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W. C. White,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:--

I have received two communications from you and will now take time to answer the same. I want to say first of all that we are very glad that you and mother will be here over two Sabbaths as stated in a recent letter from you. There are many things to be considered when you are here and we hope that some matters can be arranged to assist in the work here very materially. Then, another thing, I know that wrong impressions are out in regard to the line of work that I am doing, and there is only one way for these to be settled and that is for mother to come on the ground herself/ When she is here and sees them then she knows about them, but any report that is taken to her or written to her by any individual whatever, I do not care who it is, goes colored, and warped, so that she has no real idea of the situation as it is. It is for this reason as much as any thing that I should be glad for her to come here.

But there are other interest at stake, and I believe that Elder Daniells, and Elder Kilgore and yourself are that arrangements can be made in regard to finances which will be of lasting value to the work, and this is another great point which makes it so much to our advantage to have you, and mother, and all the others together. Now, in regard to the restitution they are quibbling over that just as much as they have ever been quibbling over it in the past. There is a question whether any restitution at all should be made, and if restitution is made where it should go, and all this and that and the other thing, that has blocked and bothered the work from

the very start, and if we can all be together, and look over the ground, and consider the necessities of the work, it will be comparatively easy to settle these matters so that they will not arise again in the work.

Now, there is one thing that I wish you would do for me, and that is to inform me just as quick as you can at what date you expect to be here at Nashville. There are a good many things which hinge upon your being here and we would like to have the appointment definite, or as near definite as it is possible for you to make it so that we can arrange for it. Now, I want to say to you, my brother, there are a good many people living in Tennessee and Kentucky, near Nashville who would be very anxious to come in if they could hear mother speak. Now, then if we could know when you are to be here, they would come in and stay with friends here at Nashville for the sake of hearing mother speak at meeting. Of course, we will arrange so that they will not weary her with visiting or any thing of that kind. Now, this of course, is one of the items. There are other things which make it really necessary for me to know in regard to this matter. So if you will look it all over and consider it carefully, then please write just what we may expect as near as you can.

I have read your letter to W. A. Reeser and will try to shape myself accordingly. I will say, however, that I do not care to have any thing more to do with Frank Belden in regard to this work. To be frank with you, and to speak with you confidentially, I do not think that he is honest in his work. He spends the most of his time mookeying around about his own business, and does just enough on the work that we give him to do so that some thing is being done and that is all. I can not stand that kind of work from him or from any other man. It was about the way that he worked for me part of the time. Now, of course, I would not have him get the idea that I have said any thing like this for the world, but it is a fact nevertheless.

If you desire to have him do any thing I wish you would correspond with him direct, or write your instructions to me and I will forward to him. The fact in the case is, I verily believe that before he can be of any value to the work he will have to change his ideas, plans, and principles from start to finish, but of this, of course, I have nothing to do at the present time. I will try to co-operate with you in making the books, Patriarchs and Prophets and Great Controversy, just as good as they can possibly be made. Did you talk with them at the Review and Herald office about sending the plates down here? I am a little interested to know whether you succeed in accomplishing this or not. I have a very good idea that they have not intended to send them down if they could possibly avoid it.

As for myself I can only say that it will be impossible for me to come East at the present time, but whatever plans you have for the work I will try to carry out, and if you have a man in New York that can do the work satisfactory, I should be glad to come in contact with him, and will do what I can to make his work what it should be so far as I am concerned. Perhaps after you have been here and laid out your plans I might go to New York and see this man, and take up other thing that might be of advantage to the work while I am there. I return Reeser's letter in this as you may desire to keep it for reference.

