

Sanitarium, Cal.,

May 12, 1915.

Dear Brother Edson:

With this I am sending to you copy of a letter which I wrote May 6 to Elder Wilcox. I thought you would like to know what we are doing and planning. I am also sending copy of a letter written to Elder Corliss on the same day, and copy of a letter received from Brother W. L. Burgan, of the Press Bureau, written April 29. From this you will see how his mind is running regarding what ought to be done in supplying information to the newspapers.

Brother F. A. Coffin, the press agent of the Pacific Union Conference, was with us from April 21-29. During that time we made considerable research, and placed in his hands printed reports, manuscripts, and other information from which he could work out material for newspaper articles. We sent duplicates of this material to Brother Burgan, in Washington.

Both of these brethren have felt that it would be advisable to send some reports to the papers telling about Mother's accident and her condition at present; but we have felt that it would be better to say but little through the papers so long as mother lives; then at her death to do quick and thorough work in supplying material.

You will see that Brother Burgan suggests that information be furnished the Battle Creek and Detroit papers, and that reports go out from Detroit, because that is nearer the place where much of Mother's work was done. For some days I have wanted to write to you about this, to inform you what is being done and what is being talked of. I desire both your advice and

your cooperation. I suppose you are acquainted with Mr. Thompson, for whom Frank Kelsey works in Battle Creek. He seems to be connected with quite a newspaper syndicate. Possibly you will have opportunity to talk with Frank Kelsey about this matter. We want to do what we can to prevent the publication of scurrilous stuff.

There is another matter that Brother Crisler has suggested to me: That is that we might get help from Will Cornell and his students in the matter of reporting the services which may be held in Battle Creek. I will endeavor to write to Brother Cornell soon, and will send you a copy. Then if you have opportunity to speak with him, I shall be glad.

During the last few weeks, Brethren Crisler and Robinson have been working very hard to perfect manuscripts for a revised edition of "Experience and Views." It has been our thought to carry the story in autobiographical style to Father's death. This will make something over 300 pages; then add an appendix in which we give in about 100 pages eight or ten chapters touching on the mountain peaks of her experience, this to be followed by the story of her last illness.

In connection with our research for material for the Press Bureau and for the book, "Experience and Views," I have been writing out a few things which I request you to go over, and if you can suggest ways of strengthening and perfecting these manuscripts, I shall be very glad. Today I am sending to you

(a) Courage and Persistency

(b) Vision Regarding Battle Creek.

These are the manuscripts which I have been working on

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but which are not perfected. I will also send you

(c) Elder Olsen's story of the Salamanca Vision, and

(d) Elder Robinson's story regarding the Salamanca
Vision.

If I remember correctly, you were present in the early morning meeting when Mother came in to the south vestry and read to the ministers something about her Salamanca experience. This was followed by Brethren ^{Eldridge} Aldrich, Ballenger, and others, bearing testimony regarding the meeting held the night before. Please do what you can to help me perfect this story; and in doing this, do not overlook the following points:

Was this meeting held Wednesday morning, March 8, or was it Sunday morning, March 12?

Was C. H. Jones present, and did he bear testimony?

Are there any statements in the story, as I have put it together, that conflict with your memory of the meeting?

If you know of men in Battle Creek who were in attendance at that meeting, I would be glad to have you interview them and get me any additional information you can.

In "Special Testimonies for Our Ministers," we find some things that Mother wrote about this experience. This and what I have written will be sent to you as soon as it is copied,-- possibly tomorrow or next day.

This morning the sun is shining, after two weeks of bad weather. It rained for more than a week, and the days when it didn't rain were cloudy and windy. But this morning it is pleasant, and I find Mother in her wheel-chair on the little veranda. She looks real cheerful, and we are hoping that the Lord will prolong her days for some time yet. We should be very glad if she could meet Elder Daniells on his arrival from China, the second week in June.

Please write us how you are getting along.

Your brother,

W. C. White