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

My dear Mr. Stewart:

Your letter, enclosing two checks of $5000.00 each, has been received, and turned over to the Treasurer. Mr. Stephens tells me that he thinks this will be enough to see us through with the next volume, as well as with what volumes may be needed of I. and II. for immediate demands. I am glad that you feel as you do about the long intervals between the issuance of the volumes, because it is the general conviction of the Committee that it is well for them not to come too close together. With sufficient time I shall be able to do the work without overstrain, calling upon such brethren as I may need to help me. If I see that I must have a man to give all his time, I will be glad to take your kind suggestion. Two articles published in “Fundamentals” have not been as strong as they might have been. The one was by Dr. Warfield of Princeton, on “The Deity of Christ,” and the other, Dr. Moule’s article on “Justification by Faith,” to which you call attention. Dr. Warfield’s article, however, as intended for students, is excellent, and meets its purpose. I thought it well to publish it as introductory to a larger article on the same subject, which will cover more ground. Robert Speer’s little book on “The Deity of Christ,” is one of the best things I have ever seen, and if Fleming Revell will let us publish that, or parts of it, I think we will do it. Bishop Moule’s article was taken from one of his published works, not because we considered it the best that could be done on that subject, but because his name is the mightiest single personal force in Great Britain, back of any truth. As I have asked men who are well acquainted with the most influential Orthodox writers in the world, to tell me who ought to write on “Atonement” and kindred topics, Bishop Moule’s name has always been the first suggested. He seems to have the ear and heart of

the Christian public in Great Britain. For that reason I think his article has done great good. It is not complete but struck me as very strong, so far as it goes. It is a splendid introduction to an article on the “Atonement,” which I have asked him to write. Rev. Louis Meyer is the man of all others in the world, it seems to me, to write an article on the Testimony of the Jews to the Truth of Christianity. He has promised to do so, but it is difficult to get him at it. He seems to be very busy. Rev. Leon Tucker, sent me an article on the Jews, but it seems to me to be rather inadequate. It is difficult to get strong busy men to do work as fast as one would like. It takes patience in dealing with them, and yet it is worth our while to wait until we get the very best. Your suggestion about translating the “Fundamentals” into Italian, German and Chinese is, I believe, a wise one, and we shall try to carry it out as speedily as possible. Will you be kind enough to give me the address of Mr. W. E. Blackstone of China? Cordially yours,

A. C. Dixon