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Dearest:

While I think of it, if you come Sunday be sure to bring that book "What a young Boy Ought to Know," or the one for young men. I want to loan it for a while to this young Clifford Shields, the ten year old boy who was baptised. Glance thru them again a little and see which would be best suited to him.

Thursday morning. *-- Dear Loma/ Just received your letter. What shall we do? They are all against us. All spirit of love, harmony, co-operation, and wanting to see the work go ahead in the Spirit of the Lord has departed from our people. They are contentious, fighting mad, jealous, rebellious, stubborn, self-willed. I have been pictured and painted in such colors that I am regarded as the stormy petrel of the organization. Every one points an accusing finger at me. We get ALL the tithes. I am the last and least of the ministers, and I get it all! Even the Bulletin -- it is looked upon, not as a work of the conference to which I am giving hard work and labor, but as my own special pet and plaything, for my personal benefit. I am pictured as the one who is stubborn, rebellious, out of harmony.

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Two and a half years ago I was called to hold meetings in York Harrisburg. Four were brought to Christ. Then the storm arose. Letters flew thick and fast to Stanberry, an awful fuss was kicked up because my expenses were paid out of the treasury.

at ~~the~~ after Roy got mad and left, and two were brought to Christ and the Sabbath, and baptised, three brought into the church, and a sabbath school organized. Again a great fuss and ferore was raised. Letters flew over to Hobbs son asking what authority he had to let a snipper snapper like me use the Adventist baptistry to baptise those people, and there was still the aftermath of that storm at our last conference meeting two weeks ago.

Now I am again working in an effort alone. Again the Lord has given fruit, and four souls have been brought thru to Christ. Again I am only trying to surrender and yield myself to Christ and follow the scriptures. But because I humbly do this, never yet having tried to run or rule or dominate our conference or work, or to dictate or to boss, those who do want to do these things are again stirring up a fuss, and BECAUSE four more have been brought to the Lord in these meetings, jealousy, strife, contention, bitterness, hard feelings, are stirred up, and I am painted as a culprit again who is always doing something wrong.

I am sick and tired of it. These others want to fight, contend, boss, rule and dictate and run things. The things they do are CONTRARY to the Scriptures and a christian life. Why don't THEY get out and DO something that will show RESULTS? Thru whose work are the RESULTS coming? Thru whose personal visits did the new members come into the Salem church? How many of them have seen the fruit borne thru their efforts the Lord has given thru mine? Why don't THEY get out and work and produce something that would do as much good as the Bulletin has been doing? They sit back and boss and dictate; and keep strict reports. Then because I do not have a strict itemized report, or boss or dictate and try to run things, I am the tail ender who is kicked in the face and cuffed around and blamed and criticised for everything that goes

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wrong.

I have tried my best to suffer it all for Christ's sake. I have been called on the carpet while these my peers sit in solemn and stern judgment. I am constantly treated like a whipped pup, always on the defensive, always having to account for my wayward ways, my faults, my shortcomings and mistakes. No one else has any. No one else is ever called down -- no one else would suffer it and take it. I came down to a business meeting, knowing they were all out after me, and I went thru a terrible ordeal lashing myself for my faults before them all, saving them the trouble of doing it. They have been unkind, harsh, and cruel. The Bible says "BE YE KIND one to another." They have not been very kind to me. I have tried to be kind to every one of them, and have never said a cross word to one of them except when Mrs. Runcorn came over, stiffened up in that rebellious spirit that so often crops out in her, and I, not even then meaning any offense, said some things that she took in great offense. I have apologized to her for that, but she has never apologized to me for any of her part of it, or for any of the unkind words she has so many, many times said to me and of me behind my back. She has twisted and misrepresented things I have said and told it all over the conference, and got me into a lot of trouble -- for instance, that I was going to buy tennis rackets and clothes and devote my time to playing tennis, and that I refused to spade garden.

Everything I do is wrong. I am accused of this and that, and even when the Lord is bearing real fruit thru my work, then even that comes in for the harshest criticism of all. They come into our home and criticise your housekeeping. They say I do not rule well my own household. We have been kicked and cuffed and insulted, until it has now reached the breaking point.

