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Mrs. E. C. White,
Sanitarium, Calif.

Dear Mother:-

Although it is yet in October we have already had two snow storms. They would come in the night however, and melt away quickly in the morning. We have had a very pleasant fall up to the present time, but it seems to us the snow is beginning a little early this year. I don't know what kind of winter we will have but hope it will not be exceedingly severe.

W.C. stopped at our place a few hours on his way through to Washington, and seemed to be feeling well. He did not have long to stay and in fact there was not a great deal to look over with him at that time.

I want to tell you of my good fortune, for I know you will rejoice with me. You know how I have labored under a load of debt for a number of years. Part of that was money that was hired to carry on the work for the colored people, and part of it was money that was hired to bring out my books. When I came to Marshall it cost me fully \$1800 to move here and get settled. And of course it was quite a task to get started in a new place.

Now, all these things have made the work very hard for me during the two years and three months I have been in Marshall. But this year I have made four trips to Washington. In those trips I have made deals of great importance with the Review & Herald office,

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deals that brought me closer to the publishing work in the denomination than I had been for many years. They were greatly to the satisfaction of the publishing house and to myself. ~~Why~~ In all these deals I made I feel I did not sacrifice my income, but while I secured quite a bit of money in dealing with this office, I have left my royalty without interfering with it. That is, I have not sold out my royalties at all.

In my last trip to Washington, I made arrangement with Review & Herald to take care of the bulk of my obligations and gave them right to publish a certain number of my books.

Now mother, since coming to Marshall I now find that I have paid up fully two thirds of all my indebtedness everywhere, and it leaves me so that I shall not be bound down to the ground as I have been in the past. I am trying with all my might to get clear of debt and I feel that I have been blessed in my efforts to do this.

I know you are interested in my welfare and of course you are aware that I have been crippled and borne down by debt for years. I can now say that this is now so nearly paid that it will not ~~be~~ be a source of anxiety, trouble and defeat as it has in the past. I think another year will place me where I shall be free from the obligations that will press me in any way.

I am also glad to say that Emma's condition is very encouraging. A few weeks ago I bought an electric apparatus to apply heat locally, to a very small space. It is a large tin funnel with two electric lights in it. Sister Osborn is taking care of Emma and twice a day for two or three weeks she has been giving her an

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hour and a half of this heat in the morning, and another hour and a half at night. We find that the soreness is disappearing, her general health is improving, she is now having an appetite which she has not had for months, and is growing stronger in every way. I certainly feel thankful for this and if she can recover sufficient so she can be around the house with the rest of us, ride out occasionally, it certainly will be a wonderful relief. I know you will rejoice with me over the improvement.

I wanted to come to visit you so much for a good many months, but it has seemed that everything has crowded upon me to prevent it. I am now very busy in revising my book, Past, Present and Future, so that it can be ready to be ^{printed} published by our California office the Nashville office, and the Review & Herald office. This book is having a splendid sale and as soon as it comes out revised will certainly have a very large sale.

Hoping you are in even more than your usual health

J. E. White