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Dear Brother Olsen:--

I am sorry that we did not think to go by the post office on our way to the train, for when I went there there were three letters for you, and I am not certain that Chattanooga will reach you promptly, but they will know where you are and if necessary they will forward to you.

In the same mail I received a letter from Bro. Cleveland,--the one I mentioned to you about coming back to this field. He is really the best worker we had here, and is acquainted with the work, and we need him in the field. I think it would not be a bad idea to let him go into the little places near here as opportunity might offer and see what can be done. But Bro. Halladay is getting his hands so full of work that it might be best for him to work here a few weeks while we are making a special effort, and then leave Bro. Halladay here and have Bro. Cleveland go with us in opening up new fields. I am sure that with him we will have all the force we will need for the present, unless some good colored family like Bro. and Sr. Young at Ottawa. I feel that the thing we now need the most is some good refined colored workers. If Bro. and Sr. Young came down I would take special pains to go over the work with them and give them the benefit of our experience in reaching the people, and how best to open up the truth to them. I am satisfied that such colored people can add double to the effectiveness of the work at the present status of it than an equal number of white people. I hope an effort will be made without delay to get these two colored people down here.



The following is something of a quotation from the letter from Bro. Cleveland:--

"I was glad to gear of your encouragement in the work. I was also glad to hear that the prejudice is dying away. You will now be able to do more and better work than in the past. I guess people are beginning to realize that you have come to stay, and that you are there not for their money, but to do them some good--to help them physically as well as spiritually. I tell you, Bro. White, we may be thankful that the Lord gives us the privilege to engage in this work. What a blessing it is that we can be a blessing to others. / / / / /

"I believe the work among them, in the future, will advance a hundred fold, for every one I meet seems to have a burden for that people. I am to talk to the B.C. Sabbath-school upon the subject. . . .

"If you need any more help down there in the shape of workers, I would be glad to come if satisfactory arrangements can be made to that end. At present I am enjoying the Bible school, and learning a great deal that will better fit me for the work in the future."

Signed, W.S.Cleveland, 15 Walters Ave , B.C.M.

I was very glad to get this letter, and thought that if I sent these selections to you it would give you some idea of how he ~~stands~~ stands in regard to the work, and might open the way so that the arrangements might be made right away for him. I know how he stands. He does not feel that he ought to come down here dependent on canvassing for his support. He expects to do this to open up the way for Bible work, but desires to have an assured support so that he can feel free to give as much time to Bible work as the situation demands.

Your brother,

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