Some are good, some are bad, good or bad. The more souls saved and members brot into the church, the harsher the criticism. I am treated as a little boy beginner, too green in the work to amount to much. Other ministers can live every day of their ~~xxx~~ lives in plain adultery, in violation of one of the Ten Commandments, their wives can carry on romances with other men, they can be stern, harsh, unkind, cruel, dictatorial

, violate literal commands of the Scriptures, but do they ever get criticised? They have better clothes than we, plenty to eat, while we sacrifice, go without, see our children go hungry, see their little bodies get skinny for lack of food, take their abuse in a meek and humble christian spirit, and try to bear it for Christ's sake. I have borne it past the breaking point.

I AM THRU!

There is only one thing to do, and that is RESIGN. That is the only way to end it. Remove from them the one that is the cause of all their trouble. They tell me everyone is holding up their tithes, and I am the cause--- it is because all the tithes go to me, and it is so unfair that the people refuse to send in any more tithes. If I step out, the tithes will just ROLL in.

If I step out, and the Bulletin stops, and all my work stops, they will all live in peace and harmony. At least they will have to blame someone else besides me, and fight with someone else. They don't want to start a publishing work. They don't want to save souls. They only want to fight and quarrel and boss and dominate and criticise. I am sick of it. I am told not to let Fishers' know of the meeting Sunday, They must not be there. All who will vote for that pork resolution will be there. All my enemies and critics will be there. Those who might be my friends and back me are to be barred. If this is a general meeting, why must not the Fishers be there? Is this honest? Can this kind of work prosper. Can the Lord bless this

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kind of politics? The quicker we get out from among such people the better, and the sooner we can begin to serve the Lord. The Lord will never honor a work run in the spirit our work is now being run.

If all these people could come to their senses, and repent of the way they have acted toward us instead of loving just their own selfish selves so much they continually want me to get on my knees before them and grovel at their feet and apologise to them for things I never did, and even for having a part in winning souls to Christ, and following the Lord's commands and instructions to baptise them, then maybe the Spirit of the Lord could come into our midst and He could do something with our body. As long as we have bosses and stern, harsh, criticising, unkind men trying to dominate and run and lead the work, getting mad and stirring up trouble every time someone permits the Lord to take a hand and bear fruit, this body as a body cannot be of any profit in the Kingdom or its work. The sooner we resign and get out the better.

Now what shall we do? I am confident there will be a good church established here. We can move here, establish a church here -- one that is 100% in harmony with the SCRIPTURES -- with no bosses trying to rule and run and dominate and whose desire is politics and stirring up trouble. Once established here, where we have a place to live and enough to eat assured for you and the children, I can get out into other communities and hold meetings, and organize other churches. Soon the organization will grow, IF we will keep humble, and let the Lord be the head instead of trying to boss or criticise or discourage those who are honestly trying and giving every ounce of their strength and energy to the work. We can start a new organization from right here. We can find a place and move here in the next two weeks if you want to.

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Now don't breath a word of this to ANYONE. IF we do this, it will be purely because we have to as our only means of support and getting started in the Lord's work when I resign from the present conference. IF we were to continue with the conference, we should not under any circumstances move here, and if our people knew it were possible they would insist upon isolating us here and getting us out of the way. I do not know what the Ellises would do. Probably they would stay with the present conference, for Mrs. Ellis has had "her baptism" and you know what that means. There is an undercurrent of criticism against me from them because of this. I am not where they are. You know the attitude. They will stay wherever Sam stays. But I feel sure that Bro. Fisher, his two brothers, the Jeans', and the Smiths would all get together in a minute and guarantee to see we were taken care of if we should move here and start a new independent work. Several others would join, but these would be the ones we would have to look to for financial support. Every one of them families like Mikes, Yancy, Runcorns, etc., financially.

I have had to tell Bro. and Sister Fisher about the meeting Sunday, because they were on to it. McGills and Haebbers both talked about it Sabbath in Irene's presence, and they got to wondering here and asked me about it. I have given them the impression it was a committee meeting, and I am really guilty of lying in doing it, in order to obey orders not to let them come. They are out of patience with all these meetings. It interferes with our work here, and takes Bro. Fisher's gas and far for something he regards as foolishness. Mrs. Fisher is really provoked. She wanted to invite the Jeans' here for dinner next Sunday -- the only chance -- and they are the MOST important family for us to swing with us. If I go to Harrisburg it will spoil that. I am now thoroughly out of patience. They are all against me, and I am at the end of taking on myself continually blame for things I am not guilty of. I was glad to do it before

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for the peace of the conference. But now I see it will keep up. There will be no end of it. As long as I am in the work I will be jumped on, criticised ~~xxxxx~~ every time I turn around, and treated like one who deserves nothing but chastening and gets all the money. This is the general feeling and attitude against me. It is general. They all have it. As long as they feel that way -- as long as they begrudge us the little money we have received -- as long as they say all the members are holding up their tithes BECAUSE we get what little we do -- you can see that we simply CANNOT go on accepting any of their treasury money.

