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Mr. William J. Voyce
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Dear Mr. Voyce:

Your letter was received yesterday. We thank you for the \$2.00 enclosed.

The quotation -- "Under the former dispensation", *etc.*, (True Church, p. 274) - is not an exact quote. Neither is it complete. Mr. Dugger again altered it to fit his purpose. It is taken from an article of some eleven pages - Seventh Day Baptist Memorial, Vol. 1, pages 28-39. It is headed "Narrative" and is taken from the Church Records of the First Baptist Church of Newport - generally spoken of as Elder Clarke's Church (John Clarke). Perhaps you are not aware that all of the constituent members of the first Seventh Day Baptist Church to be organized in America - all but one member - were members of Dr. Clarke's Baptist Church.

In order to make this clear I know of nothing better to do than photo-copy the entire "Narrative." I will make no charge for this.

I also send 2 pages from Isaac Backus' History of New England, from which source Mr. Dugger also quotes. Mr. Dugger mentions specifically a Church of God at Noodles Island. The church on Noodles Island was a Baptist Church but not a church which observed the seventh day as Mr. Dugger states.

I enclose a portion of a letter from London, dated 1741. This church also calls itself "The Church of Christ. ."

From the Shrewsbury Records I copy portions misquoted by Mr. Dugger.

I send you a photo-copy of the 1926 Census of Religious Bodies -- Church of God (Adventist,) in which Mr. Dugger is responsible for the History, Doctrine & Organization report.

Then I enclose the 1936 Census of Religious Bodies -- Church of God (seventh day), the history, doctrine and organization story prepared by Mr. Dugger. This article is most unfortunate for since it is a Government pamphlet it is considered by one who does

not know Mr. Dugger - to be authentic history. It is a very garbled history. I am sure Mr. Dugger knew this when he prepared the article. He has had many opportunities to correct his statements but this he refuses to do.

I send a photo-copy of pages from the Sabbath Recorder of Dec. 28, 1942. This gives a review of the book - "The True Church."

I make no charge for these copies. I ask only that you read them carefully and then help to correct some of the mis-statements and claims of Mr. Dugger and which he continues to spread.

Very truly yours,

Evelyn St. John

Librarian

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