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My dear Brother Lacey:

I am writing this note to express to you my very deep sympathy in this great trial through which you are passing. I want to assure you of my love and of my confidence.

It was a great surprise to me that any criticism should have arisen, but since it has, and there is the feeling over it which exists, I could see no other way the other evening than for you to take up some other work. I still feel that is the only course which could have been taken, both for your interests and the interests of the Sanitarium.

My mind has turned to you dozens of times during the last two days, and again and again I have sent up a prayer to God to give you grace and keep you from discouragement. I do not know what has been done in arrangements for other work as I have not seen any of the officers of the Conference since yesterday morning. Somehow I wish you could have taken up work in another field than here at headquarters. I do not think that the atmosphere here is unfriendly or critical, but I fear because of your past experience here in the school, that there is an attitude of watchfulness on the part of some which would not exist elsewhere. I do not think, Brother Lacey, that anyone questions your absolute loyalty to this message nor your Christian integrity of character.

I want you and every member of your family to know of my confidence in, and my esteem for every one. I know that they must suffer with you. I think not alone of you in

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this connection, but of your wife in her frail health, of your son, of your daughter. What affects you, of course, affects them. I sympathize with each one most deeply, and I wish you and every member of your family to know that this is so. I shall pray most earnestly that God will bless and guide you.

Your friend and brother,

F. M. Wilcox

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