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Dear Brother:-

I have some letters from you which I will try to answer. I thank you for the words of encouragement which you gave in your letter of May 27 in regard to Shireman handling the juvenile books. I cannot say much about them at present, but will be able to send you samples before long. I will simply state that Gospel Primer Number 2 is nearly finished. Also the revision of Spring Blossoms is practically done, but when it comes to the book for boys and the book for girls in the Sabbath Reading series, the work goes slower. The trouble is in getting the art work done on time. I am putting from seventy-five to one hundred new pen and ink illustrations in each volume, and with the quality of work we are doing this takes time. I expect to have the prospectus out pretty soon, however, showing all four of these books, but we shall not promise books until the first of October. I expect to have the prospectus ready, however, in four to six weeks. People can then be canvassing for a large October delivery, and this will bring relief.

With yourself, I have been surprised at the continual success of Coming King. And yet, as I look over the field I can see the reason for it. It is one of the few books in the denomination that are plain, simple, and direct. The methods of presentation have been readable, and the chapters short. The public likes a book of that kind.

And right here comes the difference between the work of Corliss and myself. Corliss gives articles on the subjects such as would be put into a denominational paper. That is not what the people want at the present day in a book. The success of my books prove that they want simplicity, directness and clearness. These my books certainly possess to a good degree, and it is to this feature that their success may be attributed.

You have called certain portions of my book "newspaper style". This statement may be correct; but in talking with canvassers I find that it is this very feature of giving some news that is bright and interesting which reaches a good many of the people. The accounts given of the Cuban war a few years ago, sold thousands of the book.

Now in preparing the new edition of the book I have feared the tendency to make the book less interesting in these lines and more theological, as we have talked. I shall try to guard this point, so that the usefulness in the sale of the book will not be destroyed.

Now in regard to the matter of the dark day and falling stars, will say that I had two copies <sup>made</sup> of the entire matter sent by Prescott, and had them bound. One copy I sent to Prescott, and the other one I am keeping here. Now as soon as I am through with these two articles, which will be within a few days, I will send the bound volume to you, and then you can have the whole outfit to select from.

Now so far as Coming King is concerned, the new light on prophetic periods is of no interest to me <sup>so far as C. K. is concerned</sup>, for this feature of the situation will not be exploited in the new edition of the book. I hope and pray that these changes that I have felt compelled to make

will not destroy the usefulness of the book.

It is a difficult matter to eliminate all offensive reference to Catholicism without injuring the book materially. But I hope that other things that are coming into the book will more than balance all loss of this kind.

I am waiting for plates to come from the electrotype foundery, which will enable me to send you proofs of the completed chapter on The Destruction of Jerusalem. As I stated this subject in the light of the suggestions made by Eld. Prescott, I saw that this chapter must be the key to all our work on the 24th of Matthew. For this reason I have given this chapter considerable importance and it has become the only lengthy chapter in the book. This chapter brings the book into harmony with the Desire of Ages and Great Controversy. You will get the proofs very soon.

I have been glad to learn that mother has endured her trying journey to Southern California so well, and hope she will enjoy reasonable health during the coming summer.

Emma is feeling a little better, and her temperature is becoming more normal, but it has certainly been a long siege. Eight months has she now been confined to her bed.

Hoping all is well with you, I remain

As ever your brother,

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