich.

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As you read the minutes of our thirty-third meeting on page 7 you will see that we have made definite our request for help on the expense with the Bible Echo both for 1894 & 1895. I will request you to bring this to the attention of the Board.

Our proposal to delay our effort to get a special Act arises from our desire to become better acquainted with the members of Parliament. Meanwhile we may need the Power of Attorney. I was in favor of asking that this be given to Rousseau, but the mind of those present was that I would take it.

In future letters we shall have occasion to write about the actions recorded on page 8 but there is no time for this today.

I have just received a telegram from Melbourne asking me to notify the American papers and Secretaries of the new addresses of our Minister \_\_\_ workers and this will take the time I had set apart to write to you more fully.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

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THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

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Nov. 20, 1894. Held at Ashfield, N.S.W.

Members present: W.C. White, A.G. Daniells, S. McCullagh, & L.J. Rousseau. Also by invitation J.O. Corliss, M.C. Israel, and Dr. M.G. Kellogg.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes approved.

Careful consideration was given to the question of notifying the F.M.B. as to our late decisions in regards to a delegate to General Conference, our request concerning the Canvassing Agent, our needs of a minister in Auckland.

Voted, To send the following cablegram: No Delegate. Do not send E.M. Morrison. Send efficient Minister to Auckland on December Steamer.

After considerable discussion over the costs of the publication of the Bible Echo, it was VOTED, That we request the Gen. C. to grant us £200 on the expenses of the Bible Echo for 1894.

VOTED, That we renew our request for the G.C. to take over the Bible Echo at the beginning of 1895, and in case they do not see their way clear to do this, that we ask them to devote £300 towards the expense of its publication for 1895.

The President spoke of some legal actions to be taken in connection with the School enterprise. It was not thought best to try to procure at the present time a Special Act from the Government of N.S.W. for incorporation.

It was therefore,

VOTED, That we ask the G.C.A. to grant the Power of Attorney to the Supt. of the District.

VOTED, To take a recess of one hour for dinner.

WHEREAS, The Australian Conference has reported adversely as to sending a delegate to the General Conference, therefore

RESOLVED, That we withdraw our recommendation as to sending a delegate.

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WHEREAS, The F.M.B. has withdrawn its objections to our locating the Australasian Bible School on the Brettville Estate at Cooranbong and

WHEREAS, It seems advisable to abandon the plan of building up a large village settlement in connection with such a school, and

WHEREAS, We believe that the Brettville Estate can be made a suitable place for our proposed school independent of such a settlement, therefore

RESOLVED, That we proceed to the establishment of the Aus. Bible School on the said Brettville Estate.

VOTED, That we proceed to complete the payment for the Brettville Estate as soon as convenient.

VOTED, That the Chairman and Secretary and S. McCullagh be a committee of management for the improvement of the Brettville Estate.

VOTED, That the settlement with L.N. Laurence for the past labor and the question of his further employment be referred to the committee of Management.

VOTED, That we purchase the six tents (2—10x12, 3—12x15, 1—12x18) at cost price less 15 per cent discount.

VOTED, That the Secretary present propositions regarding the next term of school.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

W.C. White, President.

L.J. Rousseau, Secretary.



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“Norfolk Villa,” Prospect St. Granville, New South Wales

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1894

Dear Editors, Secretaries, and Mailing Clerks; -

I have just received a telegram from Melbourne requesting me to notify you of the change of address of the Australian Tract Society and to give you the present address of its officers. I will therefore request that a notice be inserted in the Review, the Signs, and the Present Truth stating that the Australian Tract Society has moved its office from No. 2 Cook St. Glebe Point Sydney to No. 16 Best St. North Fitzroy, Victoria. And this will be the address of Elder A.G. Daniells, its president of its vice president, Elder M.C. Israel, its Sec’y and Treas’r Anna L. Ingels, and its assistant Sec’y Rose S. Goodey.

I will request the secretaries to instruct their co-laborers that all correspondence with these workers be addressed as above, and I will request that this letter be placed in the hands of the mailing clerks with instructions that all periodicals sent to the Tract Society or to its officers be addressed as above; 16 Best St. North Fitzroy Victoria.

I will now give a list of the officers, ministers, and other laborers in the Australian Conf. with their present addresses: -

Elders A.G. Daniells, M.C. Israel, Robert Hare, and W.A. Colcord also Miss Anna L. Ingels, Miss Rose S. Goodey, and Mr. C.P. Michaels address 16 Best St. North Fitzroy, Victoria.

Elders W.L.H. Baker and Mr. Geo. Teasdale, Launceston, Tasmania.

Elders J.O. Corliss and S. McCullagh, also Mr. A.W. Semmens, John Collins, and Jesse Pallent, Ashfield, New South Wales.

Elders W.C. White, M.G. Kellogg, and L.J. Rousseau, “Norfolk Villa”, Prospect St. Granville, N.S.W.

