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

A couple of weeks ago, I took a trip to Battle Creek on important business matters and was glad to have the opportunity of a visit with my wife. I was surprised to find that during the seven months she has been there she has gained in health wonderfully. It demonstrates to me that she cannot live in Tennessee climate any longer. The Michigan climate has always seemed to agree with her better than any other,--better even than California or Colorado. I find that in seven months she has gained four teen pounds and weighs more than she has at any time in the last seven or eight years. She is also able to walk about the city just as she chooses and goes out every day, sunshine or storm, unless the weather is too severe.

While there, I made arrangements to leave here and locate in Marshall, Michigan, until future plans should be developed. I will not go into particulars in regard to the plans for the new location but I believe they are remarkably favorable. If I locate in Michigan, I shall have the opportunity to do some ministerial work among some of the churches near by. In this work I am debarred here in the South and have been for a long time.

But there is one other effort which I shall try to make and that is to bring the truth clearly before the people of Marshall. Brother Amadon told me of several people who were Sabbath-keepers and who had moved to Marshall. Some of them were almost ready to give up and he attributed it to the fact that there were no religious services there and

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nothing to hold them. He feels quite sure they could be brought back if there was some steady effort put forth in the city. Now, you have been giving instructions for a long time upon the work to be done in our cities and speaking more particularly of the larger cities; but I ask you if this does not apply also to smaller cities like Marshall, which is a city of Five or Six Thousand inhabitants and is a great many years old. Brother Amadon felt very anxious that something be done for Marshall and he felt that it was just as important a work that the people of Marshall should be stirred as the people of Jackson or Detroit who have efforts put forth for them. Marshall is not an energetic city; rents are very cheap. I could get a hall for our lectures at a very low price and, by the use of the stereopticon, I believe that the people would become interested and a good company brought out. I would like to have you express yourself in regard to this.

Now, there is one other matter I desire to present to you and that is in regard to your will. Recently my brother mentioned to me a plan that he had formed in which a certain percentage of the income from your books should go to him and a certain percentage to me, of course after your indebtedness ^{the balance going to the cause} was paid. Now, I have thought of this considerably and have decided to positively insist that my name shall not be in any way included in your will. I know the elements that are arrayed against me. I know the feeling of undying hatred that there is in the hearts of some and I am very sure that if the time ever came that any portion of the profits from your books should come to me, it would create such a feeling of prejudice against the books, against me, or against the whole proposition, as would be very difficult to meet and combat. As I said before, I positively insist that I shall be entirely left out from any income from your estate. I ask that this matter be considered prompt

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ly and that it not be left to wait, because I desire to know at once how the matter stands. I have had a stormy and unhappy life for years because of the opposition of our leading people to the work for the colored people, and this bitterness that came in at that time still continues after I have been cut out from this work. There are some of our leading brethren that cannot speak of my work without becoming venomous, and this is a term that was used by one of our leading brethren of what he had seen and heard himself. I had felt for some time that the best thing for me to do was to get away from any headquarters of the work and get where I could quietly do the work I believe that I ought to do and have a chance to recuperate and take a rest. I believe my going to Marshall will be a blessing and, I tell you frankly, Mother, I do not believe for one minute that the Lord has deserted me or will leave me to disaster as long as I seek him as earnestly as I am doing now. I would be willing to go anywhere or do anything if my circumstances were such that I could leave the work that I have on hand, but I tell you frankly it is absolutely impossible for me to let go at present without being dishonest and unfaithful, ^{I know you would not recommend that} but I am trying to cut out everything that I can and get everything as simple as I can; get where I can preach the Third Angel's Message where it will accomplish something, and let the Lord work for me as He sees best; and, whenever the time comes that it is my duty to go somewhere or do something else, I have pledged myself to do so whenever He would open the way. Now, Mother, what more can I do?

As ever, your son,

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J. E. White