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F. E. Belden,

Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Cousin:

In a letter from my wife she stated that you desired me to bring the report of that meeting held on Mother's lawn in October three or four years ago. Now I will say to you directly, first, that that letter was lost for a long time. Whether it is in the safe at the present time, I do not know: but I will say that it was given to me with the understanding that it was for myself personally, and that I had no right to place it in the hands of any one else. I certainly must respect this. I have ever refused to allow it to go out of my hands, and I cannot do it now.

Now, Frank, I want to say a few words in the most friendly manner. I will say first that the action of some people in our denomination has been a source of astonishment and dissatisfaction with me for a long time, and I have not failed to express myself candidly upon these points. But when it comes to Mother's work, I have just as much confidence in its inspiration as I ever had, and will simply say that I cannot take up any quarrel with my own people in regard to things that are being done with others, for I am not taking up any quarrel in regard to my own matters. And whatever documents that I may have that others may wish to use in any such warfare, I simply say that I cannot produce them for any such purpose. I will simply say that I have no warfare with any individual. I do not intend to have. I do not believe in that kind of business whether the individuals are right or wrong. I shall attend to my own business, and endeavor with all my might to know that I stand right, and if others take the responsibility of doing a work which

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is wrong, they will have to answer for it. I shall try to be right. I believe that this is the position for me to occupy. I am sorry matters are in the shape that they are. The situation is very serious. But one thing I know very well--I cannot change the situation. Such being the case, there is no use of my placing myself where I will be in a state of unrest and warfare continually. But in this place I am determined to leave the matter. I refuse to discuss these things with those who desire to talk them over, and I feel more than ever in all my life to leave the outcome of these things with the Lord, and if I have any battles to fight, let Him fight them for me. I hope you are doing well in your work for the Doctor. I want to see him succeed in all his efforts to help humanity, and I regard him as one of my best personal friends.

I hope to come up to Battle Creek next week. I shall do so if I can get matters arranged.

Yours very truly,

*J. White*

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