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DR answer all

Elder W. C. White,
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St. Helena, Calif.

Dear Brother White:

I am today in receipt of a letter from Pastor G. G. Lowry, Seventh-day Adventist Mission, Hinoo, Ranchi, India, in which occurs this paragraph:

"In studying the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath, August 27, which is just six months behind the American lessons, (It is the lesson that you studied on February 27 of this year), entitled "The Anointing of Jesus," a question has arisen in my mind. From the study of this lesson it appears to me that the author of the lesson takes it for granted that Christ was anointed on the feet by a woman just once, and mixes the happenings of what seems to me to be two such occurrences. I wonder if I am right in concluding that he was anointed twice, once at Nain as recorded in Luke 7th chapter, and once about a year later at Bethany as recorded in Matt. 26:6 and onward, Mark 14:3 and onward, and in John 12:1, 3 and onward. It appears to me that the Pharisee named Simon of Luke 7:36 and Simon the leper of Matt. 26:6, Mark 14:3, and John 12 were different men. Also I see no reason for supposing that the woman "who was a sinner" of Luke 7 that anointed Christ, and Mary who anointed him at Bethany are the same individual.

"One thing that adds to my confusion in the matter is the fact that Sister White seems to teach that the conversation between Christ and Simon the Pharisee took place at the same time that Mary anointed the feet of Christ, in other words, she seems to indicate that there was just the one anointing. Please see "Desire of Ages," pp. 557-568."

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Now I thought about this whole matter when the lesson was before our Sabbath School Lesson Committee, and again when we came to it in our lesson study, but dismissed it on the strength of what is said on pages 557 and 558 of "Desire of Ages."

I shall be pleased to receive a carbon copy of your letter to Brother Lowry, so I may understand the matter myself.

We have had a hot summer here, but for the last two or three days it has been delightfully cool.

Thanking you in advance for the attention I am sure you will give the matter, I remain

Sincerely yours in faith and hope,

CPB:m

C. P. Bollman

P. S. Kindly return to me Bro. Lowry's letter together with his outline of his study of the subject.

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