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Bartle, Cuba.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of a few days ago, to enclose in the family letter and send it on to Walter, has been duly received. Have not gotten the letter away yet, but it will go on shortly, I trust.

Have been quite a jam with the Chicago office in regards to Canadian matters of which I wrote you a few days ago. They have gotten clear off their base in several matters; and I have had to dig into them hard. But I am sure that I'm right, and that God is leading me on; so I am not concerned about the final outcome. I feel quite sure that I shall have to take a part in this clean-up; and that it can only be done under God's direction, and protection. The trouble now is that the men who think that they are running the thing themselves, and are running it on tremendous profit making basis for themselves; have got to come down, and let God and His servants have their way. Pray that I may be able to stand in my place, and understand God's plans and purposes as far as need be to keep me out error, and under His protection.

In this connection I have been much instructed and blessed in studying David's procedure as recorded in Sam:5-17-25. It is well worth a deep prayerful study. The thing has deeply impressed me lately is that God is Himself a great "Strategist"; and marks out the way for His people when, diligently wait on Him for it; realizing how helpless they are without Him. In most cases He has imposed some seemingly absurd thing upon them as a test of obedience; and then the Devil is usually on hand to deceive with something that is really absurd; so it always needful to be sure who is talking to us. Gideon took ample time to be sure who was talking with him. He was ready to go into anything at God's direction; but not at the Devil's behest.

I have not been watching the Chicago ^{paper} very closely this week and may have overlooked something that would be of interest to you. But last night I got a Daily News, and found an article that seems to me to be very fair and suggestive of what is likely to be the case; so am enclosing it.

Had a card from Nell at George's that she was leaving for Portland, so as to arrive there last Saturday the 14th.

We have not had any really cold snaps yet--just some frosts that has killed the tomatoes, etc. Have just gotten the carrots in; but have some late cabbage and a nice crop of winter radishes still to take care of.

I am very deeply impressed that you should be getting out of there soon. You will not be able to do any work there for several years to come. "The night cometh when no man can work" Doubtless you feel that your task there is still unfinished and that you should stay and try to do some more; and that to leave now would be an evidence of cowardice or something of the kind. I do not so feel it, nor do any of the family. All of us would be most glad to drop all financial claims against the estate, and you personally if you would only come to a final decision--as Nell did--to get right out of there some way at once. How many times she expressed her gladness at having made that decision, and carried it out; and her sadness that you had not done the same.

Love and prayers,

Claude W Crosby