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Dear Brother Edson:

This is Tuesday morning. I am writing from the office of the Southern Publishing Association. I came down early from Madison to arrange about having a check sent to you, and also to see what proposition Brother Pierce would make regarding the sale to the Review and Herald of printed sheets of "Coming King."

I have just written a letter to Brother E. R. Palmer and will enclose a copy to you. I wish I was free to go to Washington immediately, but I cannot leave here just now. It is true there are ten days yet before the committee of ten will begin its work, but that time will be needed in gathering information which ought to be placed before them in concise form. I feel that it has cost me too much to wait here for the committee to allow any opportunity to pass to do that which will count for the interests of the work.

You will be interested to know what we have been doing recently. We began reading "Lights and Shades" Friday morning, November 27. There were six

of us, Sutherland, Magan, Staines, Bralliar, Spaulding, and myself. We read all day Friday and resumed evening after the Sabbath and continued Sunday and Monday, closing up about Monday noon. Tuesday we took recess, wrote letters, and exercised a little. Then Wednesday we began on "Problems of the Hills." In this reading Sutherland, Magan, Miss DeGraw, Spaulding and I, and sometimes Mrs. Druillard and Mrs. Gotzian were assembled. Bollman was with us also most of the time. We could not put in full days because of the classes, but we stuck to the work very closely and finished up Sunday afternoon, December 6.

At various time the reading has been suspended and we all entered into a broad discussion regarding the work, the field, and the book. As a result many suggestions have been made. At first some of them seemed impossible to Brother Spaulding, but as he studies the matter he sees light in the proposed changes and is now making out new outlines for both books. In a day or two I will be able to send you copies of these outlines.

Last night I spent two hours with Brethren Sutherland and Magan going over the questions that are most likely to come up first in the councils of the committee of ten, and we considered various plans for gathering the information that would be needed. As we discussed the probable course of the committee

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work we have all been led to feel that whatever else might be accomplished that this committee council should result in giving us each clear views regarding the conditions of the field, the character of the work to be done, and the preparation necessary. We feel that we must turn our minds away from the question as to what men hope to accomplish in this meeting and consider more what God designs to accomplish. If we can keep our minds fixed upon his design and his plan, and we strive to see light in his light, the whole experience must prove a blessing to us and to the work in which we are engaged.

With this I am sending you a draft for \$1,930. By tomorrow I shall be able to send you a statement covering our whole transaction. You will see that I have taken out of the \$4,500 going to you the \$250 which we shall pay to the Review and Herald for the redemption of "Coming King" plates, sketches, and publishers rights. If this is satisfactory to you, I shall be glad. If you feel that you must have that \$250 for present use, I will endeavor to secure it. I did not have enough at hand so I could send it now.

Please be patient with me if you find anything in my letter to Palmer that is different than you would wish. I am very much perplexed over this matter, and sincerely hope that we may secure time to decide all questions and to make the necessary revisions by persuading the Review and Herald to buy some printed sheets

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from the Southern Publishing Association.

It is my desire to visit you before I return to California. I think my wisest course is to remain here until the committee work is over, then go to Washington and Philadelphia, then go West by way of Battle Creek, Chicago, College View and Loma Linda.

Yours in haste,

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