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July 7, 1910

Mr. Thomas E. Stephens,
808 La Salle Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Yours of June 25th, enclosing copy of your letter of the 23rd to Dr. Dixon, at hand, for which please accept my thanks. The statistics are very interesting, and you certainly have had your hands full attending to such a voluminous correspondence. Yes, I would like to have a few hundred of those letters to read during my vacation, which I expect to enter during the next fortnight. Those which you have furnished me are very interesting and encouraging. From a letter received from Mr. W. E. Blackstone under date of May 20th, I quote as follows: "Several are inquiring about the book, "The Fundamentals, Volume 1." Missionaries as a whole here do not appear to have received it. Dr. Davis, President of the Presbyterian Theological School, a staunch defender of the Word, said he had heard of it; also Dr. Beebe of the hospital. The latter mentions Dr. Lyman Abbott's notice of it, and commendation of the method of distribution, suggesting that the liberal side do the same. If the distribution to missionaries has been completed, and these overlooked, it might be well for you to have twenty copies sent to me, and I will place them here." The above was written from Nanking, Kiangsu, China, but he says that his address until Sept. 1st will be No.10 Woosung Road,

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Shanghai. I remember that I made a suggestion, which I thought was in the interest of economy, that only one copy be sent to a missionary compound. I think I made a mistake in this, and hope my suggestion was not followed. I did not understand fully the relation of missionaries to one another in the same compound, supposing that they were practically in the same home. If you did not mail to the address of each missionary, I would suggest that you do so, as otherwise I am afraid that a large number will not see the little book at all. About how many copies are you mailing direct to foreign missionaries? Thanking you for the letters enclosed, and praying earnestly for the Lord's continued blessing upon you and your work, I am, as ever, Yours very sincerely,

[Unsigned letter]

[Letter written by Lyman Stewart]