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

Dear Dr. Dixon:

Yours of the 19th inst., is at hand. The address of Mr. W. E. Blackstone is "Nanking, Kiang Su, China." I feel that I owe you an apology in reference to my letter of the 11th. I intended to write to Mr. Stephens also, but absent-mindedly incorporated in your letter some things which should have gone to him. I am desirous of saving you all annoyance possible in reference to the details of the work of the Testimony Publishing Company. Enclosed find a copy of a letter written yesterday to Dr. Torrey, which please regard as a part of this letter. I feel that it is a very important matter to instruct the readers of "Fundamentals" in reference to the best books to use, and also place them on their guard against those that are unsafe. The enemy is very wise in his methods, and will sometimes secure the influence and cooperation of a well known safe orthodox writer in order to the better get false teachings into the hands of the people. As an illustration of this, one of our Bible teachers in Occidental College asked to provide certain liter-

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ature, among which was Hastings Bible Dictionary. Later the complaint was made that this contained articles by infidels. There were some good men who advocated its retention in the College library because of certain sound articles which it contained. Now it is quite evident that the sound writers did not secure the unsound articles to go with theirs, but just the reverse. Our instructions to Dr. Baer were to take it out of the library and burn it. He reported that under our instructions Hastings Bible Dictionary had been removed. I think the readers of the "Fundamentals" should be instructed and warned along these lines. I agree with you that Rev. Louis Meyers [sic] seems to be the man of all others in the world to write an article on the testimony of the Jews to the inspiration of the Scriptures. In fact, he ought to write a series of articles, as I believe that he can accomplish more in this way along the line of his general work than in any other. Rev. Leon Tucker is a very terse and capable writer, and I regret that his article on the Jews seemed inadequate. The trouble doubtless is, as you say, it is hard to get busy men to give sufficient time in the preparation of their articles. I fear they do not all realize the importance of the constituency which the "Fundamentals" is reaching. Can't you say something to them that will stir them up to a realization of the great importance of giving the best that is in them,--in fact, making these articles their masterpieces? Yours very sincerely,

[Unsigned]

[Letter written by Lyman Stewart]