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Mrs. E.G. White,
Sanitarium, Cal.,

Dear Sister,---

I received your letter of August 29, inquiring in reference to the Los Angeles camp-meeting. This was the largest meeting ever held in Southern California, there being nearly three hundred family tents pitched on the ground; on the Sabbaths there must have been nearly two thousand people gathered together. The work has grown greatly the last two years in this part of the state. On the whole, the meetings were well attended, considering the time they continued. The outside, attendance, however, was not very great, as the meeting was on the outskirts of the city. Quite a number, however, were baptized; I think about sixty at the close of the camp-meeting, many of them being younger members. The meetings among the young people were especially good; many gave their hearts to the Lord.

The business meetings were a great perplexity and a wearing load from beginning to finish. There was an incessant battle kept up against Loma Linda, both publicly and privately. Certain ones seemed to feel it their special mission to fight the work being done here. However, the Lord gave me grace to keep quiet most of the time; occasionally I tried to give a word of explanation, which was invariably met with a storm of opposition. I therefore finally concluded the least said, the better, and waited the outcome. Just at the closing meeting, your communications sent to Brother White were read to a few of the most prominent opponents, which silenced

things and changed the opposition quite a little; some of them came and made acknowledgements. I trust a change will now be brought about, although the people at large were left in uncertainty and perplexity, as nothing was said openly.

When the letters sent were read to Elder Reaser and myself alone, it came as a shock to him. He evidently had not seen himself in that light before. He simply said: "Well, I will resign from all these boards and attend to my legitimate business, I supposed the people elected me to carry out the financial policy for these institutions; but if I am relieved from it, I am happy, and I shall be glad to let others wrestle with the problems."

We had a long council over the Paradise Valley institution. The Conference finally appointed a committee to take the institution, if satisfactory terms could be arranged for. Some of the committee were anxious that matters should be settled very reasonably with the stockholders; others were in for cutting down the price of the institution. Nothing definite was done except to make propositions, first, from the stockholders to the Conference Committee, and then from the Conference Committee back to the stockholders. I think that the propositions in their final summing up differed only a few hundred dollars, but so far these were only proposals, and nothing final was arrived at. I hope that plans may be consummated sufficiently to arrange for the Paradise Valley Sanitarium to come into the same relation to the Conference that the other institutions now hold. I feel sure that it would bring greater harmony to the work throughout. The opposition to this ~~man~~ came mainly from those who advocated a cash policy for all our institutions, quoting the text, "Owe no man anything." I simply

pointed out to them that the only way to discharge our debt to humanity was to follow the light the Lord had given us in establishing memorials where they could come in touch with the truth; it was our duty to go as far as we could in freeing these institutions from heavy obligations. While heavy conflict raged throughout the entire camp-meeting, I believe as the meetings closed up, a real victory came in as a consequence mainly of the quiet attitude taken on the part of those who were being reprimanded by a few leading men, and the light that came in the special communications from you. I feel greater hopes for the success of the work now than ever, if possible. And yet I have never been discouraged, although at times heavily burdened and cast down because of the attitude taken by some of the brethren. We feel grateful to the Lord for His continued mercies, and evidences that He is leading in the work in this field. I especially appreciate the communications in reference to the work to be done among the W.C.T.U.

The prospects for students the coming year are very good, and our workers are all of good courage. The Conference has consented to release Dr. Starr to work with us here, paying her a portion of her salary, and have furnished two other workers to labor in the field work, Bible readings, etc., to lead the students in their field experiences. Aside from this, they have voted to sustain two teachers. This will give us considerable help in our school. If the Lord will bless our efforts, we shall undertake to disseminate the principles of the truth in Redlands, Riverside, San Bernardino, Colton, Pomona, Ontario, and Corona. These towns are in working distance of the Loma Linda Sanitarium, and we hope to shed the light from here around the valley.

With best wishes, we remain

Yours, (Signed) J.A. Burden.