



EDGEFIELD,

TENNESSEE.

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Dear Mother:--

I have received a letter from you in which you question the advisability of my immediately leaving the South. You stated that you felt I ought to revive my influence in the South before going away. I realize that this would be gratly to my advantage if I were going into a new field. However this may be, it will not be best for me to attempt to leave until I have sold my property, and by so doing place my finances on a proper basis. I could not go for the present, however I might desire to do so.

You also write, "I am agreed with Elder Washburn that there is still a work for you to do in the South." Of course, there is work to be done in every field, and while I am here I shall work to the extent that I am physically and mentally able. I had thought that this season we could unite and push a work in Nashville and vicinity. There are nine public speakers here, at Madison school, and at Nashville. I have urged that a ministerial committee be formed to take this field into account and provide a course of lectures, once a week in several places. Already this has been undertaken in the white church in Nashville, and accompanied by the use of the stereopticon. Every Sunday night there is a lecture given. Before this effort there would come out about a couple of dozen people, about half our people and half outsiders. But from the start of the present effort with the stereopticon the house has been filled. There are now three other places where this same work should be done, and I hope to see the work begun in them, one after the other. I desire to see demonstrated what can be done in a locality in this way by this line of work, and hope the committee of ministers can be organized, and the work undertaken vigorously.

But heretofore my head has been so bad that I could do but little. So I have done the most of my work in the way of suggestions, and helping others in their preparations. I have spoken three times in the Nashvill white church, but until my new book is out I shall not do much speaking, for it uses me ~~in~~ up for two or three days afterward. But yesterday I took treatment of Dr. Harris, by which he gave his Osteopathic treatment to the head, and it gave me great relief, and it is remaining with me to-day. I think if I go to him about twice a week he can help me so ~~that~~ that I can do more brain work.

So far our season has not been hot. But fearing the long hot season I have pitched a tent in front of our house, under a great oak. The sides have been built up with boards part of the way so that the walls can be higher than usual, but above the boards at the sides and ends there is a wide space all around for fresh air, and this is covered with mosquito netting. This gives us fresh air from every direction. Then the wall of the tent is fastened out like an awning. This lets the air in but effectually shuts out any rain, even though it may be a driving ~~is~~ rain. One tent we use for our sleeping tent, and the other I have for my study. The tents are raised nearly two feet from the ground and have regular matched floors. They are very comfortable and pleasant, and we believe sleeping out of doors will be healthful.

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In regard to the book on which I have been working so long, the ~~pro~~ prospect is that it will be out now very soon. I have been almost paralyzed by criticisms that have come in regarding the work that was done on it. But I have taken the matter up, and tried to avoid difficulties that have been presented, and the book will be much the better for it all. Eld. Washburn has shown a deep interest in the work, and has aided me ~~xxx~~ very much by his suggestions and criticisms. More than this, I decided a short time ago that the mss. ought to be carefully criticised by a committee that could not be gainsayed after the book was issued. So the Nashville office and I selected a committee of four. They are Eld. Bollman, Eld. Washburn, Eld. Parmelee, and Leon Smith. I am getting the matter into shape and passing it through their hands as fast as they can attend to it. Their criticisms are good, and when the book comes out it will be the most thoroughly criticised book on the market among our people. But more than this, as I get the chapters ready I send them ~~at~~ all down to Mary Stewart at G^raysville, and she makes such corrections as are necessary from an editorial standpoint.

The copy is now all prepared by me up to page 325, and several chapters that come in the latter part of the book. The worst of the revising is over, and if I can have a relief from the worries of the past few weeks, I can soon have the book ready.

The type setting is now going on, just begun on it yesterday. And I wish you could see the office where the type is being set. As I have moved my study near my house I have had to bring the type work up here also. I had a room in the lower part of my tank house, about four rods from my tent. This I floored, and put in some windows which I had on ~~ka~~ hand, and doors taken from the M^orning S^tar before it burned. This room is 18 feet square. In this I have brought all the type needed in setting this book, and the press from taking proofs. It makes the handiest little office I ever had, and there is plenty room for the one type setter, and for myself when I take hold to help him. It is very hands.

