

REPORTS OF INVESTMENTS BY E.G.W.

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Date of letter	Item	Amount
W-15 '85 Mar. 7, 1885	Pledge for the support of missions	\$3,000 cir.
B 16 '86 May 15, 1886	Loan to Retreat for education of doctor	1,000
W-2 '88 Apr. 13 '88	Education and care of Walling girls	3,000
K-42 '88 Sept. 12 '88	Piece of land for Bro. Lockwood to a house	
Ms. 32 '86 Ms. 3 '88	Investments in cause by self and husband	30,000
B.1 '90 May 14 '90	In new edition of G.C. Vol IV In Europe freely, since return in various interests of cause	3,000 1,600
H 13b '90 Jan. 15 '90	Chicago Mission Help to churches Bro. and Sister Sawyer Nellie Leland Mary K. White	1,000 600 50 100 100
K-34 '92 Sept. 16, '92	Gift from Calif. for easy chair, given to Paramatta Church	45
I 33 '93 Sept. 26 '93	To help a Bro. Abderson, a great sufferer, to St. Helena San from N.Z.	300
L 79 '93 Apr. 24 '93	From royalty on foreign books sold in America, to help students first year of Aus. Bible School Same fund where needed	\$500 1,000
W-63 '93 Mar. 17 '93	In starting Bible school in Melbourne Second year another	1,000 1,000
H-29 '94 Sept. 2 '94	For purchase of school land at Cooranbong	1,000
H-30 '94 Aug. 13 '94	Invested in Seven Hills Church	125
L-50 '94 June 14 1894	Gisborne church Ormondville church Wellington camp-meeting expense fund Napier camp fund Paramatta church	25 25 1100 25 50

Among the duties laid upon the trustees in the will of Sister White are specifically listed, "the improvements of the books and manuscripts held in trust by them, as herein provided; for the securing and printing of new translations thereof," and "for the printing of compilations from my manuscripts."

Here is the clearest evidence that Sister White fully expected that the manuscripts as well as the books would be drawn upon in the future, and left the responsibility with the trustees of making decisions as to what should be so used. Nevertheless, by certain men on the General Conference Committee a strong conviction was felt that not one sentence should be made public by the Trustees unless it had been printed in some form while Sister White was alive. After some years of working under these restrictions, the matter was considered at length in a meeting of the General Conference Committee, and it was agreed that the decision of such questions rightfully belonged with the Trustees.

Had such a restriction been made permanent, as some ~~members~~ desired, it would have made impossible the printing of such a book as "Medical Ministry," which was compiled almost entirely from manuscripts and letters to physicians and medical missionary workers, and whose circulation had been limited to the few to whom typewritten copies had been sent. It would have made it impossible for the trustees to pass on to men bearing heavy responsibilities today any counsel or instruction given to leading men in days past, whose problems are again being met by younger men of today. It would have made it impossible to meet satisfactorily many of the charges and misrepresentations of our opponents today, who are seeking to tear away the foundations of our faith. It would have made it impossible for the trustees to answer many of the questions that come to us from correspondents, many of whom are men who occupy leading positions in the cause.

In view of Sister White's instruction and of her experience, and in view of the counsel and attitude of a few since her death, can the trustees have full assurance, even in the face of the co-operation of nearly all who have a large voice in the control of our general work, that at some future time, minds who

In many ~~various~~ ways her overflowing generosity and benevolence found expression,---in the helping of poor families to the extent of ~~many~~ hundreds of dollars, in paying expenses of interested ones to ~~monthly~~ camp-meeting, in lifting in the expenses of city efforts. At one time we find her paying \$20 per week ~~sum~~ to insure a bare living to three workers in Sydney whom the Conference could not ~~sufficiently~~ support.

"We are economizing in every way possible," she wrote after a few years in Australia. "I have borrowed money to meet the needs of the work, until I am thousands of dollars in debt. But it is not this debt that troubles me now; it is the knowledge that the work is hindered because of the lack of means."

---Ms. 173 '98

A very hasty survey of Sister White's letter file prior to 1900 reveals specific mention of donations given to the cause of approximately \$60,000. This does not include the royalty of her foreign books published in Europe which were never used by her, which in the aggregate must have been from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

After Sister White's return from Australia, she realized that her time for the bringing out of new books from the precious documents in the file was limited. She gathered as strong a force of workers as possible, and many new books were thus produced, which are of incalculable value to the cause today. It was during this period that the debt increased most rapidly. She realized that in time, a just royalty on the books would repay the indebtedness she was creating, and spared no effort to accomplish all that was possible in ~~bringing~~ giving to the world and to our people in particular the light she had received from heaven. ~~Her~~ Her urge and her confidence in the final outcome is fittingly expressed in a letter written when making an appeal for one thousand pounds as a loan that she might hasten the opening of the new school in Australia:

"This is the Lord's work, and when we know that we are doing the very work He has specified, we must have faith to believe that He will open the way. I am nearly ready to publish the "Life of Christ," and I have several other books to be printed, but we cannot wait for this. The King's business requires haste. The youth in this country are expecting a school, and we do not want them to wait longer." W-107 -1896

Up to the time when Sister White was sent to Australia, she had not only refrained from going in debt, but had given thousands of dollars to various interests of the cause. Five years after her husband's death she stated that between them they had invested in the cause \$30,000. In 1885 reference is made to pledges for missions amounting to \$3,000. The next year records a loan to the Health Retreat of \$1,000 for the education of a physician. She assisted the Chicago Mission in 1890 with a gift of \$1,000. While in Europe she gave "freely," to help the struggling work. Letters written during those years make mention of hundreds and fifties given to many enterprises.

In Australia, Sister White found herself in a field with wide open doors for advancement, but at a time of great depression and poverty in the country. She labored untiringly, almost beyond belief for one of her age and condition of health, lifting and encouraging. For two consecutive years, she gave to the school in Melbourne \$1000, in order to insure a training for the young people of Australia. She ~~independently~~ shared with Dr. Care heavy financial burdens in sending to America and educating selected young men to be trained for responsibility. At one time we find her supporting either wholly or in part fourteen students in the training school in Australia. Among these are some now occupying leading positions in the cause, who, but for her would have been unable to attend the school.

In 1893 we find a letter written to the St. Helena Sanitarium, asking them to draw on her for \$300 for the medical care of a worker whom she had met in New Zealand, incidentally expressing her pleasure on meeting this brother to find that she had paid his way in Healdsburg College some years before.

When the school was moved to New South Wales, and the land was purchased for the Avondale School, she contributed \$1,000. When no money was in sight for the erection of buildings for the school, she secured on her personal note one thousand pounds.

In practically every church building erected during the time of her stay in Australia she invested from five to forty pounds.