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Battle Creek

Dear Bro. White: -

I hope you will pardon me for bothering you as I intend to do now. The reason of my writing you at this time is that I am considerably troubled with a fever - it is neither malarial or typhoid but it is as far as I can understand a Europe-fever. And as I have all confidence in you as a skilful physician I would prefer you for any one here to apply the remedy. I can think of only two kinds that can effect a cure and I will leave to your judgement which one to apply. The first is a good scolding for having such foolish notions - and the other is just to say "go head." I will now tell you that the cause of my feeling thus is some letters I have received of late from Christiania. Ofcourse you know that Ogen's folks have passed through deep sorrow in losing their dear child. And I cannot help but sympathize with them. Jennie seems to feel all the grief that a true mother could feel and more than that she is beginning to draw near to the Lord. This is very cheering. I have never seen Jennie in as hopeful a condition as now. She begins to realize her lost and undone condition. I may before I close this ~~write~~ write out a few extracts of her letters so that you or perhaps your mother may know better how to help her. I will leave this point now and tell you that they have a nather Jennie has <sup>often</sup> expressed a desire that I could come over there and make them a visit. There is scarcely a person for her to talk with now. Sister Matten has gone to Dornum, Dr. Olson to Drammen, and others who could talk her language are leaving so she seems nather lonely. She speaks of some

Openings of a visit from three I do not mean to visit altogether but expect to help in the work some way. I have enough to do here but think you could be spared from time

one better acquainted with me and my circumstances than I am not following  
for your advice whether that might be. I shall be very glad  
soon and have a chance to talk a little with you. I shall be very glad  
I will not bother you with any news this time. Hope I may see you  
trials they have had of late over there that  
has made them both feel rather homesick  
but she said that she was not at liberty to tell  
me what it was. Ozen writes only once in a great  
while, but I have had one lately in which he  
gave me some instruction how I might send  
some money to him that I had received on  
some of his old furniture. He tells me of two  
ways to send them or he says: "you may put them  
in your portmanteau, buy a ticket from B. C. to  
Olivia, and come here and visit us. The best named  
plan is the best that I can recommend. Return  
tickets are sold very cheap now. You are tired and  
need recreation which you can get with such  
a trip, and we will not be provoked at you if  
you come right away. - Don't you think you ought  
to come now, and cheer up and comfort us  
poor, lonely, homesick pilgrims here in  
this strange land? Telegraph us when we  
may expect you." Of course this is written partly  
in fun, but I know too that he would not have  
written it had he not meant something by  
it. And I cannot deny but that I would be glad  
to go if I could do them or anybody else any good  
by it. I can go to Norway and back again for less  
than \$50, and I can go <sup>from here</sup> to Switzerland and from Norway  
to here for \$53. But then my fare from Switz<sup>to Nor.</sup> will be  
extra, perhaps some \$15. Of course it is money and  
perhaps it is foolish for me to think of it, but I  
have to confess that I have allowed my self to  
think some of it anyway. If Ozens folks were  
coming back this fall I would not think of it  
but if they are going to stay one more year I should  
like to go. I also think of poor old grandma and how  
how glad I should be if I could do her some good.  
Now I understand that you, your wife and mother are  
going, and if you favor my going I should be so gra-  
teful for the privilege to go with you. I would try not to be  
of a burden than I could help. Now if you should favor my going  
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