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Mrs. E.G. White,

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Dear Sister White:---

I wrote you a letter yesterday in a great hurry, and sent it by Brother Edson White to you. Perhaps I should have said something more in reference to that movement in Indiana. They claim that it has done wonders for the people; but the people bear testimony just as I wrote you yesterday. >Some are discouraged, some had given up going to meeting, and in Indianapolis the church has been devided. But they claim that wherever they have preached, individuals have been converted; so there has been quite a large increase in the Conference during the year. And really, it is enough to convert anybody to something; for when they call them forward and pray for them, they begin to shout and play on their instruments until everything is drowned but simply the noise of the instruments.<

It is the greatest mixture of fanaticism in the truth that I ever have seen. I would not claim that we managed it the best way in everything, and yet I do not know where I made any mistake. We tried to do the very best we could, and had they not have talked against us and misrepresented our position, there would have been no confusion with the people. But>when we stated that we believed that Christ was born in fallen humanity, they would represent us as believing that Christ sinned, notwithstanding the fact that we would state our position so clearly that it would seem as though no one could misunderstand us. /

Their point of theology in this particular respect seems to be
: They believe that Christ took Adam's nature before he s fell; so
took humanity as it was in the garden of Eden, and thus humanity
as holy, and this was the humanity which Christ had; and now, they say,
the particular time has come for us to become holy in that sense, and
then we will have "translation faith," and never die. They have gone
through the country, so the brethren have said, with their musical
instruments, and they give the impression to our brethren where they labor,
that the Laodicean message is to be revived, as you have said in the
testimonies; and they say this reviving of the message will cause a
separation, and so those that do not see light in it are the ones who
are separated from the church; and those who do see light and get freedom
in it, the way that they preach it, they are the ones that are going to
live and go through without tasting death. It is a mixture of truth
and error, with much excitement and music. <

We met the ministers alone and talked with them. We told them
that even if they were right, they had gotten ahead of the message; for
the rank and file of our people would not endorse it; and as the matter
stood, either they would have to come to the position of our people
generally, or our people would have to come to them.

I felt down there very much as the disciples must have felt
when they undertook to cast out the devil and could not do it, and then
Christ came down and cast him out for them. If you had only been there,
we could have known just what to do, it would have been a great relief.
However, we did that which we thought was best at the time. But such a
company of starving sheep I have never seen!

I expect to go to New England in a few days, to Sister Bradford's,
at least unless something turns up to change my mind. I thought I would
add these few words to what I wrote yesterday and sent by Brother White.

I am sorry to pour forth these things into your ears; but it seemed that after all you must hear about it, you would like to hear how we looked upon it.

The strain of the few days in Indiana I feel very sensibly now.

I would like to add one word in reference to Dr. Kellogg. I have not seen him since I came back from Indiana, and I do not know as I shall see him; but it seems, ^{from} what the people say, that he is having an abundance of trouble.

A few weeks ago the nut food factory was burned down here for the second time this year. Since then the English health food factory has been burned.

Elder R.S. Owan's son (The Elder Owen who is in Mississippi) has been working for Dr. Kellogg, and was living with his family out at Gull Lake during this past summer, and this young man was drowned the other day.

I also understand that one of his girls, the oldest one, Bessie, has gone off and got married to one of the Sanitarium nurses.

It seems that trouble is coming in on every side. Some have said that he seems to be converted, to what he used to be in the past; and yet I do not know as he would talk a bit different from the way he has talked.

Probably he would not. If he does change, I do not think he would own it to anybody, ~~man~~ unless it was you. I thought I would just mention these things to you.

As ever, in hope,

S. M. Haskell

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We did not leave until the camp meeting was over & advertised, but it is supposed they would hold or after we left. S. M. H.