

St. Helena Sanitarium, Cal., April 7, 1904

Dear Sister Lucinda Hall,

We are now preparing to leave our pleasant home one week from next Monday. We meet W. C. White the next day at Los Angeles. We shall have our selves packed in the tourist car in the centre if possible. I shall go trusting in the Lord in one week or less. We shall be in Washington without change of cars if the Lord prospers us. I wish you could see our place now. Large cherry trees in blossom full of encouraging presentment of abundant fruit. The prune trees are full of blossoms. The weather is beautiful. We rode out with Sister Whitney and her daughter Germe [?] and they enjoyed the scenery very much, but I had an ill turn yesterday. They were here to take dinner with us but I had to keep to my room. I cannot tell what was the trouble but I could not eat and felt sick all over, retired at eight O'clock slept until 12 awoke felt better but did not dare to eat except a cup of nuttose [?] preparation and ate a limited dinner today but I had aroused myself to write a few lines to you. We hope to see you face in Washington and you can be a help to us in planning and we do want all the capabilities that have been over the ground. I hope to see you there. They tell us a house will be furnished for us when we get there we shall not do as at first proposed to take W. C. White's family for we know this would be expensive and the car fare is about fifty dollars and half [?] reduced rates. I do not take drawing room. We could not afford to pay this amount so May and children remain in their home Marion remains to finish the important book upon temperance, and work remains with her. Sister Graham [is] an excellent faithful Christian girl, Sister Nelson also remains to take charge of the ones we leave. [2] She has a large clutch of laying hens, and we have two cows giving milk a little heifer two years and three months old we valued by report to be of excellent stock and to our surprise she has a calf the prettiest

little thing and the mother gives from nine to ten quarts today I am raising her calf, I have two beautiful jersey calfs and they are more than one year old and two jersey stock one one month old the other one month old. We have fruit to be cared for and we shall not spend the winter in the east unless the Lord indicates this is our duty and the work and cause of God demand that we attend to things in Washington with our brethren also are carrying the burden of the work. If we return precious to the cold weather setting in there we will have our things all prepared for winter. We shall then return if the Lord will, and come home by the Southern route and we can call at Los Angeles and San Diego and see what the climate is there for winter. But Mountain View has the best climate and the best advantages for the Printing Office and the most wonderful sight for as school giving great advantages for the agricultural and various kinds of industries to be carried on. We must settle as fast as possible for time is short the end is near and every evidence is that we shall have stormy times before us and we must get out of the cities and establish [3] ourselves in the very best locations possible. Mountain View is not a city only a settlement of few homes a town we should call it but has all the city conveniences. There we think our Healdsburg school should locate and become a school of the first order. We need to be ready to lay hold of every advantage possible to make a quick work in training our best in our schools to prepare workers. I went to Healdsburg and spoke only twice Sabbath and Sunday. Sabbath the first to the meeting and Sunday at the close of the meeting. The citizens of Healdsburg sent in a request for a meeting appointment Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and Mrs. White speak at that hour the house was full crowded and I had been sick all through the neck having taken a severe cold and took treatment the heaviest kind for the [missing word] during the week. It was a weak feeble woman that arose to speak but the spirit of the Lord came upon me and I had a message for those

assembled from Rev. chap. 1. chap. 2. The Lord strengthened me and the people expressed the greatest satisfaction I am told. We were on our way home around by Peteluma by cars and ferry boats and although the rain poured down the whole week all were much encouraged with the meeting and I have not been well since that sickness but I shall go to Washington if the Lord will starting next Sunday. Clarence Crisler, Maggie Hare my chief worker, Willie and Sarah and Does Robinson will follow later. Now this is a great undertaking for me. We intend to be at the meeting at Berrien Springs at the time appointed. So now you know what we will attempt to do. We will meet you soon. In love,

[Signed] Ellen G. White