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April 6, 1912

Rev. Louis Meyer,  
123 Huntington Place,  
Mount Auburn,  
Cincinnati, O.

Dear Dr. Meyer:

Yours of March 11<sup>th</sup>, enclosing financial statement, etc., together with a number of letters from readers of "The Fundamentals," the reading of which we enjoyed very much, duly received. The latter I return herewith. Thank you very much for your kindness in sending them. I am much pleased with Vol. 7, but have not yet had time to read it all. Am afraid that you are working too hard, and would suggest that you do not undertake to cover so much ground with your lecturing tours. Mr. Horton has had a letter from Mr. Blackstone, in which he seems very much aggrieved because his committee here refers to his little picture portions as tracts. The thought that led up to Mr. Blackstone's going to China was that he should go into another province with the line of work which Dr. Keller had inaugurated in Hunan,- that of endeavoring to put a portion of Scripture in every home in the province, but he encountered some serious obstacles. The Bible Societies would not allow their version to be used for free distribution, and would not allow him to print them, nor would they sell to him

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for that purpose, so he gradually drifted into the line of work which he is now following, and which, though apparently much appreciated by the missionaries, I fear will be greatly lacking in efficiency as compared with the work which Dr. Keller is doing. Mr. Blackstone is now endeavoring to complete his five years' work in four years, and then come home to spend the remainder of his days on the Pacific Coast. My brother and Miss Wickett are still with us. He is still making some improvement physically, but is not yet able to fully handle himself alone. Mrs. Martin went home on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. Her husband came out a few days before to accompany her. They reached home safely and well. Dr. Torrey is getting well established in his work in the Institute here. The Institute work is developing very satisfactorily. We have purchased ground on Hope St., north of Sixth, for a home for the Institute, and are now removing buildings preparatory to excavating and laying the foundations for the new plant. We hope when our auditorium is completed to dedicate it with a great prophetic conference, with some of the world's best teachers to take part in it, having it run for a period of two or three weeks, if practicable to do so. Another thing has occurred to me, to which I trust you will give your most earnest attention,-that is, an article for "The Fundamentals" under some such caption as "Modern Methods in Bible Training and Mission Work." I be-

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lieve there are thousands of ministers in the world who have never even heard of the Moody Bible Institute, so I think it would be a good thing to give some space to the work of the Moody Bible Institute and the colporteur work allied therewith; to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, explaining the several departments of its work; the Bible House of Los Angeles, telling of the character and scope of its work among Spanish speaking people, and of the house-boat training classes of Dr. Keller in his work in

Hunan; and also give some emphasis to the Montrose religious library, explaining the purpose for which it was established, namely, that people of small means might obtain the best literature at a merely nominal price. I am aware that this latter may savor somewhat of commercialism, which we have sought to avoid in "The Fundamentals, but the Montrose library is designed along the same line that the Testimony Publishing Company is pursuing, and I think will, to some extent, supplement its work. My purpose in having these matters referred to is not from a commercial standpoint at all, but to let the workers in the Lord's vineyard throughout the English speaking world know of these lines of work, that they may not only possibly improve their own, but find in these a more prolific means of reaching the unchurched masses with the Word of God. With kind regards to Mrs. Meyer and your children, and praying that you may realize the Lord's guiding hand in all your labors for Him, I am, as ever, Yours very sincerely,

*[Unsigned]*

*[Letter written by Lyman Stewart]*