

Edgefield, Tenn., April 9, 1908.

Copy for Mother
L. A. Hansen,

Graysville, Tenn.

Dear Brother;-

I have been thinking over the situation on the food factory proposition and I felt that something is due from me at the present time and perhaps a statement or two may clear the atmosphere as to my position regarding the property.

First, I purchased that property in good faith, feeling that I was following instructions given and that I was observing plain directions and preserving a property which was needed in our denomination for this very work. Whatever might have been the right view of the case I felt I was following instructions from the Lord to do this.

Now, having secured this property for this purpose, if God will help me I will see that it is used for this purpose and that just as quickly as it can be properly done. The right way for it to be used is for the organized work in the South to take it over and handle it for the food business. To this end I will do the very best I can to make things easy. You have letters from my brother which explain many things, which I shall not go into.

Now if all my efforts to dispose of the factory fail and I am obliged to hold it I shall continue to do so until finances brighten with me and then I shall get some good food man to come down and take the machinery that is there and use it, for I am determined that this machinery shall be used in making health feeds for the denomination.

The long delay has been a very serious matter to me and if it could be hurried up I should be very glad. I have only written as I have before from the conviction that it was the Lord's plan that this property should be used for our people and that in some way it shall be used for this purpose, and may the Lord help us to choose the right course to pursue. Now I am going to make two more propositions, which I think will

carry me as far as it would be just or right for me to go.

First, for the food factory and the land which naturally goes with it, inside of the new road, embracing five or six acres, and not the whole tract, I will take \$4,000, and never have I made so low an offer to any individual that lives. Then when mother gives the \$500 that reduces the purchase price to \$3500, and this includes engine, boiler, and all the other new machinery put in this winter, excepting the feed mill. This I should reserve provided this proposition is accepted.

Another proposition I will make is to put the whole property at \$5,000, with the exception of the feed mill as here mentioned. Mother gives \$500, as stated in a recent letter to you, and I will add another \$500 myself. This leaves \$4,000 to be raised for the whole property. In either of these propositions I shall lose not less than \$2,000 of actual expenditure, but I am willing to do it that the feed factory may be placed in the work for which it was designed and for the purpose of releasing myself from obligations. I shall be glad to hear from you on receipt of this letter.

Yours very truly,

