

La Jolla, California
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Dear Mrs. Dennis,

I enclose herewith some newspaper cuttings which will amuse and possibly interest you. They show how considerably Mrs. Tingley controls the press here, and can get long notices of all her proceedings inserted almost daily. It is said however that she pays highly for this privilege. She is intensely disgusted at our prolonged stay in the neighborhood, and our own people are proportionately strengthened and elated - which is one reason why I consented to stay! If any one wishes to know why we are pausing so long at this point, it might be explained that because of the power and virulence of the opposition here, our own members need special encouragement and help.

That is one reason, but there are two more which are strictly private. First, Mr. Fullerton thinks it wise to curtail the stay in Chicago just now; I will send you his letter when I have answered it. And as I have not time to carry out my original plan, the curtailment is less important for the work. Secondly (and to me most important of all) I seem to see for the first time a real opportunity of progress with our dear boy. Now that we are reduced to primitive conditions of life, and are necessarily much alone together, the strange resistance is breaking down and he is really trying to be what we all wish. Of course the attempts are clumsy as yet, and there are frequent failures, but he is trying, and that is a most encouraging advance on his previous "don't care, and won't do anything" attitude. How long it will last I cannot tell, but I must give it every chance and every encouragement in my power. I had a serious talk with him the other night, when for the first time he spoke quite openly about himself and the influence of the dark powers upon him. He told me how some thing within "which could express itself very well - much better than he could", would constantly urge him to resist anything that Basil or I suggested, telling him that to yield to our wishes would be a defeat for him, a loss of power, and so on. He said that once or twice he had struggled against it, but it never was any use, because it always won the day. I told him how serious the matter was, and how I thought it ought to be met and circumvented, and since then I have