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Dear Mother:--

I have been looking over your letter written on December 19, and was considerably interested in its contents. I recognize the facts that are brought out in this letter of how many times you have come before the people in weakness, and yet the Lord has strengthened you as you would stand before them and given you a powerful message. No one who knows the history of the cause can doubt that this is the case. I certainly am glad for the help you have been able to give them at Oakland during the recent meetings. I remember experiences of the work in Oakland when I was there. Time after time series of meetings were held, and people would accept the truth in quite large numbers. It seems to me that this has always been one of the most fruitful fields we have had in the denomination. I am glad to know of the success of the last series of meetings that have been held there.

Now, Mother, I want to say again in regard to help on my book that as soon as I received this letter from you, I gave up entirely the plan of securing any help from Elder Tenney. I do not desire to do anything, or place myself anywhere, that will in any way bring care or anxiety upon you. My intention to meet with Brother Tenney was not to have him write for the book, but there were some plans that I desired to discuss with a good book man. I thought he would give me good help. But after receiving your letter I decided that I would seek the Lord for help myself, and with some consultation with good men here, would finish the book without any such effort as I had proposed.

Yours affectionately



Now, Mother, there is another feature of the situation I desire to present, and that is the financial. Of course you know that for years I have struggled with great financial difficulties. Recently it has seemed that these would culminate in a way that would absolutely break me down. The past few weeks have been weeks of great anxiety to me. At one time it did not seem possible that assistance could be secured sufficient to carry me through the demands of banks and other people I was owing. But I sought the Lord earnestly for help, and went to the North. I was able by pledging part of my royalties on my books to secure money to carry me through the pressing difficulties which surrounded me. I have been to take up my notes that were in bank, and to pay all bills that were pressing and all notes that have matured. I shall have a little money left with which to finish up the book "Past, Present, and Future." I thank the Lord for His goodness to me, for I know that it is His help alone that has accomplished what has been done; for I know I could not have done it of myself.

I note what you say in your letter of your desire to see me ministering in the word, both by speaking publicly and by preparing books. I will say in regard to this that I am trying in two ways to do this.

First, to bring myself right with God, to put away everything that is contrary to His will, and to overcome the mistakes and tendencies which have injured my work in the past.

Second, to get my financial arrangements in shape so that I shall not be continually troubled in this way, so that my work will be practically nullified by these difficulties.

Third, Then with my hands free, and with the blessing of God, I believe I can go on with the work as I have not been able to do in the past. There are several important works in my mind which I expect to undertake in the near future.



Fourth, to arrange my affairs at home so as to cut out every expense possible, and place myself where my work can be made successful in every respect.

I am trying to look after my health as I have not done in the past. I am trying to take more rest, and there is a man working for me part of the time, who is a trained nurse, and gives me treatments every day. As soon as Spring comes so that I can really get out of doors, I expect to work in the ground a few hours each day. This I believe will do me good.

I am glad to tell you that Emma returned home yesterday. She stood the journey remarkably well, and her niece, Linnie Belden, came with her. She had been doing office work in Battle Creek for more than a year, and needed a vacation. She will stay with my wife about a month, and then return home. I am making arrangements to give my wife thorough treatments here, and I think she will be able to enjoy a fair degree of health and comfort. I have been able to make two rooms comfortable up-stairs in our house, so that whenever she desires she can be by herself and take all the rest she wishes. My house has never been furnished in the past. Its appointments have been of the most meager and inexpensive class. I am not now able to furnish the house as it should be, but we are comfortable and are enjoying our home very much. In the early part of the winter I put a furnace in the house, for I felt that this was necessary to the health of my wife. Before I could put the furnace in, I had to put in a new chimney in the main part of the house. So down stairs, opening into our large dining room, we have a wood-burning fireplace, and upstairs in my wife's private sitting room, we have a coal-burning grate.

I am providing my wife with a one-horse carriage, according to a



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new model that is made in Indiana, which can be opened up in warm, pleasant weather, just like a canopy top buggy. But if it begins to rain, it can be closed up on one side or all sides in a few seconds, so that it is as safe and as comfortable as a closed hack. I had the wheels and the running gear for this, which were not destroyed in the fire of my barn. The top only was burned. I am having long springs made so that it will be easy for it, and the body is especially made behind so that we can take two or three bushels of groceries, or anything of that kind, when we trade at town. Then with the cover that can be closed up in stormy, cold, or rainy weather, my wife can be safe to drive at any time. I have a large horse that is not afraid of anything, and is perfectly safe for a child to drive. This my wife will have at her disposal at any time. I am glad to surround her with these comforts, for I know she is worthy of it, and I want to do everything I can to keep her with me just as long as possible.

I hope you are enjoying even more than your usual degree of health. I beseech of you, Mother, to take the best care of yourself that is possible. I hope you will not take burdens that others should bear. I do not know what would come to the cause if you should be taken away. I know that very short work would be made with me if everything did not go just to suit those in authority. I hope you will live to let your influence be exercised in the cause for years to come.

As ever your son,

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