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April 2, 1912

The Bible Institute of Los Angeles
260-264 South Main Street
Los Angeles, Cal.

Rev. Louis Meyer, D. D.,
123 Huntington Place,
Mt. Auburn,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Meyer:-

Yours of March 28th enclosing statements to Committee on Finance, etc. received, for which please accept thanks. In regard to amount used in postage for return of articles for FUNDAMENTALS, etc. would say, I have kept no account. I do not think it was very much, not enough to speak of. I was intending to write you to-day about Volume 7 of the FUNDAMENTALS. I have nearly completed the reading of it. Have gone as far as page 117 and was reading it when my secretary appeared. On the whole, I think it is one of the best volumes we have put out, but I regret the publishing of the article by Rev. George S. Bishop, D. D. "The Testimony of the Scriptures to Themselves." Part of this article is mere rant, some of it is unintelligible and a little of it positively untrue. It is unfortunate for us to publish an article of this kind for it opens a point of attack for our numerous enemies, who are wily, and they will pick an article like this and seek to give people the impression that this is the general character of the work we are publishing, so the article hurts the whole book and the whole series. It not only hurts in this way but men who are groping in the dark whom we are trying to help will not be helped by an article like this and may be led to throw down the whole book. I think we need always to bear in mind that one of the great objects of the book is to reach the theological students and ministers who have been shaken by the Higher Criticism and the New Theology. An article like this will have a tendency to make them think that the conservative men are illogical, prejudiced and not worth listening to. It does untold harm. Sincerely yours,

(Signed) R. A. Torrey, P.

[Typed in top margin of the letter] C-O-P-Y