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Dear Mother:--

I received a letter from you a day or two ago. I did write to you a letter to-day, but shall not send it. I naturally feel deeply, and am apt to use unguarded expressions. I fear there were some in this. My aim is to make my correspondence such that God can approve of it.

To-day I can write but little, for in a short time we start on a run down the river to fill an appointment for Friday and Sabbath nights at Palo Alto, five miles down the River. The country seems to be stirred over the truths we are giving the people. It is driving them to their Bibles, and people are studying them as never before. I wish you could know and realize the work there is to do here.

I am much interested in what you say in regard to the work Marian has been doing on "Christ Our Saviour." I shall be glad to see the changes that have been made in it. When the book is finally got ready there MUST be some changes in some of the illustrations. I hardly know what to say in regard to that book. I have thought that it would be best for me to turn it over to you entirely. The treatment it has received will probably give it a black eye so long as I am connected with it. I shall want to think this over very carefully. I will do so and then write you. I suppose that a statement of the changes made will be sent to me in due time.

Emma is now in Chicago, and will go on to Colorado as soon as she is able. As soon as she reached Chicago she came down with jaundice and has been sick in bed for quite a time. She is better now, with a good appetite, but not able to go down stairs or out doors. I shall see that she goes north early each year, and remain through the spring and summer. My health is good. I cannot leave the work here this summer. There is too much at stake. I am living carefully, and take a cold sponge bath every morning on rising. I stand the heat well and think I will have no trouble this summer.

The boat is doing an excellent work now, and we are giving all our energies to the work. And right in this connection I want to say a word in regard to this field. You often mention our leaving this work and going to Australia. In many respects the work there would be preferable to me. But to look at the situation, I cannot bring myself to feel that the Lord would be pleased for me to leave as the work now stands. The fact is, that outside of our company there is little being done here in the south for the colored people. Now compare. I understand that you have there a population of possibly 2,000,000 people. The colored people in the South alone number over 7,000,000 to 8,000,000. This is about four times as many as you have there. You have ministers, doctors Bible workers, canvassers, and church and conference officers. Here on your fingers and thumbs you can enumerate the workers who are really engaged for this people. If we are to speak of a needy and forsaken field you must not go to Africa, Australia, South America, Mexico, etc., but go south of Mason & Dixon's line in U.S. But I must close for now.

J. E. White

Mother - Please send me word letter to M.C.M.