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"Elmshaven,"

Sanitarium P.O., Cal.,

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% College of Medical Evangelists,

Loma Linda, Cal.

Dear Brother

Your inquiry of May 21, this year, re use of drugs, came to hand when we were endeavoring to close up MS. "Life Sketches," and we could not find time to attend to our correspondence, much as we disliked to place in a drawer, for future study, letters from our friends who deserved an immediate response.

Last Thursday afternoon the pages of "Life Sketches" were closed for the foundry, and I suppose they are now on the press, as the earlier pages have already been printed. We are devoting some time this week to our old letters, among which I find yours.

You say: "Sometime about 1890 or 1891 Dr. Caro wrote to Sr. White from Ann Arbor, Mich., in regard to the matter of the use of drugs. Sr. White replied from Australia, where she was at the time, explaining her understanding of the term 'Drug' as used in her writings. We are taking ~~mm~~ up this question with our students hwrre and having misplaced or lost the copy of the statements referred to, I am writing to know if you have on file the letter referred to and could furnish me a copy. I may be mistaken in the date as it may have been 92 or 93. It was while so many of our doctors were at Ann Arbor."

I have just looked through our indexes, and cannot find the letter in question. Nor can I find a clear-cut definition in Sister White's writings saying just what is a drug and what is not. I think this would be a difficult thing to find, although as you know it is possible, by grouping several passages, to come to certain personal convictions regarding this matter.

When Dr. David Paulson was last with us, he spent a day or two in searching for matter on Drugs, and it is barely possible he might <sup>be able to</sup> give you ~~many~~ the specific information you desire. I rather think when you come to find, if ever, the letter you mention, you will find that it is something that gives you the conviction that such and such things are drugs and such and such things are not, rather than a positively defined line between healing medicines and poisonous drugs. However, I may not be right in this conjecture. I do not feel any special ~~difficult~~ difficulty in my own mind; but in this ~~whole~~ whole question of drugs I have come to the conclusion that while Sister White's writings have been very clear in the matter, each one must study them for himself and come to his own conclusions as to just what they do teach regarding herbs, remedies, drugs, poisonous drugs, etc., etc. I am sure this is also your position, and this is what leads you to desire the letter referred to. I wish I might help you find a duplicate.

If you write direct to Dr. Paulson, he may be able to give you valuable data on the whole drug question, as connected with the writings of Sister White, as he has given this subject much prayerful thought.

I regret my inability, Doctor, to help you further just now. I trust that the quotation desired may be found sometime.

With kindest regards and Christian love, I am,  
Yours very truly,