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Dear Mother:

A week ago I returned from a very important trip to Washington, Philadelphia, and New York. At Washington, I undertook to carry through quite a large business deal with the publishing house, and at Philadelphia and New York, I was getting pictures of the present war to be used in illustrating a department in Coming King, and also for a stereopticon lecture. I was detained on the trip much longer than I expected and it was finally decided at Washington that the matter that I came to see them about should be held over until the fall council to which W. C., has gone. I start tonight and hope that this trip will not be a long one.

I want to make some business arrangements by which I shall have my financial situation so placed that I can give considerable of my time to preparing two new books I want to bring out.

The first of these I think I shall call "A Story of the Hebrew Captives." The idea is to take up the captivity of Israel in Babylon and the sins of the people that led up to this captivity. Then take up the book of Daniel, chapter by chapter and write it out in plain style that will be interesting to people and give them the real true meaning of the book of Daniel. We have two books on Daniel now. One is by Eld. Smith and this is large and deals a great deal in argument and common people do not have the patience, and some of them do not have the education to become interested in it.

E.G.W-2.

The success of my books has been that they have been simple, easy to understand that that they were interested in what the books contained, so I want this book to be of that nature. You have written a good many times that at the present time, our attention should be attracted to the books of Daniel and the Revelation. But there are very few people in the world that understand the book of Daniel. Eld. Haskell's book on that subject takes up a side of it that is good, but yet I believe to just make a simple story of the whole thing and bring in the truths that they teach, will win for a book of this kind, and I think it is needed.

The other book I want to bring out will be to take the New Testament in the same way. Just take up the story of Christ's life on earth in a different way than we have ever taken it up before with the people. Perhaps we should have a preface to it that would give some of the conditions of the Jews when Christ came and tell why they did not receive him. Then go on with the life of Christ, take his parables and bring them out in an illustrated way. Then follow this by the life of the apostles. Of course these things would not be treated at all as you treat them. They would be designed for children's minds and yet would be so interesting that old people would be glad to read them.

Now I believe these two books will do much good and that they will have a large sale.

We have had beautiful weather here and only two days ago did we have our first real frost. Today our man is digging our potatoes and we will have enough to last us well along into the winter.

E.G.W-3.

I was glad on my return home this last time to find Emma considerably stronger than when I went away. When I went away she could only sit up just a little at a time, she would get so tired. Now she sits up most of the time through the day and enjoys herself much better because of it.

We have put up a great deal of fruit this year. Peaches were cheap, only \$1.50 per bushel and we put up three or four bushels of them. We had a lot of grapes of our own and they have canned grapes and made grape wine and grape jelly, and we put up two bushels of huckleberries and a bushel or two of cherries. I think we have put up more fruit this year than we have done at any time in the past.

Well, mother, I find myself growing old. I was 65 years old last July and I feel that I want to begin to get where I shall not have to put myself through as I have in the years that are past. If I can only make the arrangements I hope to make in Washington on this journey, I shall have gotten myself out from under some very heavy loads where I can have time to rest some and to write some, and as father used to say, to grow old gracefully.

If I remember right, you will be 87 years old next month. I have no idea I shall ever see that age. I feel very sure the world could not stand that long. Certainly there is a fierce, terrible spirit taken possession of the world and the war in Europe is the most terrible the world has ever known. The greatest anxiety I have is that my work will be so well done that when the final end comes, I shall be on the right side.

E.G.W-4.

Hoping you are feeling as well as usual,

I remain,

With much love, your son,

*J. E. White*

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