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April 27, 1910

Dr. A. C. Dixon,
Moody Church,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Dixon:

Having been laid up for some little time with an attack of grippe, and then being out of the city, I have neglected to reply to your very interesting letters. Of course the word "Missionary" was mentioned. The reason I failed to see it was that I was looking for the prefix "Home and Foreign." It was certainly very stupid of me not to see it. Your suggestion to have the name of the Bible House of Los Angeles given, as an address to which people may apply for copies, I think would lead to confusion. Besides, Mr. R. D. Smith is now out of health, and would be unable to answer communications promptly. Of course I understand that the suggestion came from us originally, but it was made hastily. You asked me some time since for the addresses of Mr. W. E. Blackstone and Mr. E. P. Marvin. The former's in Nanking, Kiangsu, China, and the latter's Lockport, N. Y. I think I gave you the name of Rev. W. Leon Tucker as one who would be a satisfactory writer for "The Fundamentals." He is a strong writer, but I understand has become a follower of Bullinger, so that if he has sent an article it might be well to scan it carefully. Our Mr. Robert Speer, whom we all esteem very highly, is reported as having said some things about missionary work in South

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America which seem to us very foolish, and it might be well to also scan his article. "The Fundamentals", being so widely read, must not be allowed to contain an uncertain sound in any article published in it. My brother, Milton Stewart, has been somewhat incredulous as to your being able to turn preachers who may be wedded to unsound views back on to the solid foundation of Scripture truth, so if you should receive communications from any who have been so turned, I would be pleased to receive copies of them. I think it would be well, also, to keep a record of the names and addresses of those who express appreciation of this work, so that we may be able to supply them with helpful literature in the future, in case we should deem it desirable to do so. "The Fundamentals" is very greatly appreciated by our friends, so far as we have heard from them, and we believe is going to do a vast amount of good. We have not, however, outside of the "Institute Tie", seen any reference to this publication in any of the church papers. Did you put church papers on your mailing list? We are aware that this publication involves an immense amount of labor on your part, and we heartily agree with you that an issue once in two months would probably be just as well as to have it monthly, and would not be so much of a tax on you. We are very much pleased with the manner in which you have handled this work, and we pray for the Lord's continued blessing upon you in it. Yours very sincerely,

[Unsigned]

[Letter written by Lyman Stewart]