SO THEY WERE RECEIVING SOME.

We have only one of two courses to follow. One is to end all this bickering and criticism and jealousy by resigning. In that case I will send in my resignation and not go Sunday, for I will need to be here to have Jeans's for dinner. The other is to tell them that I will continue in the work on ONE CONDITION ONLY -- and that is that we receive absolutely NOT ONE PENNY out of the treasury until Sam and Bro Ray have both had their full share FIRST. Bro. Ray said with quite a little feeling during our Sunday ministers' conference, that he was tired of going without his ministers allowance of \$10 a month, and that he was right then on his last trip with his car until the expenses were paid. He said this at the time he was showing me that HE had the figures of every dime that has gone to us. He has not had any money for two months or over. He was saying things about all the money going to me, when he said this. At the same time I will insist that both Bro. Oberg and Bro. Ray turn in to Florence EVERY DIME they receive, no matter from what source, whether California, Oregon, or Alaska. As long as they are in the employ of this conference, every dime must be turned in. I am thru having them receive money from both California and this neighborhood that is never shown on Florence's books, while every cent we get is there shown. Bro. Fisher gave me \$5. He got a receipt from Florence, and every cent of it shows on the conference books. I know Sam does not hide or cover it up, but no record appears on the books, and only a very few KNOW he is getting tithes from outside, and no one knows how much or from whom. I know the Ellises and Wyche's have both been giving him their tithes. Neither of them turn in anything to Florence. Ask her. During the last week they have both slipped tithes to me, and asked me to say nothing about it to anyone. Sister Ellise especially asked me not to report it to Florence, when I told her I would. But I intend to do it anyway. I got \$2 from Wyche, and \$1.90 from Mrs. Ellis, and \$1 from mother to fix my glasses and watch. I used Mother's dollar for that purpose, as she INSISTED, underscoring it, that she was sending it with the understanding it was for no other purpose. Nevertheless, I am going to report even that to Florence and have it charged. It is time we began to come CLEAN in our dealings, instead of preaching that that which goes in at the mouth makes a man unclean when Jesus said positively that "There is NOTHING from without a man (does that include pork?), that entereth into him that can defile him: but the things that come OUT of him (like unkind criticism) those are they that defile the man. IF ANY MAN HAVE EARS TO HEAR LET HIM HEAR! . . . Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive that WHATSOEVER (all-inclusive) thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; because it entereth not into his heart, but INTO THE BELLY, and goeth out in the draught, PURGING ALL MEATS?" (Mark 7:15-19). Jesus said NOTHING from without. He was speaking of MEATS. He said WHATSOEVER thing, speaking of MEATS, enter in the mouth. When I tell someone they SIN if they eat pork and they read this text to me, what shall I answer back? "The Kingdom of God is NOT meat and drink." The food question is not the sin question. I have asked Sam and Bro. Ray repeatedly for Scripture showing it is a SIN to eat pork -- that eating it DEFILES the man. They have not given me one scripture. I wrote Sam the same mail I wrote you asking him once more to reply by return mail and give me the texts before the meetings, quoting Gal. 6:1 to him. He ignores it and refuses to

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answer, yet you write he is up there making a hurried effort to win over votes for this question before the meeting, which, if it goes over, will put me again in a bad light, as as being out of harmony, stubborn, rebellious, etc.

