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November 9, 1909

[Written on The Moody Church Jubilee Year letterhead]

Mr. Lyman Stewart,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Stewart:-

The Committee met last Friday afternoon, November the 5<sup>th</sup>, and all were present, Dr. R. A. Torrey, Dr. Elmore Harris, Rev. Louis Meyer, Rev. W. D. Potter, Henry P. Crowell, Thomas S. Smith and A. C. Dixon. Your letters came to me while we were in session and I read them at once to the Committee. All agreed that it was a very wise letter. We are already at work securing addresses of Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. secretaries, theological professors and students, and also Sunday School superintendents. And your suggestion about sending to some Catholic priests was heartily approved. As to enlarging the Committee by taking in some on the other side, we have already virtually done that. I have been corresponding with Dr. James Orr, Sir Robert Anderson and Mr. Whittle, of the London Christian. And they are assisting me not only with articles which they will write, but by advising me as to the strongest men in Great Britain.

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The committee think that the [*illegible delete*] publication should be in book form, which will make it permanent and not temporary, while it will, they think, secure it a larger reading from preachers whom we specially desire to reach. Dr. Morgan writes me that he has so many engagements that he cannot help us, but I am sure that he will do so when he sees the full importance of it. The Committee think that it will not be best to divide the book into various departments, but to have different ones to superintend different departments without letting them appear in the book, for that would give it a periodical appearance and require a staff of editors giving most of their time, if we would make it compete in attractiveness and strength with the great magazines and command the respect of magazine readers. A free book with strong writers, made attractive, is more apt to be read than a free magazine, especially if it comes volume after volume at stated intervals. I will ask Rev. Louis Meyer to superintend the articles on the Jews, Dr. Pierson I will consult about the articles on the Testimony of Missions, Dr. Elmore Harris

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will be a good helper on the Doctrines of Grace and Dr. Torrey will be a good judge of articles in answer to the "Destructive Criticism". Your desire that no one be allowed to call ugly names will be carefully respected. Just who will be the best superintendent of the Home articles I do not yet know and am prayerfully seeking guidance. Mrs. Howard Taylor would be the one, but Dr. Frost tells me that her health will not permit it. The first issue, the Committee thinks, ought to be a positive statement of the fundamentals of Christianity like "The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible", "The Deity of Christ", "The Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit", etc. The newspapers got an inkling of things from an incidental remark made by Dr. Torrey [*sic*] in a sermon last Friday evening and the reporters have, of course, been after us, but I am sure that no harm has been done. The stirring of curiosity without satisfying it may be used of God as a good preparation for the truth. The Committee think that their

names should not appear in the books, though they would be willing to abide by your wish in the matter.  
The names of the

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writers on the cover will give it greatest weight. The title which most strongly impressed all the  
Committee was this: "BACK TO THE FUNDAMENTALS" A Testimony. "To the law and to the  
testimony." Is. 8:20. Purely business matters I am writing to Mr. Kellogg so as not to burden you unduly  
with them. Cordially yours,

A. C. Dixon

*[Written in top right corner of page 1 of the letter]*

Ans *[illegible]* 20

*[Handwritten in right side margin on back of page 4 of the letter]*

A. C. D. to L. S. 11/9/10