

Mother, I do not want to be a grumbler. I feel that I have made mistakes in this direction in the past, but I want to make sincere, earnest work for the kingdom, and come into the place where the Lord can use me fully and wholly in his work. I want to know what is right in the matters that are perplexing me, and then I must take the proper course in regard to it.

But I cannot understand why it is as soon as I turn to try to serve the Lord and work in his cause for the uplifting of the degraded and the despised, that on all and every hand I meet with the cold shoulder and an utter lack of co-operation. The work I am engaged in is slighted above all other branches of the work, and the means I try to set in operation to supply the work with proper facilities is discriminated against, fought against, duplicated, rivals put into the field, and in all ways possible neutralized. I sometimes weary of the struggle under such circumstances. It seems so unnecessary. Why is it? Is it a social crime, or a religious error to endeavor to build up a work among such people as I am laboring among? Is there a color line in the North worse than that in the South? Must the work be continued all the way through on the same basis? The Lord has spoken often enough, and plainly enough,--will our people ever harken?

Now, in speaking of opposition as I have I refer to the opposition of our leading institutions with whom I come in contact. When I meet our people I do not have such difficulties to meet. They seem ready and anxious to know the situation, and are in a measure ready to do for the work, but the opposition is such that I do not want to go to the people. I would so much rather use the income from my books if it can be properly fixed so that it will not be interfered with.

Well, I must leave the matter with the Lord. I am seeking Him earnestly that He will give me the wisdom necessary to keep my place and do just the work He wants me to do, but to lie dormant because my work is made hard is something I cannot do, and I MUST still press forward.

It is probable that my printing outfit will be combined with the College outfit, and the Gospel Herald printed there. It will put behind it an institution that has a standing, and men who meet the people and have influence with them. Then, the paper is published for the purpose of calling the attention of northern people to this work in the South. This creates prejudice in the South, for they open every batch of papers sent out and know what is said in them. It will be much better to have the paper printed and mailed from the North. The fact is, my health is such that I suppose more than half of my time must be spent here in the North. I can still work in the South and oversee the work, but I can do much more for the work by being part of the time in the North. Prof. Sutherland is in favor of my joining with the College in the work, assisting in the preparation of teachers occasionally, and feels that I can aid the work better by being here in the North a part of the time. I am not sure but he is right about it. But I want to do just what the Lord would have me do.

I am receiving calls from the churches around to go to them and speak to them, and also to tell of the work in the South. This may be part of my work. But I also have a burden to bring out a lot of simple, finely illustrated books that can be bound in different styles, one of which shall be cheap for the trade and the masses.

But I must not weary you more. I think you will have no complaint to make that I have not written you this month. But it has seemed that I must at this time pour out all I had in my heart and on my mind. I hope I have not been wrong in it. I ask God to bless it, and I pray that the Lord may send something that will bring some sort of relief to the situation. I feel now that my duty is done, so far as writing is concerned. I shall now work to the end of bringing relief through the channels that are open to me. J.E.W.

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I never can know what will turn up, or what the devil will work up on us. At Calmar where there was the mob violence I have been trying to calm matters so that the difficulty would die out. And our very quiet is becoming a cause of alarm to them. They are thinking that I am away somewhere working on a case at law so that the State will take up the matter and prosecute those connected with it. This makes them very uneasy.

They know that Bro. Olvin, the man who was whipped is the strongest witness that could be had, and so are planning to get rid of him. This is a common thing in such cases. Many colored men are killed each year to prevent them from giving damaging testimony in court. I have written to the leading man in the vicinity assuring him that we have no reprisals or law suits planned. I hope this will change the situation.

But now comes up another thing. The people who have charge of the road work in Bro. Olvin's district are trying to arrange to warn him to work on the Sabbath, and he says he will die first before he will do it. The penalty is imprisonment for a long time. But he can buy off from his road work for the whole season for \$10.00 in money. He does not want me to send it, and is willing to take his chances in the matter, but it is very important that they have no opportunity to get in any of their work if we can prevent it. So I sent him the \$10.00 to-day out of my own pocket. May the Lord hasten the day when the fund that he said must be provided for such emergencies shall be raised so that I must not keep my nose on the grindstone all the time in order that the work shall not be driven out of the country and made of none effect.

Truly this is an awful field, but the work must be done. We see as we get the testimonies in regard to the work in a form where we can study them, that there are mistakes that we have made, and that we must change in some respects. This we shall try to do, for we know that we must work in God's lines if we would have his blessing.

J.E.White.

You don't know what it is in Australia to be short of means in your work as compared to the Southern field where we are — You have some things — we have practically nothing.