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Eld. W.C.White,

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Dear Brother:-

I have just received your communication of Nov 27. It finds me simply overwhelmed with work, and a world of detail to look after in closing up the book "Past, Present and Future " for the press. There is no use of going into a description of it, but it keeps me in a whirl continually. As to the book, I think that when it is completed, you will be abundantly satisfied , both as to the matter of its contents and also as to its appearance.

Now, as to the matter of my coming to the Coast, I am sometimes in a position that I do not know what to do. You and mother will be coming east sometime in April for the General Conference. It will be necessary for me to be here along about that time, as my lease expires the first of June. I must know what to do permanently then. It looks like a serious expense for Emma and I <sup>me</sup> to go clear across the continent to spend only about three months and then return.

And yet, on the other hand, it seems to me the time has come when I must take time and secure good advice as to my permanent work for the future. One thing is certain. So long as present conditions exist in the South and in the Publishing House, as they do exist, I cannot remain here and connect with these people and still be a man. This applies more to the Publishing House than to any other line of the work. And yet, in all the south there is no possible opening for me to do the work I believe God designs me to do in the Gospel Ministry. I am fully persuaded that the time has come to

make a change. I did hope that a different state of affairs might maintain in the south, so that I could remain here for a time in good feeling and in brotherly union with the lines of work being carried forward. I have sacrificed for the south, and I have planned for the south, and now I think the time has come for me to leave the south.

Again, there are lines of work that I am in better condition to attend to now than I can possibly be at any other time within a year or two if I should leave this place. There are a number of things to be attended to, and I am in prime condition to do the work right where I am. Some are as follows:

#### Gospel Primer.

This must be revised and reduced to 96 pages. It is now 128. There is considerable to do in getting the illustrations right, and in careful planning so as not to omit any of the valuable features of the present book. This I am in a position to do. I believe that with the revisions that I can make, the book will have a half million sale yet.

#### The Man that Rum Made.

The copy for this book has been practically completed for two or three years. It has been laid on one side simply because I could not get to it to finish it. I believe it will make a valuable book when completed according to present plans.

#### The Gospel of John.

This book is ready for the type work and a final completion. Quite a number of pages are already in plates, the bulk of the illustrating is done, and ten beautiful half-tones are already completed for use. The notes have already been written but will have to be revised and condensed, as the work progresses.

I think this will be a valuable book for many purposes, although it will not have a large sale.

### Spring Blossoms.

For the last few years I have been trying to complete this book, but really have had no time to work upon it. The book is being re-set, and will contain excellent matter for children, quite an amount of which will be Bible Stories. I have desired to make this book suitable to be handled by canvassers outside our denomination. *And to test the plan with it -*

From the above you can see the things which hold me here, and yet the conditions are such that I am really afraid to delay my visit to the Coast. I want to get my bearings carefully and wisely laid. I want to plan for the future in a way that will bring success, and that will relieve me from the heavy loads I have been carrying for four years in the past. To be frank with you, W.C., I never intend to gather them up again.

Another feature of the case is that the completion of this book Past, Present and Future is taxing my financial ingenuity to the very limit. I have realized on everything that I could use as collateral. I have turned in every way imaginable and I find myself in a position where it will take every resource and every scheme to the very last gasp to get through, <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ work on Past, Present and Future. I do not think it will be possible for me to sell my place this fall. I never saw my farm look so beautiful as it did last spring, and I never saw it look so bad as it does now. The Bank that holds the obligation against the farm, are very

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friendly, and do not want me to sell at a cut throat price in order to clear the obligation to them. Yet, I would sell for any decent offer that I could receive.

Now, you have the situation in a nutshell. I am in no condition financially to remain and complete the books I have mentioned. It is probable that a plan can be devised by which this can be done after General Conference. In the meantime I see no way open that is better than for me to come to the Coast and help mother what I can, and all of us get our bearings for the future.

As to "hitching my machinery onto Mother's power plant" and establishing manufacturing interests in California, I had no such thought for a moment, and never had since our correspondence about our coming this winter. The only thing I did contemplate at any time was to send on fifty pounds of 18-point Ronaldson, with head letter, and chases to lock up the forms, so that I could amuse myself at odd times in the completion of the book Spring Blossoms. This was all I had in mind when I wrote you about setting some type and having electrotyping done in San Francisco, but even this I have given up as impracticable.

I have a valuable plant, however, which I do not intend to throw away under any consideration whatever, even if recommendations should be to that effect. I am compelled to keep it intact at present because of the obligation that is upon it, which obligation is already half paid during the past few months. I should like to arrange for my photo-engraving plant to go to Mountain View, either to be sold to the Publishing House there, <sup>or</sup> for them to operate it, and me to retain ownership. I do not care how that would be fixed. The printing plant I would like to see in use at Kansas

City. I hope to see my way clear to some of these things yet. I have no desire to establish a manufacturing plant on the Pacific Coast. I have no desire to be even connected with one anywhere else, unless there were strong holdings and management that could insure caring for it without my bearing the load which I have done in the past. I think this places matters about where I am willing to leave them for the present.

In regard to matter of Elder Barry, and the work we want to do here, I am waiting for somebody to pull a string that will finally let something loose. With that will drop the matter. I will add, however, that when I see the necessities of the work which has been on my heart for <sup>days and</sup> nights, and in a burdened way write so that it will come before you and mother together, I think that it is entitled to some kind of a response. I am not yet convinced that this matter has had proper treatment at that end of the route. I have a little common sense left yet; a little knowledge of the work of the colored people, and I claim that it is entitled to respect, and I might as well have been slapped in the face, as to have the remittance that finally came, to be treated in the way that it was. I will add another thought; that with all the insult and indifference that I am receiving from the publishing house here and from other authorities in the South, I had expected something different from that end of the route.

I am not yet able to unravel the correspondence in regard to Past, Present and Future, as regards Eld. L. H. Christian. He received my letter when he was in Milwaukee, and on Oct 28th replied, saying "the letter which you sent me, and which I here return certainly does not apply to me, as I have made no such criticism on your book. You must have meant it for Eld. Mortinson, of Chicago.

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Signed L. H. Christian". I will look the matter up again, but I do not think it is worth while to bother with it any more. I shall not make any change in the book under any circumstances.

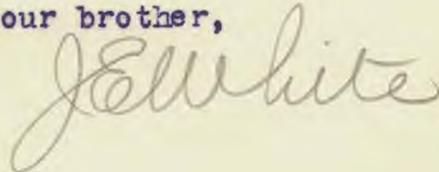
As to the price of printing the extra color on Past, Present and Future, there will be about fifteen forms of the tint. At the highest price that anyone charges, which is \$20.00, for a 14,000 run, this would amount to three cents per copy. At \$15.00, which is the price at which I could get the work done in Kansas City, it will be 2 1/4 cents per copy.

I am glad to learn that your health has improved, and hope it will continue to improve. I note what you say about not being able to get in the long hours you used to. I think the time has come for both of us that when we have put in a fair day's work it is economy, both of health and of real results, to let that suffice. I do not undertake for myself, any more work at night.

I will get together the photo-engravings for C.O.S., as quickly as possible, and send them to the Pacific Coast, as you direct.

As ever, your brother,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. C. White". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "As ever, your brother,".