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Well, we must not resent these things. They ARE injustices. The others ARE in the wrong, and far more than me. Those who are so ready to sit continually in judgment of me, and criticise me, are plainly, I believe, far more in the wrong than me. I have told them repeatedly on this pork question that I practise and TEACH abstaining from pork, on the grounds of health, but I cannot teach it as a sin question unless they will give me scriptures for such a position, telling them I am willing to receive the truth. I have said it humbly, earnestly, sincerely, ~~not~~ without any heat or spirit of resistance. They REFUSE. They seem to want me to continue in my present understanding so they may make me appear to be stubborn, and out of harmony. The whole thing looks so deliberate and insincere to me, it makes me want to withdraw entirely from them all. They are clearly in the wrong, yet we must not hold it against them or resent it. I have been resenting it, I guess, since receiving your letter, and I will try to get all that out of me. I want to show the right spirit and do the right thing, but WHY can't these others do the same, and be fair and just, and be a little bit kind in their relations with me? I am SO TIRED; Loma, of their unkindness, their harsh words, their trying to boss, their continual criticising, instead of helping. I don't want to look at myself, and I take NO CREDIT at all; but give it all to the Lord, but when you look at the actual RESULTS, who has brought in -- or rather THRU whom have most all the results been brought in? Why do they pick on me all the time. Why do they figure that everything Bro. Ray does, or everything Sam does is wonderful and perfect, while everything I do, even to saving souls and baptising them, is wrong? It is HARD to bear, Loma.

It is humiliating. Do we have to go on longer suffering this, letting them consider we are a charity case on their hands, a burden, the cause of tithes being held up, just a scapegoat, always causing trouble, always doing wrong, never doing anything right, blamed for being lazy, blamed for my wife's housekeeping, blamed for EVERYTHING, blamed for hogging ALL the treasury money -- does the Lord want us to continue on with them, suffering this any longer? Or does he want us to resign, so He can start a work thru us He can prosper? He can never prosper our conference work as long as our people show the present spirit. How can we get this spirit out, and the Holy Spirit of LOVE and PATIENCE and KINDNESS one to another in? It is generally considered that both Sam and Brother Ray have received the baptism with the Holy Spirit, while I have not. They have the Spiritual power, I have not, so I am unworthy to be in. It is true I have not bragged of going thru any such experiences as they publicly boast. But surely the Lord has taken us thru experiences they need know nothing about. If it is THEM who have the Holy Spirit why is it not thru their preaching that the people come in tears to the altar confessing Christ? Why are ~~xxxx~~ not ~~xx~~ new ones added to the church from their efforts? Why does the Lord seem to bless the one who makes no boasts of having received "the baptism? And why are they, who have had this baptism as they call it, so jealous? Well, if we must go on suffering it longer, I'll be willing. But what do you think? Shall I just resign and not go to the meeting, or shall I go and then announce we will henceforth receive no money until AFTER both Bro. Ray and Sam have had their full share, trusting the Lord to take care of us? What shall I do? I suppose I should not be writing this way. I was up to the rock? day before yesterday and cast this whole thing on the Lord, and received witness that He would work it all out. Our attendance was only 30 Sunday night, and fell to 17 Monday night, the lowest of the meetings. Everything looked black. I cast it all on Him,

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also asking Him, to revive the interest in these meetings, and to send us another large attendance that night. As I said, I received witness I had prayed thru and had my answer. I also asked Him to hold Mike's truck, and work out Sam and Madelene's troubles for them. I had the answer on all these. I was so sure I told Fishers we would have a large attendance that night.

We did, 45 came out. Sister Tidball, whom I thought was sore because I opened the Sabbath to her in a Bible study in her home, was out and asked me to come and spend all day with them and said her husband liked me and she felt that I was the one sent of God to

be used to convert her husband. Other preachers have tried it and failed, and he never liked any of them before. Another woman asked me to come and visit them, saying her husband and Bro. Smith now often get together and study their Bibles, a thing neither of them ever did before. Sister Jeans came back, and asked me to her ~~at~~ house for all night and a whole day to study. Sister Hughes asked me to come to her house and study with her and her husband who is not converted, but likes me and is interested for the first time. A Christian minister from Eugene, a young fellow just finishing their Bible college there and now going out on his first ministry, was out, and wants to study the Bible with me. He is open minded, and wants to study and learn, not to debate. So if the Lord answered my prayer so remarkably about the local interest, when it looked to us all as tho it had died out, He also must already have answered my other petitions, so I suppose I should not have written what I have here or felt the things I could not help feeling when I got your letter. I just came to my room, sat down, and have since been writing out just what was going thru my mind. Guess I'll go up to the rock again, and just trust the Lord. Yet it is hard, for it seems that unless I will agree not to baptise any except Sabbath keepers and pork haters that they will put me out, and they say no one will send in tithes now because we get it all. Mike and J.J. told me that.

You have time to answer by return mail, before the meeting. No meeting last night. Hoping for another good attendance tonight.

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