

Battle Creek, Michigan

May 9, 1880

My Dear Wife,

Your long letter, giving an account of your good campmeeting, came duly to hand; and is read by all with great interest. I felt very clear in my mind that you should go to California, therefore I urged you to go. I am glad to learn that you are going to Oregon; hope you will stay till fall, when I think I shall join you in California, to spend the winter there. If you do remain, this will give me release from the campmeetings, and a chance to write, which I greatly desire.

Brother and Sister Tay are with us, and seem much pleased with Battle Creek. I have today taken them, with Mittie, to Oak Hill Cemetery, with my new team and carriage.

[Holsen?]

I am working in the garden with Henry_x and others, setting hedge, strawberries, and trimming trees, etc. I work and sweat, eat and sleep, on a large scale. I am helping Addie to make a nice flower garden.

Elder Corliss left last night for Colorado. I gave him power of an attorney to do my business if he can. Returning, he will attend the camp meetings in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Elder Decker, and perhaps Colcord, will labor in Colorado, Elder Fero in Pa., and Elder St. John in Ohio. I do not see how it's possible for a man to be spared for California and Oregon; and while you and Elder Haskell are there, I do not think the need of help is as great as it is here.

I think you take the right view of the subject, although Elder Corliss seems very much tried that he should be severely censured by the General Conference Committee, in the person of Elder Canright, for going to Virginia, without being sent by the General Conference; and now be required by you to go to the Pacific Coast on his own responsibility. I am inclined to think that we have erred in the past in reference to these matters.

Today a letter came back to you from the dead letter office at Washington, containing a draft, payable to Mary P. Foss. It was sent to Mechanic Falls. As I

suppose you would like that your sister should have this money, I will send it to her, by the address we have at the office.

I presume you are in Oregon, but as I do not know for certain, I send this to Oakland.

Your husband,

James White

(per H.P.H.)