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Sincerely your brother,

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"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an organization with whose efforts for the spread of temperance principles we can heartily unite. The light has been given me that we are not to stand aloof from them, but, while there is to be no sacrifice of principle on our part, as far as possible we are to unite with them in laboring for temperance reforms." Temperance, page 222.

"I want to unite with the W. C. T. U. workers, but we cannot unite with them in a work of exalting a false Sabbath. We cannot work in lines that would mean the transgression of the law of God, but we say to them, Come on to the right platform."--Temperance, p. 224.

We know of places where a few tactful, intelligent Seventh-day Adventist sisters have become members of the W.C.T.U., and they have been a material help to the organization and in some cases have exerted a very helpful influence in averting Sunday agitation in the organization.

Of course, if one joined the W.C.T.U and took an active part in its work for a period, and then found that because of certain trends which might enter and the bringing prominently to the front of issues which Seventh-day Adventists could not support, he could withdraw from the organization and cease to lend his moral or financial support. In some cases our women have joined, then when the Sunday movement came to the front they have told their position on Sunday legislation and informed the organization that they could no longer support the group if the matter was agitated. In some cases the agitation has ceased largely because of the influence of our sisters. No such influence could be exerted from the outside through mere association without joining.

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Elder W. C. White
Fadoma Park, Md.

Dear Brother White:

If Elder W. C. Robinson was with I would
not trouble you with this little matter.

In our little church we are all
being encouraged to join the W.C.T.U. It
seems to me that in times passed we
were advised not to join W.C.T.U. as they were
in favor of "Sunday Laws", and all names with
in for the laws. In 1914 Bible Readings I
believe there is a statement to this effect.

Thanking you for your trouble.