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February 28, 1910

[Written in pencil] Ans 3/7

[Written on The Moody Church Jubilee Year letterhead]

Mr. Lyman Stewart,
Security Building,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Stewart;-

Our day of prayer on the 22nd of February was full of blessing and there is constant expectation that God will go with the book and make the truth have free course and be glorified. For one cause or another the printing has been delayed ten or twelve days. Dr. Orr insisted that he should read the proof of his article, and we had to wait a while for it. But the book will be all the better for the few days' delay. As I look over the table of contents, it seems to me that God has led us in the selection of the subjects and the writers. It is certainly fitting that the first article should be by Dr. Orr on the "Virgin Birth of Christ," which is the fundamental of the Christian faith. It will appeal to scholars and will have great weight with them, while it is not beyond the comprehension of the average intelligent Bible student.

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The second chapter by Dr. Warfield on the "Deity of Christ" is just what ought to follow the first chapter of the "Virgin Birth." And Dr. Warfield's chapter will have great weight with young men, especially with the students in colleges, seminaries, and universities [*sic*], while it cannot fail to carry conviction to any one who will carefully read it. The third chapter by Dr. G. Campbell Morgan on the Purposes of the Incarnation is just what ought to come next, and I am sure that it will be read by the thousands to whom the book will go. It cannot fail to settle them in the faith. Dr. Torrey's chapter on the "Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit" very appropriately comes next, for if men have wrong views about the Holy Spirit, they are certain to have wrong views about inspiration and even about the birth of Christ. Dr. Pearson's article on the "Proof of the Living God as Seen in the Prayerlife of George Müller" is worth its weight in diamonds and I am certainly glad that you suggested we should wait for him to write it.

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It will appeal to everybody, whether preacher or not. Canon Dyson Hague's chapter on the "History of the Higher Criticism" is just what everybody needs to read before they come to the other book which will contain the refutation of the heresies of the "destructive critic" movement. Canon Hague gives the origin of the movement which everybody ought to know, in order to understand its attitude toward real Christianity. The closing chapter entitled "A Personal Testimony", which is from Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Baltimore, is a fitting climax to the book and cannot fail to have great weight with the scientific world as well as with the average reader. I am certain that God is going to use this movement to establish His people in the faith and the result of it, let us hope, will be a world-wide revival. For this we will certainly pray. Cordially yours,

A. C. Dixon.