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Dear Mother:--

There have been matters which have puzzled me exceedingly, and I have not known where to place myself with relation to them. Recently some things have come to my mind that bring me some relief.

I have been honest in the belief that my instructions to remove to this place were ample, and that all I have done in this has been in response to these instructions. But there has been just one thing I have overlooked in this matter. When in Vicksburg I was warned by you in regard to becoming involved financially, and that I should not move faster than I was financially able to move. I do not remember the language, but that was the sum of it all. Now, I believe that when you advised me to move from my place in Nashville into the country, and advised me to buy the property I now have here, it was my duty to consider the previous instruction, and to have moved accordingly. I should have waited for the Lord to open the way so that whatever I did was in harmony with the previous light that had come to me.

Now, mother, I have never lost my desire to serve my Master, and to do the work He desires me to do, but I have been so tied up that it has been practically impossible for me to do this work as I ought. But all the time I have hidden behind the idea that whatever I had done in becoming involved was not my initiative, but was according to this instruction. I think I can see that while I should prize such instruction as you gave me in regard to moving out here, I should have stood still until the Lord should open the way for me to do it in accordance with the other instruction I had received in the past.

Now, in removing to California, I feel that the situation is different. Even though I cannot immediately sell my property here, I can leave it because it is a real necessity. My head is in such condition since returning that I am absolutely unfitted for literary work. I see no hope for me unless I seek another climate. There are other reasons for it, but that is enough. But when I go to Cal. I do not contemplate the purchase of property until my property here is sold and I have a reasonable proposition. At present there are good buildings that can be rented cheap that are well adapted to my work. I hope I may be able to get into shape so that I feel safe to secure them before they are taken up by some one else.

Emma is now with her mother in Colorado. How long her mother may live none of us can tell. She has wonderful vitality. If we decide to move to Cal this spring Emma will remain where she is and I will stop for her on the way.

From your son,

*J.E. White*