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Medical Missionary work in 1900 A. O. Tait letter of W. C. White
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"One of things that set me to thinking along this line, is what seems to me to be an urgent necessity in the way of bringing about plans that will enable us to keep pushing the work as a whole, and not pushing some thing clear beyond the bounds of reason for a while and then stop that and push something else for a while, and so on. You know two or three years ago nothing was heard of except our medical missionary work; but now that seems to have been dropped and it looks as though our colleges were about to have an inning, for they seem to be the thing talked about more than anything else. Now in order to push the colleges to the place they should occupy, why is it necessary to drop the medical missionary work? In fact I understand that Dr. Kellogg is very much discouraged at the present time over the way things are going, and I know this is not from the Lord. The medical missionary work was divinely appointed; it has been an important feature in connecting with the third angel's message from the very beginning and while some new phases have been added to it during the last few years, yet they were simply the development of what was shown in the very inception of this message should be carried on among this people. And because some cautions were sent in regard to that work being pushed a little bit out of due proportion, why is it necessary to drop it altogether? It seems to be the pendulum-like tendency of our people to swing from one thing to another. First the canvassing work is boomed and that is all the go, then the Bible work must have an inning, and so on. It seems to me, Brother White, that this is simply one of Satan's schemes to keep us in this old world a good deal longer than the Lord desires. We ought to lay our plans to push the work as a whole; and while I do not believe that everything will be turned loose on "Christ's Object Lessons: to the exclusion of every other line of work, yet it seems to me that that will be the tendency unless matters are guarded a little. Now why is not this a splendid opportunity to demonstrate that "Christ's Object Lessons" can be sold clear beyond everything that has ever been sold in the past; that the college debts can be lifted, and that the very work that the Lord has outlined can be done; and yet every other line of the work can be enjoying greater prosperity than anything that has ever been heard of ;in the past? I think that careful study should be given along these lines, and that plans should be laid which will make everything effective." Signed) A. O. Tait.