

The Millerites who recognized her as God's messenger made up this second group. These Millerites believed that Miss Harmon possessed the gift of prophecy which is spoken of in First Corinthians 12. They believed that the Holy Spirit indited prophecies, and that He gave them through her to them. They said that these prophecies consisted of her visions and counsels. Therefore, they called her visions and counsels the Spirit of prophecy. They took this expression from Revelation 19:10 where we read, "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."<sup>27</sup> These Millerites believed that the Spirit of prophecy was the means by which God guided them. Therefore, they heeded it. Thus the emphasis of this second group was on the Spirit of prophecy as manifested through Miss Harmon.

On August 30, 1846 A.D. Miss Harmon married Mr. James White who was a prominent Adventist leader. Shortly afterward the Seventh-day Adventist denomination was formed. Mrs. White was one of the leaders of the denomination. Since the members of the denomination looked to her visions and counsels for guidance, Mrs. White labored tirelessly in order to make her visions and counsels known to them. She spoke to audiences large and small. She wrote incessantly. She published numerous books and many hundreds of articles. Then on July 15, 1916 A.D. Mrs. White died in St. Helena, California.

The third group was led by Mr. Joseph Bates. Mr. Bates was a retired sea captain who lived in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. When he retired from the sea, Mr. Bates sold an interest which he had in a ship for \$11,000. When he was about fifty years old, he joined the Millerite Movement. Unknown to his wife, Mr. Bates invested almost all his money in this Movement in order to

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<sup>27</sup>Rev. 19:10.