Much of the illustrating of the book I am having done over, and I was far from satisfied with what had been done. Bro. Rennings and Bro. Robert are working on that. Their studio is in the same tank house as the type room, only up stairs. This room is 14 feet square. This tank house is shaded by great oak and elm trees, and is cool and comfortable in the hottest days. So you see I have my work close at hand.

The photo-engraving of the drawings is done at the food factory building where I have had all my office work heretofore. Brethren Robert and Rennings work on the drawings until they have several ready, and then Bro. Robert goes down to the other building and photo-engraves them. This makes a very handy and economical arrangement. If my prayers bring the help which I expect, the work can now go forward rapidly, and this book will soon be ready.

Emma has stood up under the care and anxiety of her mother's last sickness much better than I feared. She seems to be as well now as when she left for Colorado. I believe that by care she can stay here right through the summer. She will take treatments twice from Dr. Harris, and then the sleeping in a tent in the open air will be good for her. I believe that soon we should both go to a different climate, but for the present we can live right where we are by care.

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June 30.

We have had a wonderful supply of fruit and vegetables from our place this season. For many of the meals everything on the table has come from our own place, except the material for the bread, and the Graham bread we use is from our own wheat ground in our own mill. We are now just closing up with our red raspberries. They have been fine. But there is one feature that we cannot understand. We have a bed of Warfield strawberries. This gave us a good crop of very sweet and excellent berries, and now the whole patch is filled with blossoms and buds for a second crop. We have decided to give them a good chance. If the weather is dry we shall water them often.

My workmen enjoy the place to work in the grove near my house. Today the artists have taken their table and chairs out of doors under the great trees, and enjoy it very much. I am writing in a tent under great

Now, mother, so much of this letter is in the way of news. Now I must present another phase of the situation.

For about two years I have struggled under such a financial load that it has practically paralyzed my efforts, and has nearly taken my life. I have been trying to bring out the new book, but I am satisfied that it is a book which Satan especially dislikes. This must be so, for a goodly part of the book is given to exposing his wiles in Spiritualism, Hypnotism, Christian Science, New Thought, etc.

Hence the devil has done all in his power to destroy my efforts in my work on this book. Time and again I have worked for weeks and sometimes for months to get my affairs into shape so that I could go on with the book. I would rejoice that the coast was clear, but as soon as I would begin the work, every conceivable difficulty would be thrown in the way, and especially would every kind of financial difficulty come up.

For months I have been desperately engaged in clearing the financial situation. I had wonderful success, and this season have paid off over seven thousand dollars of accounts and notes. None of these were local accounts, and none of it was for expenses, and this does not include the expense I have put in on my books. These things amounted to some thousands more. In fact, this has almost cleared me up from difficult obligations. But all this leaves me absolutely exhausted financially. I have not money enough to carry me through the month of July. My home expense is very small, and there is little outside to meet. But the expense of the book for the next eight weeks will be heavy. You and W.C. know how it costs to bring out a book. I have got the expense down as low as possible, but this has to be met as I go along.

I have written to W.C. in regard to the matter, but I felt that I must mention it in my letter to you. I cannot see but I will have to close up everything unless I can get some money within two weeks. But I can arrange financially so it will be absolutely safe. There are two sources of payment.

First, The estate of my wife's mother. The real estate is valued at \$6000.00, and is without encumbrance of any kind. This estate has been administered, and the property is up for sale with some of the best real estate agents in Boulder. This estate is divided into four equal parts among the heirs, and Emma has a fourth. Emma will turn over her share, worth \$1500.00 and from it the money will be taken as soon as it can possibly be sold.

Second, My food factory is worth \$5000.00. But say it sells for

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\$4000.00, I only owe about \$2000.00 on the property, and I would have \$2000.00 left. Now, whichever property sells first we would return from it the money I now need to borrow. We are very sure that one or the other of these will sell within a very few months, and surely not longer than six.

