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Mrs. E. G. White,

"Elmshaven,"

Sanitarium, Cal.

Dear Sister White:--

We are in the midst of our council, and I am terribly pressed with work, but I must take a minute this morning to tell you what a wonderful blessing your communications have been to our council. Never were messages from God more needed than at this very time; and never were messages sent from him to his people more to the point than those you have sent to us. They have been exactly what we have needed, and have come at just the right time from day to day in our council. You can never know, unless the Lord himself causes you to know it, what a great blessing your communication regarding "The Living Temple," has been to us. It came at just the right time exactly. The conflict was severe, and we knew not how things would turn. But your clear, clean-cut, beautiful message came and settled the controversy. I do not say that all parties came into perfect harmony, but it gave those who stood on the right side strength to stand, and hold their ground.

But the most wonderful of all was the message we received yesterday morning, written August 4, and copied October 12, addressed to the leaders in our medical work. Dr. Kellogg had been with us two or three days. His attitude had brought more or less confusion in the minds of a number of our ministers -- men who do not really know where they stand.

>Your message came on just the right day---a day earlier would have been too soon. I read it to the council yesterday, and it produced a most profound impression. <At the close of the reading one of the ministers arose and stated that he felt impressed to ask all who proposed to take a firm stand with Sister White in this great struggle, to arise to their feet. Nearly every person in the room arose. As I read your words about having, at your advanced age, to take such a great burden upon your heart, it touched the hearts of our ministers very deeply. I believe there is a strong resolve on the part of all to consecrate their hearts anew to God, and take hold of this thing with a firm hand, and stand by your side in the conflict.> As for myself, when I received this last communication, I could only sit and weep. For a whole year I had been under a terrible mental strain. I had seen the evil thing, but had not dared to say all that I knew ought to be said. I could not surrender an inch of ground. I knew that it would be wrong to do so, and yet many of my brethren misunderstood me, and charged me with a hard, unyielding spirit, and with a desire to make war. But I had come to almost the limit of endurance. I had become so nervous that it seemed as though I could not get through this council without being prostrated. But this communication calling our brethren to take their stand, brought great relief to me, and the terrible load that had at times almost crushed me, has, in a measure, rolled off from me.

Now I feel that the situation calls for great care. We must humble our hearts, and walk softly with God, and deal with this situation with great wisdom. But, as you say in your communication, while we must be as calm as a summer evening, we must be as fixed as the everlasting hills.

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We are praying for you. We know that God is with you. These messages you are sending are so clear, so pointed, so applicable, that every one can see that God has revealed the situation clearly to your mind. Great confidence is being established in the hearts of our workers in the Spirit of prophecy. This is true not only of our ministers, but of all our people. From the day we began to move out of Battle Creek, faith and confidence and assurance in the Spirit of prophecy began to come to this denomination. I believe God is preparing for a great work, and I believe that in the closing struggle the great masses of this denomination will stand by your side, and walk in the light God gives them through you.

This is all I can write this morning. Our hearts are made glad, and our courage is strengthened. I shall write more fully regarding details in a few days.

Your sincere brother,

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