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Dear Mother:==

I left my home in Marshall, Michigan Wednesday night, January 29, I reached Washington Thursday night, the 30th. There was much to do in Washington, and I stayed till Tuesday night, Feb. 11, and reached Nashville Thursday morning, the ~~12th~~ 13th.

While in Washington I received courteous, kindly treatment, and a spirit that seemed to indicate that the work I had done and could do was recognized. Such a spirit has not been manifested in the past, and I have never before felt at home in that office. Before I left the way was opened for some strong book work from me.

**First**, Bro. Palmer expressed himself as very anxious that I should, as soon as possible, bring out the book which you have talked about so much, and that is the Books of Daniel and the Revelation, with just the Bible verses at the top of each page, and notes of explanation below. More than once you have asked me to do this, for you said the matter of this book had been shown you in just that way. Now they want it at the Review Office, and Bro. Palmer told me that he had heard you in Australia, even in some meetings, telling what the Lord had shown you about it.

I think my affairs are getting into shape where I can take up this book very soon. There is one thing which has been a great source of perplexity in undertaking this work, and that is the differences of opinion in regard to some matters connected with these books. One of the most difficult is that of the **DAILY**. This is a subject about which I do not want to have any controversy. You have said that it is not a subject of <sup>vital</sup> importance so far as our faith is concerned. So I have now *decided how to treat this matter,*

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and that is to take no sides on the question in the book. I see no need of doing so, for whichever side I might take, one party or the other would object, and I propose to keep out of quarrels just so far as it is possible for me to do so. I believe I can bring out a book according to your plan that will be interesting, and will also teach the truth to very many who would not read a regular book upon these books of Daniel and the Revelation. It will be more like a commentary. I hope to be free to begin work on it soon.

**SECOND.** I have for a long time had in mind bringing out a book on the book of Daniel, to be named, "**The Story of the Hebrew <sup>8</sup>Optives.**" It will not be a book on **theology** like Smith's "Thoughts on Daniel," but it will <sup>o</sup>take each chapter and tell its story in plain, simple words, but bringing out the truths contained in the chapter in plain, simple, forceful language such as the young can understand. At the same time it can be made interesting like my other Bible story books for the young. And, when it is done we will find that **grown people will like to read it as well as the children.** I think I have a knack of making books that are so simple that the children can understand them, and at the same time it is not baby talk, and grown people are as much interested in them as ~~well as~~ the children. Neither of these book will conflict with Eld. Haspell's books, any more than his conflict with Eld. Smith's books. For myself I believe there is a crying need for both these books, and the Review & Herald people want me to get them out as soon as I can.

Well, I am here in Nashville, and there is much to look up while I am here, but I must get off within a week, for there is much to do at home. I was very successful in Washington, and hope for good results here, but I shall not meet people here, I fear, who will take a broad minded view of things as they did in Washington.

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One thing I am <sup>very</sup> glad was accomplished at Washington, and that was a full and final arrangement regarding the revisions on "**Past, Present, and Future**." That was agreed upon. Bro. Colcord and his wife will revise the chapters on **Spiritualism**, and **Christian Science**. As regards the rest of the book, recommendations have been made to me in the revisions to be made, and then I was told that even their suggestions were as suggestions, and the real work to be done would be left entirely with me. This is a condition that could not have existed two or ~~xxx~~ even one year ago. But Bro. Palmer reported to me that last year, in spite of their criticism and denouncement of the book, the sales on it <sup>in their own field</sup> were larger than on any other of the larger books, with the exception of **Great Controversy**, and one other. I came to Washington in an opportune moment. **I am very thankful. There is now hope for my book work from that office.** I shall try to establish cordial relations here at the Nashville office.

I was very tired when I got here from Washington. The strain on me there was very great. <sup>Here</sup> I have a good room, steam heated, with bath room adjoining my room. I have rested up very much since coming here, and hope my stay here will not be as hard as at Washington.

I want to come to <sup>California</sup> in the Spring if I can and make you a visit. I shall if I can possibly get away. I fear Emma will not be able to take the journey. Her hands and feet are suffering <sup>and swelling</sup> with the rheumatism, and she is making a hard fight to subdue it. Every week she goes to her sister's home in Battle Creek, and stays three days and takes treatment <sup>every day</sup> at the Sanitarium. They have been very kind to us at the San. and all treatments are, and have been for years, absolutely free.

In much love,

Your son,

J. E. White