



"MORNING STAR"

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY STEAMER.

VICKSBURG, MISS., JULY 18, 95.

DEAR MOTHER, -- I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER A FEW DAYS AGO. WAS GLAD TO KNOW THAT YOU HAD GOT BACK TO YOUR HOME. AM VERY MUCH PLEASED TO KNOW THAT WILLIE HAS NOW THE HAPPINESS WHICH YOUR LETTER EXPRESSES. I KNOW HE HAS PASSED THROUGH A TRYING ORDEAL THE PAST YEARS OF HIS LIFE, AND NOW TO HAVE A COMPANION WHO CAN ENTER INTO HIS LIFE AND HOME AND BE A BLESSING TO HIM, AND TO BE CONNECTED AGAIN WITH HIS CHILDREN MUST BRING TO HIM A JOY AND COMFORT WHICH HIS PAST MAKES HIM PECULIARLY PREPARED TO APPRECIATE. I AM VERY GLAD FOR HIS HAPPINESS, AND I AM SURE THE FUTURE WILL BRING REWARD ABUNDANT FOR THE YEARS OF SELF-SACRIFICE AND LONELINESS HE HAS GONE THROUGH HERE.

I MUST ASK THAT MORE CARE BE EXERCISED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE LETTERS TO US. THE LAST MAIL WAS ADDRESSED TO ME AT VICKSBURG, TENNESSEE. THE LETTERS WERE SENT TO CINCINNATI, OHIO, AND FROM THERE THEY WERE CORRECTLY DIRECTED AND THEN CAME ON. WE ARE IN MISSISSIPPI. THERE IS NO VICKSBURG IN TENN. WE ARE ABOUT 380 MILES SOUTH OF MEMPHIS, TENN.

I ENCLOSE COPY OF A LETTER SENT TO BRO. OLSEN. I GOT WHERE I COULD SEE NO HOPE FOR THE WORK UNLESS SOME THINGS WERE MADE RIGHT. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE. IN A LETTER TO WILLIE I SHALL EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENT MOVES THAT WERE MADE BY WHICH WE WERE DEPRIVED OF THE INCOME ON THE PRIMER. I MAY NOT LOOK ON IT IN THE RIGHT LIGHT. BUT I CAN SEE NO RIGHT OR HONOR IN THE WAY WE HAVE BEEN TREATED IN THIS BUSINESS. BY IT THE WORK HAS BEEN CRIPPLED, AND WE CUT OFF FROM MAKING AVAILABLE ~~THE~~ MUCH OF THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. THERE IS MORE TO THIS WORK HERE THAN THE MERE LABORS OF TWO PERSONS (BRO. PALMER AND MYSELF), ON A SALARY OF \$8.00 EACH. ON THIS WE ARE NOW COMPELLED TO SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES AND CARE FOR THE MISSION IN FULL. I SHOULD NEVER HAVE CONSELTED TO COME SOUTH AT ALL IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE FINANCIAL BACKING OUTSIDE WHAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD DO FOR US, WHICH I KNEW THE PRIMER WOULD GIVE US. FEELING SAFE ON THIS WE CAME DOWN, AND JUST AS WE GOT TO OUR FIELD OF LABOR, AND WERE PREPARING FOR WORK, LO, A COMBINATION WAS AFFECTED BY WHICH WE WERE COMPELLED TO TURN THE BOOK OVER TO THE GEN. CONF. FOR BARELY ENOUGH TO PAY THE DEBT ON THE BOAT, AND A TRIFLE MORE, OR WE WOULD LOSE THE WHOLE THING.

THE RESULT HAS BEEN I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TAKE HOLD OF THOSE WHO COULD HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED SO AS TO HAVE BECOME USEFUL WORKMEN AMONG THEIR OWN PEOPLE, AND HAVE BEEN LIVING UP WHAT THERE WAS DUE US ON ACCOUNTS, AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN SIGHT, TILL ALL THIS



