



May 22, 1907.

Dear Mother:--

I have been reading your letter of the 16th inst. I note what you say about being in such a hurry to get away that I would give away my property here. Before this you have my letter in which I express myself that I shall not hurry away from here. I shall stay right ahere I am till I can sell my property and get money from it to take care of my moving and work. I hope to get word from Bro. Pflugradt in a few days that he has sold his business and will soon be here to buy me all out. And even if I sell, I have decided to remain here till I get out the book Past, Present, and Future. This afternoon I am to meet Eld. Washburn, and will plan for the work then. Eld. Butler is going to Atlanta with the ten to work by himself, but Eld. Washburn will stay at Nashville, and I can work with him in many ways. I am glad Eld. Butler is going, and I am glad the Eld. Washburn will stay. A new element is needed here. If I can work in here with others for a time before I go I shall be glad. Eld. Washburn desires to have me help him plan for the colored work.

Now as to the manufacturing business you mention in your letter, I can only say, I have nothing but what is to be used in preparing my books for print. I have an abundant outfit of type for my books, and no other office in our denomination has it. I could get little for it if I tried to sell it. More than this, every page of my books have to be set under my eye, while at the same time I am working much of the time on other matters. It takes less of my time and care to do the work in my own office than to look after it at another office. Then, the prices for this work at Pacific Press are so high that I could not afford to have it done there, for I have to change and change again as I go on with the work, and the prices for these changes are very heavy.

As to my photo-engraving, I have a valuable plant but it cost me very little. I have paid to have Bro. Robert knstructured in the work till now he is doing much better work than I can get in Nashville. I have tried to get a class of work done that I need but could not get it. Now Bro. Robert has developed it till NOW we are prepared to do just what I want in color and tint work. But if I should try to sell it I could get little for it.

Now, these are necessary to my book work, and that is all I want them for. Of course we can do much work outside on photo-engraving, and we are now doing the work on the new Daniel & Revelation. If we go to Cal. we can do the illustrating for Pacific Press. But if we do I shall have the work in the hands of some one who will take the whole responsibility of it off from me. This is now the case here. I do not have to trouble about the work.

Now, there is one other branch of work that comes in with our photo work, and that is making lantern slides on Present Truth. Eld. Simpson, and others have had special devices for illustrating the truth. But there is nothing so good as a good lantern. I believe there is a work in preparing lectures on Present Truth and then illustrating them that is of great importance at this time. Bro. Robert has mastered this work. The fact is, that I am now relieved from the anxiety and worry in these things.