

L.R. Conradi
to W.C. White

Steamer "Cleopatra", nearing Egypt
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Dear Brother White,

I read yours of Dec. 28 to Elder Daniells with much interest. Am pleased you favor Bro. Spicer's visiting Europe this summer, if Brother Daniells cannot come. Hope we shall have him over here. Am pleased to learn that Sister White is going East, and am sure her visit will be a great help to the work.

As to the publishing work in Christiania, you almost hit the point: when Brother Daniells was over to adjust matters, he cut them down pretty close. They had no working capital left--not even money to make improvements. They had collected \$3500 themselves, and at our suggestion had really invested that money to put in new boiler heating apparatus, and fixing up in general, so they could get a fair rent. All this was taken from them to pay on the debt and so the Hamburg House had to advance money, and as Hamburg must pay interest on this, of course Christiania has to do the same. Had not Hamburg thus assisted, Christiania would have been in a still more crippled condition.

I know this helped America at the time, but it did not help Christiania any. Yet I would not call that house a "corpse" by any means. They have some good presses, and I think the work is in a better condition than ever before. They also have some work to do. Certainly, if they had more capital, they could do more, but we are trying to help them, as you will see by the copy of my letter to Brother Valentiner I sent you a few days ago.

Matters with Brother A. Boettcher of Helsingfors are in such a shape that he can leave for New York when necessary, to take charge of that branch there, but this will probably be decided at the general meeting in July, and of course everything must clear up in America, meanwhile. I shall be glad to hear from you as to how things look.

Am pleased that Brother and Sister Farnsworth are going to England. Shall be pleased to get their help. I rather question your second proposition with reference to Brother Starr. We do not want too many heavily paid workers in England, for it would cut us off from employing the promising native help Bro. Salisbury is educating there in the school. You know we must figure on our income. If we get a number of heavily paid workers over there, then we have no extra money to invest in these young people, and I think the native helpers, especially in the German Union, are a great source of strength to the cause. We never could have seen so good results, had we not been careful to get hold of promising young men to educate for the work. We must do this more and more.

I highly prize Bro. Salisbury's school, and we ought to take these young people into the work. This will encourage others to follow, and will demonstrate that we are anxious to train young people for the work.

Since the eighteenth we have been en route to Africa. Expect to be in Alexandria tomorrow, where I meet Brother Wakeham, and visit our work in Jaffa, Jerusalem, and Beirut with him. I return to Egypt about March 9, and remain there until the thirteenth, when I meet the party of four who left Hamburg yesterday--German East African Line for Tanga, German East Africa, and I go with this party from Port Said. We get to Tanga the twenty-eighth of March.

I plan to assist in getting up permanent buildings etc., and return to Naples about May 28. You will be pleased to know we have already raised \$5,000

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here in the German Union for this mission, and we plan to pay as we go. We shall have four men and two women workers there, and the men are all quite handy with tools, so we hope to build up the houses quite rapidly.

Last year the German Union gained about \$900 in tithe, having a tithe of \$35,500, and its donations also increased. Our net gain in membership was about 1,000. 1,300 were converted during the year. Five of our conferences now pay to the Union a second tithe for missionary purposes, and all our Sabbath School gifts go for that.

As our school in Friedensau is crowded, we plan to erect the chapel and schoolrooms and dormitory, at a cost of \$17,500 this coming summer, paying as we go. The plant there gained \$1,800 last year, and we can increase our capital there \$10,000 through sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," and through gifts.

Pleased to hear from you. With regards to your mother and yourself,

Yours, Very Truly,

(Handwritten signature) L.R. Conradi

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Typed from handwritten original
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