HAS BEEN USED UP, AND I SEE NOTHING BUT DEFEAT BEFORE US. WHEN WE WERE PREPARING TO START OUT IN THE FIRST PLACE WE WERE CALLED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FOR AN EXAMINATION OF OUR PLANS OF WORK, AND THEY DESIGNED TO CRUSH THE EXPEDITION. THIS I HAVE FROM THE MOUTHS OF SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THAT COMMITTEE. WHEN WE MET THEM THEY FOUND OUT IT WOULD NOT DO TO CRUSH IT, AND ONE THING THAT LED TO THIS WAS A LETTER FROM YOU WHICH CAME THE VERY NIGHT BEFORE WE MET WITH THE COMMITTEE. THEY NEXT TRIED TO BRING US DOWN TO GIVE UP OUR PLAN OF SUPPORT FROM THE PRIMER, AND RELY ON THE CONFERENCE ALONE. I TOLD THEM I WOULD NOT TRUST THEM. THAT I KNEW OF MEN IN THAT SAME FIELD WHO HAD PLEAD WITH TEARS FOR HELP IN THE VERY LINE OF WORK WE WERE UNDERTAKING, AND COULD NOT GET IT, AND I WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO GO INTO THAT FIELD AND UNDERTAKE THAT WORK WITHOUT A SUPPORT OF MY OWN THAT I COULD DEPEND ON. I KNEW THERE WERE THINGS TO BE DONE FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE WORK THAT COULD NOT BE HAD FROM THE CONF. IF WE BEGGED FOR IT ON OUR KNEES, AND I INTENDED TO BE WHERE THAT AT SUCH TIMES I COULD PUT MY HAND IN MY POCKET AND PROVIDE FOR SUCH THINGS. WELL, WE ENTERED OUR FIELD WITH A SMALL SALARY FROM THE GEN. CONF., AND WITH A BOOK SELLING FROM 10,000 TO 15,000 COPIES A MONTH. WE WERE IN GOOD SHAPE TO ENTER THE FIELD AND DO SOMETHING BY THE HELP AND BLESSING OF GOD. THE BOOK IS OF A NATURE THAT ITS ~~SALE~~ SALE OUGHT TO CONTINUE FOR YEARS. BUT BLESS YOU, NO SOONER HAD WE GOT READY FOR WORK THAN A. R. HENRY REPUDIATED THE WRITTEN CONTRACT OF THE REVIEW OFFICE, AND REFUSED TO PRINT ANY MORE OF THE BOOK, AND THE ONLY THING LEFT TO DO WAS TO SELL THE BOOK TO THE GEN. CONF. FOR A LITTLE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO PAY THE DEBTS ON THE BOAT. AND EVEN THEN BRO. PALMER HAD ARRANGEMENTS ALL MADE FOR A REDUCED ROYALTY TO BE PAID TO US AFTER THE SUM SPECIFIED HAD BEEN MET, BUT BRO. HENRY STEPPED IN AND TOOK A STAND THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE DONE, AND CARRIED THE DAY. SO YOU SEE THE PLANS THAT THE GEN. CONF. HAD LAID IN THE START FOR US TO BE WHOLLY DEPENDENT ON THEM HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT. I DO NOT SAY THAT THIS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT FOR THIS PURPOSE, FOR I DO NOT THINK IT WAS. BUT THE END REACHED IS THE SAME, AND WE ARE CRAMPED AND CIRCUMSCRIBED IN OUR WORK, AND SOME ONE WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO ANSWER FOR SOME DAY. I KNOW GOD WILL NOT LET HIS WORK BE STOPPED BY THESE THINGS, BUT I HAVE SEEN SO MUCH OF ITS BEING HINDERED BY SUCH ACTS ON THE PART OF MEN, THAT I FEEL SURE IT IS NOT IN HIS ORDERING. I HAVE NEVER BEFORE MENTIONED THESE MATTERS TO YOU OR WILLIE. I FELT THAT I WOULD NOT TROUBLE YOU WITH THEM, BUT WILLIE HAS POINTEDLY ASKED ME HOW THE SALE WAS MADE, AND SO I HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE FULL EXPLANATION OF THE WHOLE MATTER. AND I AM FREE TO SAY THAT I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS THAT MEN IN PROMINENT POSITIONS LIKE J. N. NELSON AND A. R. HENRY SHOULD PURSUE AN ENTERPRISE LIKE THIS AND SHOW THEIR HOSTILITY TO THE BITTER END, AND KEEP IT UP TILL AT LAST THEY SUCCEED IN CRIPPLING THE WORK WE HAVE COME TO DO. ANOTHER THING. MY MIND CANNOT HELP RUNNING TO BATTLE CREEK TO THOSE PLEASANT AND COMMODIOUS BUILDINGS, AND COMFORTABLE OFFICES, WHERE SO MANY ARE EMPLOYED, AND THAT AT GOOD FAT SALARIES, AND COMPARE IT WITH THE WAY PIONEERS ARE TREATED. I HAVE LEARNED WHAT IT IS TO PIONEER. BRO. IRWIN HAD IT ABOUT RIGHT. IT



IS VERY EASY TO SAY, 'ANYWHERE DEAR SAVIOUR,' AND SIT DOWN AT HOME OR FILL A GOOD FAT CLERKSHIP.

BUT I HAVE NOT A WORD OF COMPLAINT AT MY LOT. I ENJOY THE WORK, AND FEEL GOD'S BLESSING WITH ME IN IT, AND DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE IT, BUT I KNOW IT CANNOT BE DONE ON \$8.00 A WEEK. THERE ARE TOO MANY OUTSIDE THINGS THAT MUST RECEIVE ATTENTION AND TIME AND MONEY. I NEVER INTENDED TO DEPEND ON THE CONFERENCE FOR THIS, AND HAD EVERYTHING ARRANGED SO THAT THE MEANS WAS ASSURED WITHOUT RELYING ON THE CONF. OR ANYBODY ELSE. BUT BLESS YOU, THAT WAS TOO GOOD A THING FOR US AND THE WORK. AND JUST AS WE GOT WHERE THE WORK WAS TO BEGIN THIS SUPPORT WAS TAKEN FROM US. BUT THERE, I WILL SAY NO MORE IN REGARD TO THIS. GOD KNOWS, AND HE IS MARKING THESE MATTERS, AND IN HIS OWN GOOD TIME THE MATTER AS WELL AS OTHERS WILL BE MADE TO APPEAR.

