

Edgefield, Tenn., April 9, 1908.

Mrs. E. G. White,
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Dear Mother;-

I have received your kind letter of March 31st. We hope to soon meet Brother Hare and I am rather waiting for his coming for the next move to be made in regard to the sale of the food factory. I tell you, mother, if this could be accomplished it would take care of the matters which are pressing me, and bring me relief. Physically I am feeling better this spring than for a long time but there has come a crush of financial demands which are consuming all my time to take care of, and which only the Lord is preserving me while passing through.

You see there came a payment to the bank on my home property. I succeeded in getting some money and paid them \$224.00, whereas the payment was \$500.00. They give me thirty days to make another payment, and for this I will have to scratch. If I can pay them seventy-five or \$100 they will give another extension of thirty days. If I can pay them \$150 during the next sixty days they will carry me through until I can have time to handle the matter safely.

Then comes the payment on the food factory. There are payments of this long past due and the bank is becoming urgent that the paper be taken up. I have only one proposition to make and that is to pay them the interest for three months if they will hold off until the present plans for the sale of the factory shall be matured. I hope they will accept this proposition, for it is a reasonable one.

Generally speaking my indebtedness has been decreased very largely and my business is getting into a position where it can be handled much more easily than at any time before during the last two or three years.

I thought I would write these things so that you would understand my situation as it is at the present time. Now it will be impossible for me to leave here until some of these matters are attended too and

the matter of the food factory is settled and the book "Past, Present, and Future" is brought out.

In my letter speaking of coming to California immediately I was writing under the serious depression which came after the failure of every effort to get in connection with the book men at Chicago, and under the depression caused by Ford's course with my work at the Nashville office, but since writing there is coming in an entire change in my relations with the Publishing House. They have a new Board, which Ford cannot handle, but the Board is handling him without gloves. They have given him to understand that he is put there to carry out the wishes of the Board, instead of the old position in which the Board was simply to sanction his wishes. I have had several conferences with Committees from the office and with leading men of the Board and when they come to consider my propositions they have all said that they were reasonable and acknowledged that they were to the best interests of the office. To-day the matter ~~is~~ is to be taken up with the Board in session and I confidently expect that action will be taken which will enable me to co-operate with them and be so they can handle my books in a square and honorable manner. Co-operation is what I have asked for many months and it has been denied. They have come to a place where they have practically had to shut down the work of the Publishing House because there is nothing to do, and this just at a time when I am bringing to them a line of work which, if they had accepted it before, would have kept them busy in a practical way.

Now, mother, under such circumstances I cannot feel that it will be right forme to leave Nashville now. I can help them at the office in many ways if their Board will only be reasonable, as they seem to be at the present time, and they certainly need help if ever an institution did in the world. In the past the fight made against me by Butler and Ford has been because I have spoken so strongly against the management of the institution, because I knew it would only bring disaster. The disaster has now come temporarily at least, and the Board is very much inclined to listen to suggestions and to take hold of the proposition I

have made in regard to work on books that will keep them busy.

Of course this letter is rather preliminary and I shall write more as matters develop.

Now in regard to the sale of the food factory I feel that we have a very difficult proposition to handle. The General Conference men feel that all the institutions in the South are none of them in a good, safe **foundati on**. They express themselves as questioning the policy of taking on another insitution which promises to call for considerable money and may demand bolstering up as the years go by. It is difficult to meet this proposition and how it will come out I cannot tell. If it fails, ^{may} the Lord help me, for it will put me in a very difficult place.

I enclose in this letter a copy of one that I have just written to Brother Hansen, who is one of the leading men in the food business proposition and the medical work here in the South. You have offered to donate \$500 toward the establishment of this property. I have decided to put the price at \$5,000 and to donate \$500 myself. They will then have only \$4,000 to raise, and certainly this ought not to be a difficult thing to do. This very winter I have put nearly \$1,000 worth of machinery necessary for the work, into the plant, in addition to what I have done before. At the price the property will now sell I stand to lose at least \$2,000, but it is better to do this than to be continually worrying. I shall be glad to get rid of the property at a sacrifice, because it will relieve me from a great burden and will give me money enough to put myself where I will stand on vantage ground. I must close and will promise to write more as soon as other matters develop.

I remain, as ever

Your son,

J. E. White