I have just noticed your letter that you wrote to me more carefully in which you indicate that Mother may go to Battle Creek and Berrien Springs before coming to the South. If that is the case, of course, we would not expect to see her here before about the holidays. I would say that if this is the case, I presume we can be better prepared to take care of you all than we would be if you should come at an earlier period. More than that our new chapel would be done in our new building, and that would accommodate three or four hundred people and would hold a very nice audience, and I want to say that we are glad to report a deep interest in our work and

meetings among those outside our denomination. Last Sunday night we had a meeting that has encouraged our people very much. I spoke on the power of the gospel, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation &c." I was not ready with stereoptican work at that time and so had some drawings made by our artist here, Brother Vreeland, and showed them to represent some points in the discourse and if the Lord was ever with me He was that night. Our little chapel was filled. Our own people turned out splendidly and there was a fine representation of outside people. Our own workmen outside the denomination turned out in good shape and so did others, and our people are all hearing the reports of that meeting. There were times when I was speaking, that when I would stop the house would be as still, as if there was not an individual in the room. The attention was excellent, and I find that the impression was beyond any thing that any of us expected. One man who had been opposing his wife in the truth for some time, on his way home acknowledged to her that we have the truth, and said from that time forth he was going to live a different man. There was another man present whose wife is a Sabbath keeper and he has been quite interested for some time. He is only trying to shape his affairs, so that his business will allow him to keep the Sabbath. Several others were deeply interested and are under deep conviction. I believe that the Lord is going to give us good results from the work.

I am also glad to say that the colored work is going splendidly. Some are accepting the truth, and there is a deep interest in the readings, and our colored workers are very much encouraged. We have a fine company of colored young workers here.

In regard to the week of prayer, I shall present the matter to our editor, Brother Bollman, and recommend just what you say in your letter. In fact I will give your letter to him to read, and he will bring it up in the proper way to take action upon it. ~~I note what you say~~

I note what you say in regard to the plates for Patriarchs and Prophets and Great Controversy. I am glad that you have secured action in this matter and we will await the receipts of the plates with satisfaction.

I also note what you say in regard to Steps to Christ. I am glad that they have changed their mind in regard to this, and I will write to Eld. Evans in regard to it. We certainly have no desire to infringe on their territory, but we really did wish to have this book to use in our own field. I am very glad that arrangements are being made so that we can do so.

Now, in regard to completing work on Patriarchs and Prophets and Great Controversy; as the matter has delayed and hung fire so long, I really believe that we had better wait until you come here and we have a chance to talk the matter over together. I do not care to come in contact with Belden any more unless it is necessary, and as to the full plans we can talk them over when you are here. If you and I can sit down and talk the matter over together a half hour, we can get out more good plans than we can to write back and forth for half a year, so I am very much in favor of just dropping any active work until I see you. Then if it is thought necessary I can go to New York or do any thing that is best.

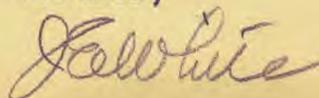
I note what you say in regard to some beneficial changes that might have been made in our circulars. Now, my brother, when you first wrote to me in regard to this if you could have suggested some such ideas I know that they would have been beneficial to us, but these circulars were ready to send out at that time, and the work was in such shape that it demanded immediate action.. I think you hardly realize the condition of the Southern Missionary Society. The General Conference has repudiated all that it ever has been doing in the past, and the Southern Union Conference has thrown a burden of work on that this Society has never bore before, and every

body has shut off every means of assistance to the work that has been done by any institution in the denomination up to the present time. This is a great commotary on the great and radical changes that were made at the General Conference just past this season. I hope that there will not many more such changes come about in the denomination.

I note what you say toward your attitude toward our work down here. I have no comments to make in regard to this, my brother, for I know that your attitude has been favorable every since we have had a chance to meet, and for you to know any thing about our desires, and wishes, and plans in regard to the work. I appreciate your co-operation in this work, and assure you that I have no disposition to criticise in this matter at all. I desire to live in harmony with all our workers, and I pray God to keep me where He may use me and be with me in every line of work. I realize that the angels of God must be with us in our work, or our work is of no avail.

Hoping that you are all well there and meeting with success in your work, I remain as ever,

Your brother,



Dictated to Graphophone.

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