



*Carbon copy of my letter to  
Eld. Viney -*

"MORNING STAR" SOUTHERN MISSIONARY STEAMER.

VICKSBURG, MISS., APRIL 22, 1895.

REV. WM. M. VINEY,  
FRESNO, CAL.

DEAR BROTHER, --

SOME TIME AGO I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU, WHICH I OUGHT TO HAVE ANSWERED BEFORE, BUT IN ADDITION TO MY OTHER WORK WE HAVE BEEN MOVING FROM OUR BOAT TO SUMMER QUARTERS, AND I HAVE BEEN SO BUSY THAT I HAVE NEGLECTED EVERYTHING BUT THOSE THINGS WHICH I COULD NOT AVOID. EVEN TO MY MOTHER I HAVE NEGLECTED TO WRITE, TILL I FELT COMPELLED TO DO SO, AND SET UP TILL NEARLY MIDNIGHT ONE EVE. TO DO SO.

I CAN HARDLY TELL YOU HOW GLAD I WAS TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER, AND TO KNOW THAT THROUGH THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF A LETTER WRITTEN TO ANOTHER YOU HAD BEEN LED TO A STUDY OF THE GLORIOUS TRUTHS WHICH PERTAIN TO THE TIMES IN WHICH WE ARE LIVING. I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT THE BROTHER TO WHOM THAT LETTER WAS WRITTEN, WHO IS ALSO A MINISTER, HAS SEEN THE IMPORTANCE OF ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE TO GOD AND HIS WORD, AND IS NOW WORKING SUCCESSFULLY WITH HIS PEOPLE. WHAT FIELD MAY BE OPENED TO HIM I CANNOT TELL, BUT GOD HAS A PLACE AND A WORK FOR ALL WHO WILL COME WHERE HE CAN USE THEM.

IN REGARD TO THE WORK DOWN HERE, IT HAS BEEN AN EXPERIMENT TO US, FOR THE SOUTH IS NEW TO US, BUT WE FEEL THAT GOD HAS BEEN TEACHING US, AND ARE HAPPY IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HE HAS BEEN USING US IN BRINGING THE GOSPEL AS IT IS IN CHRIST JESUS TO SOME SOULS, AND THAT THEY ARE STEPPING OUT ON IT, AND OBEYING THE TRUTH. I INCLOSE A COPY OF A LETTER WRITTEN TO MOTHER GIVING A BETTER DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK HERE THAN I COULD GET TIME TO WRITE NEW TO YOU. THERE ARE SOME PERSONAL MATTERS IN IT WHICH I COULD NOT WELL LEAVE OUT, AND IF THEY DO NOT INTEREST YOU PLEASE SKIP THEM. GOD HAS A PEOPLE IN THIS WICKED CITY, AND WE FEEL SURE WE SHALL SEE A GOOD COMPANY RAISED UP HERE BEFORE IT WILL BE OUR DUTY TO LEAVE FOR SOME OTHER FIELD.

IN REGARD TO YOUR DUTY AND LINE OF WORK, I AM NOT PREPARED OR QUALIFIED TO SPEAK. BUT I HAVE SENT A COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO ELD. O. A. OLSEN, THE PRST. OF OUR GEN. CONF. WHO HAS THE CHARGE OF SUCH MATTERS ALL OVER THE FIELD, AND ANOTHER TO C. H. JONES, OAKLAND, CAL., CARE PACIFIC PRESS, WHO HAS MUCH TO DO WITH MATTERS IN THE STATE OF CAL. YOU WILL DOUBTLESS HEAR FROM ONE OR BOTH OF THESE. ELD. OLSON'S ADDRESS IS BATTLE CREEK, MICH. PRAYING THAT GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS MAY FALL UPON YOU I AM, YOUR BROTHER, *J. E. White*