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October 28, 1953

White Salmon, Box 415
Washington

Dear Sister

I have your letter written October 21 in which you ask about counsel from Sister White's pen which might relate to bazaars, and the sale of Dorcas work, and white elephant sales.

In Sister White's counsel we find that she has pointed out that Seventh-day Adventists should not follow the custom of Protestant churches in resorting to the love of pleasure, or the indulgence of appetite as an incentive for giving for missionary purposes.

If you will study the various statements in the Testimonies, such as you referred to on page 91 of Volume 9, you will see this point. This stands out still more clearly in a record from Sister White's pen in an old Review, which we have quoted in a mimeographed document we are sending you.

Surely there is nothing inconsistent with a Christian woman using her skill and her time, and perhaps her materials in the production of useful articles of clothing or wholesome food which can be sold, the income of which is used for church work. I think it is the motive behind the whole enterprise which must guide us in our dealing with this question.

I have dealt with this quite at length in a mimeographed statement concerning food sales, and in this I have drawn from an action of the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council. I think your questions will be answered in this document.

If you have further questions, please feel free to write to me again. What a privilege it is to have a part in the work of the church. May God bless you and those of our believers at White Salmon.

Sincerely your brother,

Arthur L. White, Secretary
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