Now, to finish the book, and carry me through till it is done will take \$1000.00. You see I have to pay for the art work, that is for the drawings for the illustrations of the book. Much of the work I had done at first must be done over again, for it was not what it should be. Then comes the expense of photo-engraving, then comes the type setting, and then the electrotyping. If I am not worried all the time for the money to do this I can do it in half the time. If I have the money to go ahead with I am sure I can get the plates ready in two months. In this way the book will be ready for the canvassers for this season's work.

Now, there is one feature that I ask you and W.C. to consider. I was urged by W.C. to pay out on the Landis place, which is my home. I was not in favor of doing this unless they would make decent terms, and not take advantage of me in the date of payment as they have done. W.C. wrote that he felt that I should pay out. He said that if the Landis people pressed for the immediate payment he would rather you would step in and help pay it. I did it that way in consequence, and sent them nearly \$1100.00 to settle to that date. Now the rest is due and they refuse to give time on it in any way. Now, this calls for an arrangement with bank for them to buy the notes from Landis and give me time for the payment of them. This I can do, but it will make it necessary for me to raise \$200.00 in cash. This is part of the \$1000.00 I mention as needed just now. Now, as W.C. proposed to aid in getting out with the Landis matter, I have felt that I would take care of that at a sacrifice, if he would, instead of helping on that, help in finishing the book. It is practically the same thing. I have the same corner to turn. But I am arranging to sacrifice something in order to settle the Landis matter, if I can get the ~~many~~ money to turn on my book work.

Now, as to where you can get the money, I know that Pacific Press has a lot of money they do not need, and that they offered while I was ~~xx~~ there to let you have money at 4% interest. Now, I feel sure you can get \$1000.00 there at that interest, and I will pay you 8%, which is just what I have to pay at bank here. Then I will turn my attention to the sale of the Boulder property, and also of the Food Factory, and I feel perfectly sure I can arrange to sell one or the other within three or six mos.

Now, if the arrangement is made in this way, I do not want all the money at once. I would prefer to arrange to have \$250.00 sent me once in two weeks. This will make the remittances run over a period of two months, and during that time I will have the book ready for the press. There is a good force at work on the preparation of the book, and if I am not constantly harrassed financially I really believe the copy can be all prepared in four weeks. Why, the copy is already prepared for about 400 pages of the book, and much of the type set. But I am free to say, that unless I can get the assistance mentioned, I cannot see how I can go on at all, or prevent myself from going to pieces. I KNOW that will \$1000 I can pass the crisis. This is no possibility of loss to you, for I will place matters so that the money will come to you as soon as the Boulder property is sold.

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But there is another side to this. You have considerable invested in the book I am bringing out, both in the English edition for Australia, and in the foreign languages. W.C. has seen things in the book that ~~would~~ would prevent it from being a good seller. I am glad to say that I have arranged the book so that it will avoid all these difficulties. **IT WILL BE A SELLER.** Now, if I can be fixed so that I can go on with it, I will soon have it where it will be available for you. But I see no possible way to do this unless the arrangement for means that I mention can be ~~made~~ made. You are equally interested with me in this thing. It is for your interest as well as mine that I get this money. When I get it I pledge myself to let nothing whatever come in the way of hurrying out the book in a very short time, and getting it out in shape that will be a credit to all connected with it.

But here I must leave the matter with you. I used the money in sending Landis the \$1100.00 that would havemet this need, and now I must raise \$200.00 more. I have pinched along as close as possible, hoping to still get through, but I see my finish. I am at my LAST DITCH. Help must come or I shall be compelled to quit, and I am no quitter. But if compelled to quit because I can go no farther, then I shall have to quit.

But I trust you will see reason in what I ask.

Now, I have written to W.C. that I shall ask that the first \$250.00 be sent at once, so that I can have it to get the Landis matter fixed. I must get ~~xxxx~~ rid of that grasping, unscrupulous set of people. I can fix it by paying \$200.00 in cash.

Well, if you can fix what I ask, I hope that \$250 will be sent immediately, and I will, as soon as I know that it is arranged, make out the proper papers insuring you the payment of the entire loan out of the Boulder property.

But I must close and go to my work. I have asked W.C. to wire me the result as soon as you decide, telegram at my expense. Send telegram to Edgefield Junction.

Your Son,

Jel White