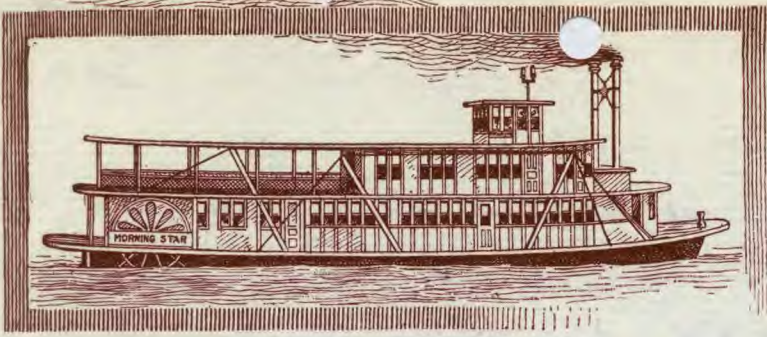


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J. E. WHITE, MASTER.

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Elder W..C. White,  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Brother,---

I received your letter of the 15th inst' and was glad to know of your safe arrival, and of your good day last Sabbath. Hope you had a pleasant time at Boulder. I sent several things there among which was an express package of papers and letters, and a registered letter from Rothwell, containing draft, and those three one pound bank notes which you left with him. I also sent two or three letters which seemed to be required as matters developed after you left. I hope you received them all.

Just as I was packing up to leave Chicago I found those cuts <sup>proofs of</sup> which ~~Reaser~~ <sup>Reaser had</sup> made for mother's book. You gave them to me to show to Frank, and they got under a pile of ~~pile of~~ other things so they were overlooked. I shall send these with some other papers which I found at the Review Office, to you at Oakland.

I will visit Elder Tenney in his home as you request, and do the best I can. Before your letter came I had a talk with him in regard to mother's letter to F..B. He did not seem inclined to give up the letter, but I will have another talk of with him, and see what can be done.

I went up to your house to see about the furniture . I gave them the old lounge, as you requested, but when I found out their ideas about rpieces of other furniture, I concluded it best not to try to deal with them. They wanted to pay 50 / for the big rocking chair, 30/

for a commode, and this was only giving them away. I concluded to bring them to the house, and either sell them for something near what they were worth, or use them myself, and pay you for the use of them. The use of them this season, while I am here, is worth more to me than they offered to pay for them, and buy them; but I will write you more of this before you leave California.

Sister <sup>Burnham</sup> ~~Burnum~~ has several chapters ready, and Corliss and I will begin work on them pretty soon. I have an appointment to meet Corliss at 9 this morning to talk with him about the book, and I am to meet Eliza Burnum this afternoon at 2. I had a talk with Dr. Paulson the other day, and he is preparing matter in regard to the effect of the mind on disease, and promises it so that I can get it to you while in California so that you can take it back with you.

The slides are being made for my stereopticon lecture, and I hope soon to be doing something in this line to give me a little financial relief.

I am preparing some chapters <sup>for my new book</sup> ~~on~~ and <sup>and</sup> the list of subjects for my new book which I hope to send you in a day or two. I am disappointed in the work of F. B. on this book. I find she has been taking the simplicity out of it, and bringing in her ideas of fine rhetoric, and beautiful language. I shall nip that immediately. I want good language, but it must be simple. Her sentences <sup>in</sup> trying to ~~bring my~~ <sup>do</sup> work over have made them long and complicated, ~~and that would kill~~ and that would kill the <sup>usefulness</sup> of the book immediately. I find that Ballenger has been having her do some work <sup>in the</sup> ~~for the~~ "Sentinel" and she tried the same thing on him. He told her plainly that she had failed utterly in reaching the object desired, and that she must do the work over again. This she did, and the second time prepared something that was excellent. I think a good talk with her will make this matter all right.

Eld. Corliss is very anxious that the arrangements for the

publication of his book be made with Pacific Press. He does not like the tone or manner of review and Herald at all. As soon as something definite is arrived at, he is ready to go to New York to spend a month with Reaser, looking up cuts, etc. I think from all that I can see that

his idea of the place of publication is about right. Whatever you desire me to do with this book, I wish you would write out plainly so that I may know just what you desire of me. I find my memory to be seriously at fault in many of such things, and you can dictate your plans to a stenographer, and give me an idea of just what you would like to have me do. *Make any suggestions coming to your mind. They will aid in the work I have to do.*

I was met by Boggs the other day in regard to "Fireside Sketches". He has been to some of the camp meetings and find it impossible to handle them at the prices that has been given him of 30 or 33 cents. He says he could close out the whole lot for 19 cents per copy. I told him that I was going to the Michigan meeting to make some sales. He said he was going there for the same purpose, and was prepared to make proportionally low rates on Review and Herald books. I saw at once that this would cut off the possibility of me doing anything at the prices given me. He said that he would include "Chips and Sticks" at the same price. His proposition was to give us the returns as fast as the books were sold. I told him that that would not do. That under the circumstances I was willing to give my consent to sell the books provided the whole amount could be placed to mother's credit on account. After consultation they finally agreed to do this. It will place about \$300.00 to the credit of the old Central Man'f Company's account. I would not have done this, but Boggs told me that you had agreed with him to cut the prices *our books in* on the same proportion as the Review and Herald cut their prices. So far as I could make out this was about the proper proportion they were holding on their books, and looking at from another standpoint, you will see that the bringing in of the old

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sticks" for which we did not expect to receive anything will make up a large amount of the difference, and I do not consider the difference which remains would be much more than the cost of trying to sell them ourselves. I feel sure that you would have agreed with me had you been here, and yet as I say I would not have taken the responsibility of selling them at this price were it not for the statement made by Boggs about what you told him.

I do not know of anything further to bring to bring to your notice this time. After seeing Elder Tenney, Corliss, Elica Burnum, and F. B., I will write you again.

Yours brother,

J. E. White

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Later:- I have seen Corliss. He had just received a letter from you outlining your plan with him. He was pleased and satisfied with it. He wants me to go to New York with him when he goes. I really believe this will be best. But he will not go until he hears from you about mss. I sent express package to you to-day with mss. and other things. It was sent you, in care of Pacific Press. If undertaken by you give me full instructions about Fannie, how she is to be paid, etc. Also what you want me to do. It is better to have such matters in writing. The original mss. of Corliss book is at P.H. The carbon sent may be a little dim, but the copy finally will be plain & clear. It may be necessary to explain this to P.P. J.E.W.