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Eld. W. C. White,
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Dear Brother:--

I was very glad to receive your card written at Huntsville. I verily believe your visit with Elder McVagh was a very important matter, and some way I have been feeling that perhaps it was best for me to remain right here at Nashville and co-operate with the Publishing House provided they show a willingness to co-operate in regard to juvenile books. I believe they are now in a frame of mind to be reasonable. I believe now that a department can be arranged to take that special line and care for it. Several things which have occurred recently leads me to think that Ford will take an entirely different course than he has in the past, and that we can work with him to build up this branch of the work. I say to you now that there has been nothing in my heart which for years would have prevented me from co-operating completely with him in the work of the office, provided he had been willing to co-operate.

Now, Will, as you know I have made every feasible effort to open the work in some other field, but so far without success.

Prof. Sutherland allowed me to see what you had written to mother in regard to my work here. I was very glad he did because there are some sentiments expressed by you in that letter which have helped me in some of my own plans, and yet I cannot say plans exactly but to clear the view point in regard to my future work.

There has been in my mind all the way through a feeling that I ought to stay here until my status in the work in this field was settled and, as mother expressed it, that my influence was strengthened here, and that I could leave while standing on vantage ground.

Of course the situation has been almost intolerable and my inclination has been to get away somewhere as quickly as possible; but as you know, every avenue would close as soon as I would attempt to enter it, and some way I am thrown right back on practically abandoning the juvenile books or to form some connection with the Nashville office.

Your card, stating that McVagh was favorable to planning especially for juvenile books was right along the same lines. To tear up here and move to another place would be to put back my regular work for many months. I have so much that is so near completion that I want to see it finished. It seems to me that if I can stay right here in Nashville and work quietly and with small expense, that that is the thing for me to do at present. When McVagh comes home we will meet and consider the situation and see if anything definite opens.

There was a suggestion which you made last October which I know is a good one. It was to make a prospectus of my juveniles showing them all in one prospectus so that the young people in the churches could have a fair chance at them. I saw the point in the proposition. Some time later you expressed yourself as surprised that I did not take a practical interest in it. Now I will tell you about that.

I had set out to finish my book. All along during my efforts in this direction, feasible things would come up and I would turn my attention to them. And every time it would result in using up the time and brain force needed on the book. Therefore, I decided that no matter what it was, I should undertake nothing that would take my time and energies until the book was done. There are only a few hours a day that I am able to give to literary work and I felt that this should be concentrated upon this book. It was not that I under-valued the plan that you proposed. It was simply because I dared not ~~to~~ take the time which I knew it would take to carry through a proposition of that kind. I knew it meant a regular fight with Ford at the office to get anything done and that the brunt of the whole proposition would rest upon me. It can be worked in the future I am sure to good advantage.

You will be interested to know about the sales that were pending while you were here. We expect to close up the farm deal today. Have been delayed in getting abstracts of property. I cannot think of anything that would delay this matter beyond today.

Yesterday morning I had an interview with the man who desires to purchase the photo-engraving plant. He seems to be a man of considerable experience and says he has plenty of backing. He seemed very favorable to the proposition and I think we shall be able to close the deal with him in a few days.

I hope to hear a good report from Huntsville in regard to the machinery there. If all these things can be done it will be a great help to me at this time.

Shall send 8-12 pages Spanish N. T. Pr. proofs to Forga As ever, to morrow - He shall get on with this nicely.

Your brother,

Jewell