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Eld. W. C. White,
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Dear Brother:--

We have just organized a good strong corps for selling the Living Temple. The work is necessarily suspended on this until we can get out the extirpated edition of the book. It has occurred to me that in the meantime we might set these canvassers to work on your mother's book, Education, which is in my opinion the best book in print on the subject. I think we can sell one thousand copies easily and perhaps more. We are going to push Elder Haskell's book on the Story of Joseph also.

I would like to have you write me where to order your mother's book, and on what terms we can get it. I think Magan's scheme to use this book as a means of helping your mother get her finances in good shape was a good one. It would be only just and right to do this thing, and would not cost anybody a cent. I know the people would be very ready to do it. Our folks here would be willing to take onethousand copies on the same plan as the Object Lessons, and it might be we could handle more. Our Sanitariums all put together could handle several thousand. The schools could take a few thousand. I think the Sanitariums

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and the schools together could handle ten thousand on this plan, and if the rest of the denomination would do as much, it would be no trick at all to dispose of the twenty thousand copies, and then your mother's mind would be relieved of financial worry. We are ready to cooperate in any plan that will help things along. I would be glad for an early reply.

I have been studying very carefully to see what is the real root of the difficulty with the Living Temple, and as far as I can see the whole question resolves itself into this: Is the Holy Ghost a person? I had supposed it was thoroughly recognized that the Holy Ghost was a person, since the Bible uses the pronoun he in speaking of the Holy Ghost, and I got the impression also from what your mother has written and from the way the brethren speak when they remark, "The Lord is here, " speaking of His presence in the prayer-meeting. The prevailing idea seems to be that such expressions refer to the Spirit of the Lord, and that this is not a person but a principle of some sort. Now, I am not going to set myself up as a theologian and start a controversy over this thing, but will accept your mother's statement about it, that it is not proper to speak of God himself as being in the tree. So long as this mode of expression confuses and offends people, certainly it ought to be avoided. We will get ourselves trained.

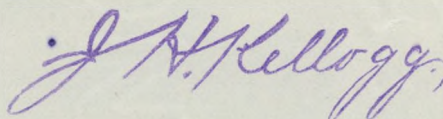
I am determined to do every last thing possible in the interests of peace and harmony. I do not want to be responsible for the calamities which will certainly follow a division in our work. The newspapers are full of long articles about the business, mostly copied from the Review & Herald, including the editorial comments. This I am in no way responsible for. They

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were published before I got back to Battle Creek. I do not believe any of our folks are responsible for anything at all which has been published. I noticed one of the papers speaks of a leading official, but I do not have any idea who it could be. I am sure it is not any of our Sanitarium folks. All these newspaper reports are doing terrible damage to our financial credit and is most undersirable, and it may prove to be disastrous. Certainly it does not do anybody any good. I am determined to take whatever comes as from the Lord, and to bear whatever difficulties may assail us with the utmost grace and patience that I can command. I am doing all I can to keep our people sweet and to quell the storm which naturally has become rather threatening about here just now.

As ever,

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. A. Kellogg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the "J".

C.