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October 11, 1910

Rev. A. C. Dixon,
808 La Salle Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Doctor Dixon:

Your very interesting and satisfactory letter of the 1st inst., at hand. I am more than pleased to hear of the great favor with which "The Fundamentals" are being received, but regret that in its preparation excessive burdens have been imposed upon you. I can realize that the work must necessarily be very heavy, and I would strongly recommend that a strong man be secured to assist you, on whom the burden of the work may be placed, and yet be done largely under your direction. I think it would be money well spent to have "The Fundamentals" translated into Italian, German and Chinese, as you suggest. If the Protestant teachers of the world could be reached simultaneously, the work, I think, would be more effective than to have it done otherwise. There are, of course, large numbers of the copies of "The Fundamentals" that are thrown into the waste baskets of the recipients when received, and it has occurred to me that possibly, with the issue of volume 4, it might be well to insert an inset with two coupons attached, on one of which would simply be the statement: "Would be pleased to receive the future numbers of Fundamentals."

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and on the second: "Would be pleased to have a copy of The Fundamentals sent to _____, who comes within the limits of the classes indicated in your offer." This may not be the wisest thing to do, but it has occurred to me that it would reduce your mailing list, and would also indicate the percentage of the recipients who are really interested in reading the articles contained in "The Fundamentals", and would also add readers who would benefit by them. Mr. Kellogg has been absent in the East for nearly a month, and I was not certain as to your financial requirements, and was about to write in reference thereto. I will forward to Mr. Stephens \$10,000.00 today. From our standpoint, the long intervals between the issuance of these volumes have been Providential, as owing to the general financial conditions of the country and this being a limited market, the securities which have been deposited have been somewhat difficult to sell, and had these volumes been coming along every month, as was at first suggested, it would have been quite difficult to dispose of these securities rapidly enough to meet the requirements. I note what you say about Dr. Gregory's attitude, and confess that I am somewhat disappointed in him. I have been somewhat disappointed in the failure of our church papers to even notice "The Fundamentals" in their columns, and have not seen any criticism in reference to them. I have, however, heard some criticism on Bishop Moule's article on

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"Justification by Faith" as not being as strong as could be desired, and I confess that I was impressed in this way myself. However, after reading it the second and third time I thought more favorably of it. Praying for the Lord's richest blessing upon this work which you have undertaken for Him, I am, Yours very sincerely,

[Unsigned]

[Letter written by Lyman Stewart]