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RESPONSE OF A. T. JONES TO TESTIMONY RECEIVED

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FROM ELLEN G. WHITE

Dallas, Texas  
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Dear Sister White:

Your communication--the Testimony--sent in April was received. I am glad to say, I accept it fully, and am thankful that the Lord is so careful of me that he points out dangers, and warns and cautions, to keep me in the right way. I do not want ever to be left to myself. It is so much better to be kept from sinning than to fall into sin and even be saved from it; as obedience is better than sacrifice. I desire only that my ears may ever be open to hear as the learned in the way of the Lord. So again I say I accept fully all that was sent, and am thankful to God for his tender care, and caution to keep me and others from going in a course of disadvantage and danger. I have given copies to Brother Colcord and others of the brethren who are teaching in Institutes, workers meetings, and camp meetings, so that it will be spread through all the body and put us all upon the safe side. I well remember the statement read in the General Conference of 1891, on this subject of the Bible and the Public Schools, and ever since have made it a point to say as little as possible on that subject. I think the Sentinel has never touched it since, though it may have done so. But the positive had been taken, the literature was out, and of course the influence went on in that direction. This Testimony now makes the matter very much plainer and shows how to turn the influence the other way. So that is what we are doing now. I sent out copies of it at once when I got it, and its word is being followed.

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The printing of literature will be stopped and everything will be done to turn all into the course pointed out by the Lord. Am glad to follow in the way he so kindly points out.

The other part of the Testimony, that which corrects my own personal mistake in speaking this also is thankfully received and has been applied and is followed. I know that all my wish is to help the people to find Christ in truth as he is, and in his fullness, and that in the best way. So I thank the Lord for pointing out any defect in my manner of presenting the truth that would hinder rather than help the people to find him.

Perhaps I should have thus responded immediately upon receiving the Testimony. But as I was just thru starting into a series of camp meetings I thought I would wait till that was past, so that I could give you some word about the meetings.