AS I STATED IN THE LETTER TO BRO. OLSEN, I DID NOT ALLOW THIS ACTION TO DEPRESS ME, BUT BEGAN TO THINK HOW I COULD REPLACE THIS LOSS. I CONSIDERED EVERY PLAN TO BRING OUT A BOOK THAT COULD BE PUT INTO HANDS THAT WOULD REGARD THEIR CONTRACTS AND DEAL HONORABLY WITH ME, AND ALL I COULD THINK OF AT LAST WAS THE BOOK I WROTE YOU ABOUT, THE 'SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST.' I KNEW IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET A BOOK THAT HAS THE SELLING POINTS OF THE PRIMER, BUT AS I LOOKED THE MATTER OVER I SAW THAT BY A LITTLE EXTRA WORK THIS BOOK COULD BE MADE TO TAKE ITS PLACE AND SUPPLY THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO NOT ONLY CARRY OUT THE WORK HERE, BUT ALSO TO SETTLE THE DEBTS I HAVE YET UNPAID IN MICHIGAN. I WROTE YOU ABOUT IT, AND AFTER THINKING THE MATTER OVER WROTE BY THE NEXT MAIL MENTIONING SOME CHANGES IN THE PLAN THAT WOULD MAKE THE BOOK A BETTER BOOK, AND MUCH MORE USEFUL. MY PLAN WAS TO ARRANGE FOR ITS PUBLICATION, AND GET AN ADVANCE SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE ME TO GO TO BATTLE CREEK AND SEE TO THE ISSUING OF THE BOOK, AND ALSO TO SEND EMMA TO COLORADO. WE HAVE NO BUSINESS STAYING IN THIS TERRIBLE CLIMATE DURING THE HOT SUMMER MONTHS. EMMA IS SUFFERING FROM THE CLIMATE, AND I CAN DO BUT VERY LITTLE HERE. FOR THREE MONTHS BUT LITTLE REAL WORK CAN BE DONE HERE. NATIVES DO NOT STIR AROUND UNLESS COMPELLED TO DO SO.

IN A LETTER FROM YOU RECEIVED THREE MONTHS AGO YOU AGREED TO MY PROPOSITION, AND SAID THAT FANNIE BOLTON COULD PREPARE THE MSS. IN ABOUT FOUR WEEKS. I BUILT ALL MY HOPES OF ESCAPE ON THIS, AND JUST AWAITED THE MAILS. IN THE MEANTIME I WAS ARRANGING FOR THE PACIFIC PRESS TO HANDLE THE BOOK. WHEN THE FIRST MONTH OF WAITING WAS OVER I DID NOT FEEL MUCH DISAPPOINTED IN NOT GETTING THE COPY, BUT THE DISAPPOINTMENT WAS KEEN AT THE END OF THE NEXT MONTH, WHEN THE LAST MAIL CAME IN. I SAW THEN THAT IT COULD NOT REACH ME IN TIME TO RELIEVE US FROM THIS HOT SEASON, AND THAT IT WILL PROBABLY BE TOO LATE FOR THE FALL AND HOLIDAY TRADE OF THIS YEAR. I KNOW YOU ARE VERY BUSY AND DEEPLY OCCUPIED WITH THE WORK THERE, BUT IF A WORD HAD COME IN THE LAST MAIL TELLING ME WHY IT DID NOT COME AND GIVING ME ANY IDEA IN REGARD TO THE PROSPECT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT RELIEF. NOW, MOTHER, DO NOT LET THIS TROUBLE YOU. AND ABOVE ALL THINGS DO NOT SEND MONEY AS YOU HAVE DONE TWICE BEFORE. BEFORE AN ANSWER CAN COME TO THIS LETTER THE MATTERS HERE MENTIONED WILL ALL BE SETTLED. I EXPECT ELD. OLSEN HERE IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS



ON HIS WAY TO THE TEXAS CAMP-MEETING. I HOPE MATTERS WILL BE MADE RIGHT BEFORE THAT TIME. IF NOT IT IS PROBABLE I SHALL HAVE TO TAKE A POSITION IN THE NORTH TILL SOMETHING CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT THAT WILL GIVE ME A SUPPORT IN THIS WORK.

I SNED IN THIS LETTER A COPY OF A LETTER TO BRO. NICOLA IN REGARD TO OUR EFFORTS TO PUT UP A CHURCH. I SEND TWO COPIES OF IT, AS I HAD THEM AND YOU SAID IN A RECENT LETTER THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TWO COPIES OF LETTERS DESCRIBING OUR WORK.

AS SOON AS I CAN GET TIME I SHALL WRITE YOU HOW THE WORK IS GOING HERE. I SHALL SEND MORE THAN ONE COPY OF THESE LETTERS,

BUT I MUST CLOSE FOR TO-DAY. I HAVE SOME GOOD EXPERIENCES TO MENTION, AND WILL WRITE IT AS SOON AS I CAN.

YOUR SON,

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