

Uganda Mission Field of S. D. A.  
P. O. Box 22, Kampala, Uganda  
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Dear Elder Love:

We were sorry to learn that you had to leave Africa before coming to East Africa, but hope that by now Mrs. Love is improved. We had especially looked forward to your visit to Uganda.

I had not intended to write you concerning the matter of the manuscript "1888 Re-examined", but some things have recently transpired here that make me feel that perhaps I should. During the course of our recent Union Session, some questions were raised on the Nominating Committee concerning my loyalty to the General Conference, and our present programme. Those who raised the questions had not read the manuscript, and knew practically nothing about its contents. But some little embarrassment was caused, perhaps. It became necessary for the visiting brethren (who had also not read the paper) to interview me, and ascertain my attitude, which I endeavored to make plain to them.

It may be that the information that was given me at that time as representing the feelings of the General Conference Committee was not official. It is easily possible that some unwitting distortion has taken place—in matters like this inaccuracies of information often creep in. But I was given the impression that the brethren are decidedly unsympathetic to the paper, and that they hope I can be "straightened out".

Brother Short and I have thought that we ought to write to you our sincere request that if the general feeling of the brethren who are studying this paper is that the authors need to be straightened out in general, that the brethren convey to us their criticisms, of our position and understanding. We would naturally feel reticent to preach what we believe (and have set forth in the manuscript) to be genuine righteousness by faith—as far as we now understand it—if the General Conference definitely disapprove of it. We recognize that there are imperfections and immaturities in the paper (it was hastily written), but we are wondering wherein the brethren could feel that in general it is erroneous. We were not given access to the writings of Sister White in the vault—we have wondered if information beyond our reach contradicts the presentation of our history we have made. However, unpublished material which we have since had access to seems to us to confirm the positions we take in the manuscript.

We have also read the statement "Beware" in the Review of March 29, which has just come. We agree wholeheartedly with it, and realize that the brethren are not speaking of our paper. However, we have wondered if it could be possible that those who have read our paper and the General Conference could confuse our position with any of these disloyal, anti-Adventist critics. We trust that the

brethren have discerned that our paper, though frankly critical of "ourselves", is not critical of the organization, nor doubtful as to the final and complete triumph of the Seventh-day Adventist movement, as a denomination.

We have endeavored to follow the instructions passed on to us by Elder Robison not to circulate this manuscript, except to permit a very few of our close friends to read it, who have not made any trouble or stirred up any agitation. But since those who have not read it now seem to question our position, we have thought it advisable to pass on this information to you, and express the hope that we may, in the near future, be informed as to just what attitude the General Conference will take toward the matter. Have the brethren decided that we are in error, and if so, we trust that they will give us a full report of their investigation.

Again, if they should feel that we are not in error, we are wondering when we would be free to permit those questioning ones who have not seen the paper to read it for themselves.

With Christian greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,