I have not time to write so as to send more than one copy to each office, I therefore ask the Editors to make not of these addresses and then pass this letter to the mailing clerks, and I beg of the mailing clerks to be thorough in looking over their lists and getting all the periodicals sent to the right places.

Yours in great haste,

W.C. White

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

Nov. 27, 1894

Capt. H. Muckersey

Echo Office, North Fitzroy Vic.

Dear Brother: -

Yours of Nov. 21 to hand. Rowland's matter is being pushed on and when any progress is made I will inform you of it.

I think that Sr. Ingels can furnish you with the copy of the resolutions of the Aus. Tract Soc. which you desire. I will also ask Eld. Rousseau to send you copies of the Minutes of the Union Con. Com. which you will perhaps like to have.

Elds. Rousseau and McCullagh have just come up to counsel with me and I will therefore refer to you to Bro. Salisbury for the few items of news regarding the progress of the work here which I have written him.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.

P.S. Please enclose list of addresses here to Salisbury. W.

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

27 Nov. 1894

Miss Anna L. Ingels

16 Best Street, North Fitzroy, Vic.

Dear Sister: -

Your letter of Nov. 21 was received on Sabbath morning and read with much interest. I had sent you on Friday Read's and Cady's letters.

Many thanks for the Memoranda regarding my work on the Year Book. I shall try to get at it this week.

We are glad to know that you had a pleasant passage and that you are getting on so nicely in the organizing of your forces. We shall pray for you all that your work may be blessed and that you may be strengthened day by day according to your needs.

I am thankful to be able to report a clear mind and a good degree of courage. Yesterday we got of a large mail to America, Africa, & England.

I have received two packages of manuscript from Kay Israel. I am pleased that she is getting it written out so rapidly. I will try to arrange for payment for this work soon. Your decision regarding Mother's talk on the "Regions Beyond" was right; we will try to remember to furnish these brethren with copies as soon as possible. I hope you will be able to plan a vacation for May as proposed.

I will endeavor to write to Mr. Peters soon. I am glad you have put Cady's name on the Echo list.

The Haskell letter for which you enquire contains no news but is a criticism of Wilcox's manuscript for the Missionary manual. I will send you both the letter and the manuscript as soon as I have had time to examine them together and to write out my criticism.

Eld. McCullagh lives on Taringa Street off Alt St. Ashfield.

Eld. Corliss lives in "Woodstock" Joseph St. "

Brn. Semmens and Collins are still in Henry St. off Alt St.

In my letter to the Review and Signs I gave the addresses of

Elders A.G. Daniells, M.C. Israel, Robert Hare, and W.A. Colcord, also

Miss Anna L. Ingels, Miss Rose S. Goodey, and Mr. C.P. Michaels, as 16 Best Street North Fitzroy, Victoria.

Elds. G.B. Starr and A.S. Hickox and Mr. M. Bernoth, Toowoomba, Queensland.

Eld. W.L.H. Baker and Mr. Geo. Teasdale Launceston, Tasmania.

Elds. J.O. Corliss and S. McCullagh also Mr. W.A. Semmens, John E. Collins, and Jesse Pallet Ashfield, N.S.W.

Elds. W.C. White, M.G. Kellogg, and L.J. Rousseau, "Norfolk Villa" Prospect Road, Granville, N.S.W.

I will now make a suggestion about your Tract Society address.

I think it would be better in the long run for the Australia T. Society to have a sign by the door at the foot of the stairs and then advertise your address as "16 Best St. N. Fitzroy." Without mentioning the Echo Co.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

[#5 – WCW – 201]  
Merrylands, N.S.W.  
26<sup>th</sup>, November 1894  
L. Grimwood  
Manager  
Granville Building Society

Dear Sir: -

In the early part of the month of August last I called upon you to ascertain the balance of amount due by me to your Society on my purchase from lots No. 306 & 308 of the Station Block Estate.

You were unable at that interview to state the correct amount but you promised to let Mr. Mackenzie know later. I have since ascertained through him that the amount owing by me is £12-5-7, but you could not \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Mackenzie as to when I could obtain the conveyance and for that reason you declined to accept the balance of purchase money.

Having waited now for nearly three months without receiving any intimation from you as to when you would be prepared to accept payment of the amount and to hand me my conveyance, I must request you to be good enough to inform me without further loss of time when you will accept payment of the balance of the purchase money and hand me the title deeds for that property.

You will please understand as was intimated to you at our last interview that I will not hold myself responsible for any interest after the 31<sup>st</sup> of August last.

I shall feel obliged by your giving this matter your immediate attention.

I am yours truly,

W.C. White

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Norfolk Villa, Prospect Road, Granville

26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1894

J.R. Rowlands

Merrylands

Dear Brother: -

Herewith you will find enclosed copy of letter which Bro. Mackenzie has written to Mr. Grimwood on your behalf and which we want you to sign and return to me.

If you should receive any communication from Grimwood please forward on to me at once that I may be prepared to act thereon.

Yours in haste,

W.C. White

A.G.M.