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Dear Mother:--

For a long time I have been planning to write to you, but every day I have been so tired and brain weary after doing the things which I have had to do that it did not seem that I could write a letter that would be worth reading. I have had a great many perplexities, but many successes. I have a work on foot now that I expect to close up the coming week that will put me out of difficulty, and I thini permanently. It has been a long, hard struggle, for the enemy has been determined that I should be held down, with no opportunity to get on my feet so that I could really do the work the Lord has given me to do. But I have been praying earnestly, and I KNOW that I have been heard. Gradually the cloud is lifting, and I believe that the Lord will bring me out on vantage ground again. I think I have learned some very valuable lessons, and that my future will make a very different showing that the past.

Emma has been confined to her bed for over five weeks. Dr. Evans th thinks all the time it is her lungs. Every afternoon she has had a rise of temperature, and this has been the case for many months. Dr. Evans said she must go to bed and stay there till this rise in temperature was stopped. I am glad to say that for two weeks her temperature has been narmal with only one exception, when it rose two-tenths of one degree, which is hardle enough to mention. Dr. Evans has insisted that she must have an open air bedroom, and Dr. Kellogg has said that for a long time. So matters shaped so that I felt safe to undertake it, and have now nearly completed an addition to the house, that has a small bedroom for me and an open air bedroom for Emma,

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and a bath room which we so much needed. Incidentally, there was room in the addition so that we were enabled to enlarge the kitchen, for it was very small. This addition is all under one roof, very economically built, but looks well, and is well adapted to the use we want of it.

Emma's room is 12 x 14 feet, with 12 windows. 2 open to the east, 5 to the south, and 5 to the west. Then there are two folding doors which connect her room with mine, and my room has 3 windows to the west and 2 to the north. With these doors open, as they will be most of the time, she will have fresh air from all four points of the compass.

One feature we appreciate. The windows are those taken out of the Morning Star. Each window has three sash, one above the other. We can raise the lower two, so as to have a very wide opening, or, in stormy weather we can keep the two lower ones closed and open the upper one, over which there will be an awning to prevent the storm beating in, even though the upper sash is kept open. Then the two doors leading into the bath room and the clothes press from Emma's room came out of the Morning Star. Then, we shall wainscoat the room about three feet high, and that will be made out of quarter sawed sycamore that was used in the partitions of the Morning Star. This lumber was donated by George Lay when we were building the boat in Allegan. So you see we shall have a lot in this room to remind us of the Morning Star. The room is nearly done, and Dr. <sup>Evans</sup> ~~Garage~~ is very much pleased with it. I think it is the finest thing in the way of a bed room that I ever saw. Not that it is magnificent and expensive, but it is so wonderfully light and airy and pleasant. It is also neat and has a good appearance from the outside. You ~~ex~~ remember the \$300.00 for which you gave me your note at Dr. Paulsen's sanitarium. Well, that money enabled me to make

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the first payment on the place which I recently bought. It is the same place I lived in when you were here. I could not succeed in making other arrangements in any other place for everywhere it would need more money to get ready than I could get together. Well, this money from you not only enabled me to buy the home, but there was enough left to build the addition to the house. I shall be so very glad to at last have a bath room in the house. My health demands some treatment every day, in the way of some kind of a bath, and I know Emma will be better when we have good facilities for baths. Emma is happy and cheerful all the time, even if she has to lie in bed during all the beautiful weather we are having.

For two Sabbaths I have spoken in the white Nashville church. My subject has been "The Mystery of Godliness." This has been one of my favorite discourses in the past, but as I undertook to prepare for the first one I found that I could cover only a part of the subject, expecting to finish the next Sabbath. But the subject became so practical, and opened up so strong, that I now find it will take two more discourses to finish it. That will four in all. The Lord has certainly blessed me in this. The attention at the church was very marked, and the interest in the subject is great. They say to me that the discourses are setting them to thinking.

I hope you are feeling well, and that all is going well with you. We enjoyed your description of the new school property. I am glad it is so near your home, for I know how you will enjoy riding up there from time to time. If matters go as well with us as it appears now, we hope to make you a visit this season.

In love, your son,

J. E. White