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I am including for you several pages from Captain of the Host, a book by Arthur Spalding, a Church historian. Here you have a precious insight into the White home, and a little glimpse of Mrs. White's wisely and motherly practicalities.

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My dear Brother

It is always a pleasure to write concerning Mrs. White and the children, and the youth of the Church, for there was no contribution that she made to the denomination in which her Christlike spirit appeared with greater sparkle and luster. From the time when she began her public labors, back in 1844, till the time of her death, in 1915, she carried upon her heart the needs of the young people (see Life Sketches, pp. 41, 42).

Mrs. White was the mother of four sons, Henry, Edson, Willie and John Herbert. The youngest, John, died as an infant. The oldest, Henry, died in his teens, a converted Christian. The two middle boys, James Edson and Willie, lived to maturity and old age. Both became ministers and workers for Christ. The account of the death of Henry, Mrs. White's first born son, is more the record of glorious faith and conquest than a woeful page of sorrow. He died in Christ with his sins forgiven, gloriously saved. Both of the middle sons died faithful in Christ. The infant John Herbert will doubtless be restored to his mother's arms the morning of the resurrection.

Mrs. White was required by the pressure of her extremely important work to travel with her husband a great deal. However she did not neglect her sons and wrote to them practically every day. She secured for their care in her absence devout Christian helpers who greatly assisted in holding the character of the boys. The boys deeply loved their mother and father. And while they were not faultless, they did achieve noble Christian characters and accomplish enormous good in the world. Willie White was at one time acting president of the General Conference, James Edson opened up our work in the South among the negroes.

Mrs. White was instructed by the Lord that she must show "a special interest in motherless and fatherless children, taking some into my own

charge for a time, and then finding homes for them."--(Selected Messages, Book 1, page 34.) Many of the children who were tenderly cared for in the home of Mrs White, literally scores of children and youths, were helped through school because tuition charges were paid by Mrs White. Please note the enclosed copy of a page from Selected Messages, book one, page 34, in which Sister White records the instruction imparted to her by the angel concerning her attitude towards children and youths and the work she was to do for them.

I am including for you several pages from Captains of the Host, a book by Arthur Spalding, a Church historian. Here you have a precious insight into the White home, and a little glimpse of Mrs White's wifely and motherly qualities.

The book Messages to Young people, The Adventist Home, Child Guidance, and Ministry of Healing testify to her interest in the Christian home and the vital place that it occupies in society. The Christian home and temperance represented the two themes to which she addressed herself in her public lectures. In these two subjects she found her principal emphasis.

Mrs White could be a firm disciplinarian, but she exercised such a cheerful piety and conducted herself after such a happy and warm fashion with youth and children, that her own four sons responded to her directions with enthusiasm.

It is not too much to say that Sister White literally enjoyed the games and the innocent pastimes of boys and girls. Write to Mrs Rodgers some time, widow of a General Conference statistician and ask her to tell you the story of the pillow fight. Mrs White got as much fun out of it as the girls did.

Much regards.

Faithfully your brother,

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