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New York, N. Y.

Dear Mother:--

I want to tell you the condition of Will Wales and of his father. I will say that his father began to see his mistake even before I heard from you, or before he learned of it, and was preparing to try to make things right as nearly as he could, although he has done work that he can never make right.

I did not intend to let the old man Wales have a copy of your letter or read it, but I sent a copy to the Elder of the church there who is having considerable trouble with him, and the condition came in such a shape that he finally read your letter to him, and Brother Wales broke all down, and then read what he had been writing to me and his son in regard to the situation, and the victory was won according to the opinion of the Elder of the church. Now, if Brother Wales can learn a lesson from this and feel that he has not a duty to meddle with ever thing wherever he is concerned, no matter what it is, it will probably do him good. I know his disposition in this respect, and I fear that he will be a source of annoyance wherever he is, but I believe that the man wants to do right if he only knows how.

I am very glad to learn that you and Willie expect to come through here and expect to remain over two Sabbaths. The people here will be very glad to see you and our chapel will be ready for dedication, and we will be glad to attend to this when you are here.

I am feeling quite well, but Emma is suffering from an ~~at~~ attack of the old Malaria which has been lurking in her system ever since the long

experience in Mississippi. I do not think that it is any thing serious, and think that she will recover in a very few days.

I am glad to say that the spiritual interest here are on the up-grade very materially. I was very much pleased, and so were all of our people, at the success of the meeting last Sunday night. I spoke on the power of the gospel, and stated that if we wanted to know the power of the gospel, we wanted to know just what the power of God was, for the gospel was is as great as God in power; because God and His throne is behind it, and the apostle said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation."

I brought up a number of illustrations, such as Jonathan and his armor bearer putting to flight the Philistines, and Gideon, and some matters of that kind. The people were wonderfully interested, and in it I brought out lessons constantly in regard to absolute obedience to the word of God, and stated that the word of God was the power of the Gospel written out, and that it was just as powerful as the word of God was ~~that~~ which created the world in the beginning. It had a wonderful impression upon the audience. At times when I would pause a moment, you could not hear a single rustle, it was just as quiet as if they were all dead. Our people are very much encouraged over this, and I am very much encouraged myself. I am trying as hard as I can to prepare for a stereoptican lecture to be given day after to-morrow night, that is Sunday night, and we hope to have a good audience and to make a good impression.

I am glad to learn that you stood the journey so well and that you are feeling as well as you are. I have asked Willie to write to me some of the particulars as to when you are expected here, as some of the people round about here want to come in at that time.

As ever your son,

*J. E. White*