

Copy for MAM

1025 Jefferson St.,
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Dear Mother:-

I wrote you quite a long letter yesterday, but I find there are some things I omitted, so will write again to-day.

I will say first, however, that I telegraphed you at Waitsburg, and in the telegram expressed thanks for your kindness to our work here, and stated that no money had been received. In your letter before this, you stated that you had some \$500 which would be sent as soon you could get into bank. We have expected it every day, and cannot understand why it has not come. Our work now is in a critical place, and there is no mistaking the matter that it must have money to carry it forward.

We are going very carefully in all our work. We are counselling in everything that is undertaken. We have just had a meeting of the Southern Union Conference, and they are well pleased with everything that we are doing. We are sure that the Lord is leading us in our work.

It may look as though we are undertaking a great many things, but we have undertaken none but such as were contemplated when you were here. The addition to our office is necessary. You, yourself, advised that we buy the colored sanitarium building if we could do so without difficulty. There is only one new thing come up, and that is the change of the house we live in. We have rented a place that is properly located for our medical work, and which we expect will grow into a Sanitarium. We shall give up the house we were living in when you were here, and all of us move into the new house we have rented. Dr. Otis will begin his work, and as the rooms are needed for patients, our people will go out, and in this way it can have a healthy growth without incurring extra expense. The Union Conference pay the salary of Dr. Otis, so you see the whole thing is accomplished without increasing expenses.

In regard to the matter of the sanitarium for the colored, there is no using trying to establish that without money. It is simply impossible. But, I am glad that we have with us a good company of careful people, and I hope that our General Conference men will get over that everlasting distrust, and let facts prove that the work is being done on a practical, sensible business basis.

I have said to you before that our Denomination has never established so ~~an~~ important a work with so little money, and I have also said to you that there are only a few of our institutions that stand on so good a financial basis. And, I have been led to express myself that in our work we have no trouble when we come to the people, we have no trouble when we come to our Conference, we have no trouble with people who will come and look over the field who are willing that what they see will influence them, but we have always had trouble with those who would neither examine ~~ours~~ our work, or accept any evidence of what we are doing. The Lord is blessing us, and giving us union and harmony, and we feel that success is sure to attend our efforts.

Now, Mother, you have expressed in some of your letters a fear that I would use those things which you have given, in a way that would bring injury to the work. I hope you will not feel this way any more for there are very few who have ever seen them, and those are only such ones as are intimately connected with me in the work, and ought to know the light that has been coming in regard to it.

More than this, I have been very careful of all my words to those people who have not been in sympathy with my work. I do not antagonize them in any way, and I do not intend to do so. By the help of the Lord I shall go forward, and do my duty as God may show it to me, and I hope to have grace to pay no attention to the opposition which shall come

from any source. I am trying to take the position which you have outlined, and I feel sure that it will bring success.

But, there are some things I want to mention to you. First, I will speak of the talk you gave before the General Conf. Committee at Battle Creek. You mentioned the \$11,000 donation, and the use that had been made of the money. At the close of your remarks, Elder Evans stated that that money had gone into the Huntsville School. I am in a position to know that that statement is false. And this from the fact that the money was borrowed to buy this property, and this debt is still unpaid. Now Mother, I am astounded when I hear statements of this kind coming from our leading brethren who certainly know the circumstances better than I do. And right along these lines, come statements made by C.H. Jones when I was with you at St. Helena, How our people can ~~behind~~ hide behind such statements as this, is more than I can imagine.

There is another thing, at the close of that talk you gave, which has since been thrown up to me. You had been talking about the Hospel Primer, and said that this matter had not been healed. I was told that Eld. Evans, in his conversation with you at the close of the meeting, informed you of what had been done by the Office, and he reports that you said that that was sufficient and all right. Now, this was not the way you talked the matter to me when I met you afterward. I am not writing all this because I am calling for more restitution, but I am writing it simply to tell you of the facts. I desire you to know how they endeavor to get you to speak of things, and then twist them so that they can say that your previous talk did not mean anything really. As for myself, I have no efforts to make to get any of our institutions to do anything for our work. I feel that our work now is with the people, , and if these men still desire to go on as they have, it is no business of mine.

We are all well quite well here, and are enjoying our work very much. At our meeting of the Union Conference Committee, Bro. Palmer was given a ministerial license, and I was very glad they did. I think it was quite an encouragement to him. Bro. Barry was also ordained at the same time.

I nearly forgot one thing, and that is the action of the Gen'l Conference in regard to the paper, "The Sentinel of Liberty." It was voted that it should moved from Chicago to Nashville, and issued only as a quarterly. Of course, this means the death of the paper, because no surer method could be taken to kill it than to treat it in that way. Of course we will publish the paper for them if they desire, but is it best that the paper should be put into our hands to die? If they do not want it a weekly, it seems to me that it should be made at least a monthly. Elder Bollman who is with us, and who is one of the Editors of that paper, has spoken about it, and is anxious to know how you felt about the matter.

Now, there is another thing. You remember the talk you had Memphis in regard to Elder Stone, president of the Tenn. River Conference. Two especially of the people who were present at that time, are inclined to be almost fanatical and to run matters into extremes. One of them reported so that it reached Bro. Stone that he had had one testimony from you and would soon have another. With these people nothing that Bro. Stone can now do, is accepted by them, and I have no doubt but the whole thing will come out sooner or later in as objectionable a form as possible. I have done what I could to quiet matters, but I fear that I shall not succeed. Bro. Stone now seems to be doing excellent work. He has stood by our work at Nashville nobly. There was a real crisis here with the Conference Committee, brought about all think by Eld. Sharp. Through it all Bro. Bollman and Bro. Stone stood firm for our work, and the

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thing came out all right with good feeling. Bro. Stone has done excellent work in this Conference, and these are the only things from which I can judge. As to his fitness for his position from other standpoints, I have no knowledge of course, and have no expression to make; but I fear that a combination is working to crush him if possible. I believe Bro. Stone is sincere and earnest, and if he had wrong, I believe if it was presented to him he would take his stand properly. But, it ought to come from you and not from those people who are giving trouble to the work here in other ways.

Now, pardon me, Mother, I have mentioned things in this that I should not have done, but we are making every effort in our power throughout the South to have harmony among all the workers in every Department, and it is this anxiety that leads me to write these things.

Hoping that you are well, and that the work is going well at your hands, I remain, as ever,

Your son,

J.E.W.

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P.S.,-

I send one copy of this to Oregon, and another to Oakland, so as to be sure to reach you.

J.E.W.