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Elder W. C. White

St. Helena, California.

Dear Elder White:

We still continue to learn that the young workers have to turn to those of more experience when they come to a situation that perplexes, that once again I have to turn for help and counsel to those who have held up the light of truth for many years. This is the reason for this letter.

> Last evening Wife and I were reading from "Patriarchs and Prophets" when we came to an item that I could not explain. We had two copies, the one I was reading from being the last edition in the Limp and the one my Wife was holding one of the old subscription books. Reading on page 85 of the new edition and page 87 of the old near the close of the second paragraph I read; "And for hundred of years there were seven generations living upon the earth contemporaneously etc." Wife asked me if that should not be nine years instead of seven as that was what her copy read. We compared the two volumes and found that the last edition gave seven years and the earlier one nine years. Can you please tell me the reason for this change and when it was made?

Others spoke of the difference and asked me for an explanation and I was unable to give it, but told them that I was sure that there was a reasonable explanation for the change and that I would write you and ask you for it. <

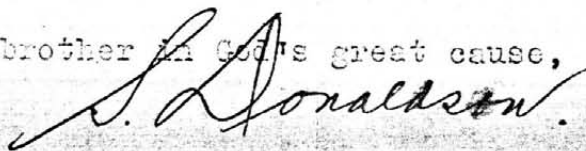
I cannot give you the date of the old edition as the book has been much used and some of the first pages are missing.

We are looking forward with much interest to your answer for as is usual some were ready to question the stability and truth of your Mothers works, and my answer was that the apparent discrepancy would be explained fully by you.

We want to say that we are fully enjoying the portion of the work that our God has given to us and feel happy indeed that we have been privileged to work in such a needy field. Mrs. Donaldson and the family are enjoying good health and asked to be remembered to you all.

With kind christian regards and hoping for an early reply, I am as ever,

Your brother in God's great cause,



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Mr. S. Donaldson
Grand Junction
Colorado

Dear Brother Donaldson;

A few days ago I received your letter of June 29, and this is my first opportunity to reply. Last Sabbath I spent at Sonoma, and after preaching in the forenoon, held an afternoon meeting in which we celebrated the Ordinances, elected Bro. Little to be a second Elder and Sister Ritz to be a second deaconess. To-morrow I go to Vacaville and next Sabbath to Napa.

> Regarding the question mentioned in your letter, about the difference of the statement in old and new editions of Patriarchs regarding the coterminous association of the patriarchs:- Without going into a fresh study of the lines of the patriarchs, I will tell you what I can from memory.

At one time mother's attention was called to the fact that there were nine generations coterminous, and many of the nine generations coterminous for hundreds of years, but not every one of the nine generations coterminous for so long a time. Then she instructed us to change the statement to seven. What circumstance led to the less accurate statement in the early editions of the book, was never made known to me. <

The fact that nine generations were living at the same time, and that many of them coterminous for hundreds of years, might easily have led to the less accurate statement.

We had a busy time here the week ending June 26. That

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evening at eight o'clock, a double wedding was celebrated on the Elmshaven lawn. With this I will send you a copy of the St. Helena Star, which gives quite a full account of the proceedings. The young people are happy and hard at work.

With very kindest regards to yourself and family,

I am,

Sincerely your brother,

W. C. White

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