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Mrs. E. G. White,

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Dear Mother:-

I received your recent letter written by your own hand, and was very glad to receive it. Am sorry however, that you are having trouble with your eyes, but I certainly hope it will not be permanent.

You cannot tell how disappointed I am that I have not been able to make you a visit early this spring, as I expected. But affairs which I could not control made it impossible for me to get away at this time. But I intend to make a visit soon, probably can come very soon after the General Conference.

Now, if I had come early this spring Emma could not have gone with me; she has had a severe time this winter with rheumatism in her hands and feet. The doctors think that when the warm weather comes that this will improve, and I hope that by waiting a little longer, she can make the trip with me. She wants to see you and the people at your home as well as I do. But she has been in Battle Creek now nearly three months, taking treatment. *She lives with her sister while there.* They have been able to hold the difficulty, but not to make a cure. Emma is cheerful and otherwise is feeling better. I am feeling quite well and am very busy.

Brother and Sister Stuttle are now here with me, and Sister Stuttle will work with me in making some revisions in my

~~the~~ book Past, Present and Future, and when this is done the book will have a wider sale than before. When it is revised the Review and Herald and Pacific Press will take hold and push the book. This will be a great help to me.

We had a very pleasant winter until a few weeks ago, when it became cold and disagreeable. Our March has been a cold bad month, but with the coming of April we are now having rains and warmer weather, and we hope for an early spring.

Our house sets well back from the road on a high knoll. In front of the house and beside it are many large shade trees, some of them evergreens. All through the winter we have had these green trees before our eyes, which has been very pleasant. We have also elm, chestnut, and a number of other trees, which are just beginning to bud. Underneath the trees is a lawn of grass and it makes a very pleasant home in the summer season. Our house stands high, away above everything that is around us, and we get just as pure air and as healthful surroundings, as if we were ten miles in the country. And yet we are only a three minutes' walk from the postoffice. I will have some photographs taken of our place as soon as the weather settles, and will send them to you so that you can see. The birds are building nests in our trees all over our place, and just now as I looked out of the window, I saw a little brown squirrel run on the ground from one tree to another. *We have 2 acres of land.*

There are some fruit trees on the place and ~~the~~ a nice garden patch where we raised plenty of fresh vegetables last year. And I hope to be able to take better care of it this year, and raise more. We have a fine place to keep hens and I expect to get some this spring. There is a shaded part back of our barn,

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where we cannot raise vegetables, because of the shade. We shall put up chicken wire around this, so that they will have a fine place to run. It will be very handy to have fresh eggs from our own chickens. This spring I am going to put out a few black^{rasp}berries, red raspberries, currants and goose berries. These things all do well here, and I am glad to say the soil in my garden is the best I think I ever have seen in my life.

Our house is a large one and is very old fashioned. We have a tremendous cellar under the whole house and a good furnace. We have both electric lights and gas in the house. By and by there will have to be some repairs on the house, but for a time it does well just as it is.

I brought all our carriages from the south when I came here, and last spring I brought a cheap horse to do our running around. I hope to be able to trade this for a better one this spring, for the one we have is not safe for a woman to drive.

When the weather is better Emma will come back, and we will have a home again. For nearly two months I was travelling and away from home most of the time. I went to Washington and Nashville, and to Chicago, and then I went to Washington again. I had business of importance to attend to and am glad to say I feel that my journeys were really very successful.

I remember mother, the time of General Conference at Battle Creek, you advised me to use the stereopticon in my work in the south. This I did, more or less, and it resulted in our making pictures to use in the stereopticon, for ourselves and others.

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We have been supplying these to our people for sometime, and you would be surprised to know where we have shipped. We have sent outfits of slides to Africa, two or three times, to Turkey, to Egypt, to Greece, to Italy, to Hamburg, Germany, to Mexico, to Jamaica, to Cuba, to Panama, and even way across to the Cook Is. in the Pacific ocean, as well as to many, many places in the U. S. and Canada. I have found that the use of these pictures adds wonderfully to the interest and effectiveness of discourses on present truth. In my own experience I found them of great value. When I was in Nashville I built a chapel on Jefferson St. right beside the printing office. You were there in it at one time. It had a good appearance and for years was used by our church and by the Conference. The church was not strong enough financially to build for itself, and I do not know what they would have done if I had not built it for them. But the real point I want to speak of is that for a year and a half I gave stereopticon lectures every Sunday night at my own expense. The church was generally crowded, some people walking in as far as five miles, and sometimes there would not be even standing room for the people who came. Some of the "experienced" ministers said that we could not accomplish anything in presenting a series of lectures only one night in the week, but I am glad to say as a result of those lectures, ~~some~~ ^{more} people came out and joined the church than from all the great tent efforts that were made for a series of years afterwards.

Those ministers, ^{everywhere} to whom we have sent outfits all unite in saying that it greatly increases the interest of their meetings and I feel that this work that I have tried to do in getting

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these pictures ready for the ministers has accomplished much good.

I shall try the best I know how, to get ready to come to California as early as possible after General Conference, and am anticipating a good visit with you at that time.

*In much love
Your son
J. E. White*