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Dear Friend:

The quotation that you sent along to me beginning "The great issue so near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed and he will have a pure, true sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain," is found in Letter B55, 1886, from which source the 2SM 376-383 quotation was taken.

Interestingly in this letter addressed to two church leaders, Ellen White expressed great appreciation for the leadership of the church indicating that she believed that they were with her in the great mission program of the church and that they did not deserve censure, however she warned against sin and indicated the dangers of losing the way even though we know the truth.

While the leadership of the church is not perfect the leadership of the church through the years has made strong effort to walk in the light God has given to us through the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. We still have much to learn. In this letter she said:

"Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out--the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. None but those who have been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths." (See 7BC 911)

Portions of this letter (B55, 1886) are not in print. The portion you inquired about dealing with "The great issue" doubtless refers to the test brought about when this nation enacts Sunday laws.

Faithfully your brother,

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