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Dear Brother and Sister Mary:-

We were thankful to our heavenly Father to receive the good news through the letter sent to Bro. Haskell, of the Savannah Church, of the sickness of Herbert. We have presented your case, Herbert, in earnest prayer. (Jesus the Restorer often sought the Lord in prayer, and have not we the assurance, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you"?)

It is our privilege to do our best in treating the sick. All that we do is to be done in faith, relying upon the Great Healer. "I am come," said Jesus, "that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly." The lessons of the life of Christ are precious to us. He waited, he worked, he prayed, in behalf of man. He depended upon God, and in his life plans worked with God. He co-operated perfectly with the will of his Father. We need to copy this pattern in all things.

Jesus, the precious Saviour, is our very best friend. In the Father's name, the only begotten of God has brought to you, Herbert and Lillian, the message of love and peace. If Jesus had consulted himself only, if he had lived for himself alone, he could not have been our Redeemer. He would have claimed less obedience in his sinless nature; he would never have become a sin-bearer, and died with the curse of the sins of the whole world upon him. When, in the garden of Geth-

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...in the person of our  
dear Lord. We are to pray for that earnestly and in faith, but the  
prayer of Christ, which submits the Father's will to the will of God,  
is to be our pattern. Let us will, not as the world, but as He. This  
will in no case be regarded as a petition as a lack of faith.  
Our every prayer should show our acknowledgement of our dependence  
upon God. The Lord, who has given to us so precious a gift as Jesus,  
will he not with him also freely give us all things? He, our heavenly  
Father, has given us such an expression of his love, that no room  
is left for a question as to doubt his love. He has shown us to ~~xxx~~  
his love for us.

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of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God." The thoughts of Christ in  
regard to himself were that he was the Sent of God. And this is the  
position that all should occupy toward Christ. They should consider  
themselves in the service of Christ, to do God's will in all things as  
Christ has done the will of his Father. In speaking of his disciples  
in prayer to his Father Christ says, "As thou hast sent me into the  
world, so have I also sent them into the world." Jesus was raised up  
as the servant of God his Father, to bring a message of peace and  
reconciliation from God to man, and to turn many from their iniquity  
to him.

The Lord wanted us, else he would not have sent his Son on

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such an expensive errand,--an errand that involved his death in order that he might give life unto all who would receive him x by faith. The Lord has a use for us. We are to co-operate with him in saving our own souls by complying with the conditions of obedience to do the will of God as Christ in his humanity fulfilled the will of his Father in all things. This obedience to God confirms our confidence and trust in him. He wants us to be his messengers to work in Christ's lines.

My brother, the Lord's love is toward you. WE believe the Lord has a special work for you to do in representing Jesus to the world. His desire is that you shall be the sent of Jesus Christ. Be of good courage; be at rest and peace in Christ, and grow strong in his strength. We shall do all in our power to have the school commence as it should.

In much love,