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Eld. W. C. White,
Dear Brother:==

The matter of the obligation which mother holds against me has been a source of considerable anxiety to me of late, and I have been trying to see how it can be arranged so as to be satisfactory and yet relieve me from the pressure I have been carrying in regard to it for some time.

Mother's life is not secure for any time whatever. You know her condition as well as I do. At her death I would be left in a position of great peril from the standpoint of the business man. I have been struggling for many months to get my business into such shape that it would be sound from the standpoint of the business man. In this I have accomplished wonders, and seeming impossibilities.

I realize the fact that I am well on the down-hill side of life, and that my days of strong work are limited. My strongest desire is to so shape up my affairs that if I should pass away at any time there would be perfect order and no disgrace in my business relations with any human being. To this end I am seeking my heavenly Father daily that my work along these lines may be blessed of heaven. The evidence that the Lord is working for me in this is so plain that I could not doubt it for a moment.

The obligations which I have been able to take care of during the past three years aggregate so large an amount that I can hardly realize that it can be possible. And I have gone so far with matters that if I can arrange the obligations with mother I can come onto vantage ground where I can work to advantage, feeling that my burden has become comparatively light. With this obligation resting as it does now, I shall be hampered in different ways, and my courage will not be strong in the work of properly adjusting my finances. I believe a plan can be devised by which this can be accomplished with no loss to the estate, and yet result in practically setting me free from the heavy burden of finances which I have carried for years.

The plan I have evolved and talked with Bro. Mason, and which seems to us to be the only feasible one, is for Emma and me to give a note to mother for the entire indebtedness, the same to be paid, FIRST, from the \$3000.00 bequest of the will, and, SECOND, from the 10% coming to me by the terms of the will, until the entire obligation, with interest, is paid in full, with the understanding that whenever it is so that it is financially safe for me I shall pay in from my own income upon this account such sums as I can.

Neither Bro. Mason nor I can see where such an arrangement can in any way lessen the claim on me, or retard the payment of the obligation. On the other hand, it makes me safe if friendly trustees should die and other hands take the reins to drive. It will also take away the last remaining large obligation in the eyes of business men with whom I have to deal. It will also, doubtless, be the means of lengthening my life and usefulness, for such matters are beginning to wear upon me, and depress me in a way that frightens me.

Your brother,

J. E. White