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[Written on *The Moody Church Jubilee Year letterhead*]

Mr. Lyman Stewart,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Stewart;-

Yours of the twentieth instant duly received with the clipping enclosed. I am more sorry than I can express that the matter got into the daily press and yet I am praying that God will overrule it for His glory. I sincerely hope that all the evil that has come from it is only temporary. I have written to Dr. Morgan again urging that he take time to give us an article and I believe that he will do it. If he is so loaded with work that he cannot possibly do so, I will take one of his best books and boil it down into the required compass. I am sure that neither he nor his publishers will object to that. The following are the men across the ocean to whom I have written asking for articles and I am quite sure that nearly all of them will respond favorably;- Sir Robert Anderson, of London; James Orr of Glasgow, Scotland; Dr. Griffith Thomas, Oxford University, England; Dr. John Urquhart of the Free Church College, Glasgow, Scotland; Dr. J. H. Jowett, Carrs Lane Church,

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Birmingham, England, Bishop H. G. C. Moule, the Bishop of Durham, England; Prof. Zahn, Erlangen University, Germany; Rev. H. W. Webb-Peploe, Onslow Square Church, London; Rev. Thomas Whitelaw, Kilmarnock, Scotland; Mrs. Howard Taylor, Harley House, London; Prof. Frank Bettex, Stuttgart, Germany, Mr. J. W. Thirtle, editor of the London Christian. It is gratifying to know that these strong men in such high positions of influence are true to Christ and the Bible. Their testimony cannot fail to carry immense weight with every preacher, evangelist, missionary, theological professor and theological student in the world. A letter received the other day from Dr. Elmore Harris gives some other names among which are Prof. Sayce of Oxford, England, and the Dean of Canterbury, to whom I have not yet written, but will do so in a few days. I am certain that any of these men would be willing to serve formally on a committee, if we should ask them to do so. But all of them who write for "Testimony" will be virtually a member of the committee and will help us with their advice and influence every way

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possible. If there are any others across the water to whom you would like for me to write for articles, I will be glad to do so. I have a splendid article from Canon Dyson Hague of London, Ontario, on the "History of the Higher Critics." And Dr. Harris suggests Rev. W. M. Bowman of Berlin, Ontario, as another one who ought to bear his testimony. Among those in the United States who will write are James M. Gray on "The Relation of the Spirit of God to the Word of God" and "Christ Our Sin-Bearer"; A. C. Gaebelein, New York City, on the "Second Coming of Christ"; I. M. Haldeman, of New York City, on "Christian Science" and "Theosophy", Dr. Franklin Johnson of Chicago University on "The Fallacies of the Higher Criticism", Rev. Louis Meyer on "The Testimony of the Modern Jews to the Truth of Prophecy"; Dr. W. D. Moorehead of Xenia, Ohio, on "The Moral Glory of Jesus as Proof of His Deity

and the Inspiration of the Gospel”; President E. Y. Mullins of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., on “The Testimony of Experience to the Truth of Christianity”, Mrs. George C. Needham of Narbeth, Pa., on “Heaven”; Dr. A. T. Pearson on “The Sup-

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erintending Providence of God in Foreign Missions”; Dr. George Frederick Wright, President of Oberlin College, on “The Testimony of the Monuments to the Truth of the Scriptures”; Dr. E. R. Warfield of Princeton University on “The Deity of Christ”; Dr. R. A. Torrey, on “The Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit”; Robert E. Speer on “The Fatherhood of God as Revealed Alone in Christ”; Dr. Joseph Wilson of Philadelphia on “The Book of Daniel”, Dr. L. W. Munhall on “The Book of Books”, Dr. Elmore Harris on “The Atonement” or some kindred subject; Philip Mauro on “Modern Philosophy and the Bible”, Others who have not yet selected their subjects are Dr. Willis J. Beecher, Auburn Theological Seminary; Dr. J. M. Buckley, Editor of the Christian Advocate; Dr. Len. G. Broughton of Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. D. J. Burrell of New York City, who has sent me an article on “The Personality of God”; Dr. W. J. Erdman of Germantown, Pa.; Dr. J. R. Campbell of Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. Melvin D. Kyle, of the United Presbyterian Seminary, Pittsburg, Church, Philadelphia, Prof. John McNaugher of the Alleghany Seminary, Pittsburg; Dr. Wm. M. McPheeters, Columbia, So. C.; Dr. T. M. Omera of Wyckliffe College

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Toronto, Canada; Dr. L. T. Townsend of Brookline, Mass., Prof. Robert Dick Wilson of Princeton University, Dr. Frances L. Patton of Princeton University; Dr. Howard Osgood of Rochester University; Dr. W. B. Riley of Minneapolis, Minn.; Prof. J. J. Reeves, of Baylor University; Dr. W. C. Wilkinson, of Chicago University, Dr. D. B. Hahn, Springfield, Mass., and there are many other very strong men who, if need be, will furnish articles. I must confess that I have been agreeably surprised to find such a large number of eminent men in our universities and seminaries who are true to Christ and the Bible, and I believe that the result of this movement will be the winning of most of them who have drifted away from the truth. The fact that Doctors Franklin Johnson and W. C. Wilkinson are connected with the Chicago University and are so loyal to the truth will give great weight to what they may write. Dr. Johnson has already written an article for us on “The Fallacies of the Higher Criticism” and it will certainly be read by every college man in the country. If you know any reason why any one or more of these men should not have a part in this work, please let me

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know and I will see that their names do not appear. And if you know of any others whose testimony you think would be strong and true, please furnish me with their names and addresses. The Newell matter is the greatest grief that has come into my life, and I will not write you now in full concerning it, but will wait until I receive the statement of the Committee, which is being prepared in answer to his statement and that of his lawyer and some of our brethren. When you know all the facts, I am sure that you cannot help believing that the Committee did the only thing which could be done under the circumstances. The affidavit which Mr. Newell and his lawyer induced five of our brethren to swear to has [*sic*] in it several misstatements and two of the brethren have already come before the Committee and confessed their mistake. Two others of the six who voted against the finding of the Committee are now convinced that

the Committee were right. But I will not go into the matter more fully until I can send you a statement of the facts. The Moody Church is now in the midst of a glorious revival. Dr. W. E. Biederwolf is preaching every day,

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and last night there were more than a score of conversions. Please pray for us that the work may widen and deepen until this whole city shall be on fire with a passion for soul-winning. Cordially yours,

A. C. Dixon.