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Dear Brother

I have your letter in which you ask several questions. The first question is, where can you secure the writings of A. T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner presenting the Righteousness by Faith message which they gave to the General Conference in 1888. Unfortunately, no record was kept of the presentations which were made at the General Conference of 1888 except several of the sermons which were preached by Ellen G. White which were reported stenographically. We therefore have no authentic record of what brethren Jones and Waggoner said at that meeting.

They however became the leading Bible exponents in our ranks during the next decade and we have in the General Conference Bulletins their presentations. Also, there was published in pamphlet form some of their presentations on this subject of righteousness by faith.

Careful students in our ranks who have studied these presentations made by Brethren Jones and Waggoner inform us that that which they presented is not new or different from that which we find presented so fully and clearly in the writings of Sister White. The message of righteousness by faith is a very simple message. Because of this, some people have been left in perplexity. It is a message which is found all through Desire of Ages, Steps to Christ, Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing and Christ's Object Lessons as well as other of her books. To Ellen White it was the simple experience of accepting wholeheartedly the promises of God and acting upon them.

We have drawn together in the book Selected Messages, Book 1 about fifty pages of the outstanding statements made by Ellen White on this subject. You will find these from page 350 to 400. If you do not have this volume, I would suggest that you secure it. I know of no place where you will find a clearer presentation of the message of righteousness by faith than in

the materials which appear here from the pen of Ellen G. White.

Both Elders Waggoner and Jones apostatized, and inasmuch as their writings make no real contribution over and above that which we have on the subject of righteousness by faith today, there has been no occasion to continue their publications or to reprint their sermons as presented at the General Conference sessions. ALW